

June Newsletter

Firstly, congratulations to Iluta and Kerri on successfully completing year 1 of their Level 7 qualification in Early Childhood Care and Education.



Also, congratulations to Aoife on securing a place on the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education programme. This is an exciting next step in her professional journey, and we wish her every success.

Congratulations to Niamh and Stacey on successfully completing their Level 9 qualification in Therapeutic Play Skills (TPS) and becoming certified practitioners. This qualification reflects their commitment to enhancing the quality of care and support they provide. Also, congratulations to Sinead on securing her place to begin the Level 9 TPS programme later this year. We wish her every success!



As we approach our summer closure, it is important to take a moment to reflect on and celebrate what has been a truly wonderful year. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to every member of our team for their hard work, dedication and the care they show each day. Your commitment and passion have made this year such a success, and we are incredibly grateful for all that you do ♥♥



A reminder that we will close at 6.00pm on Thursday 16th July and reopen on as normal on Tuesday 4th August. We wish all our families an enjoyable and safe summer!

A gentle reminder to all our families that no fees will be invoiced during our two-week summer closure. We kindly ask that all outstanding fees are brought up to date before the closure begins. Your continued support and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Yellow Room

What an incredible final month we have had together! It has been full of exciting adventures, special celebrations, and wonderful memories that we will all cherish.

We started the month with great excitement as we headed off on our Preschool Tour to Cross Castles. The children loved travelling on the bus and had an amazing day exploring the bouncy castles, obstacle courses, ball games, and playing with their friends. They also enjoyed a delicious meal together. This wonderful experience supported the Aistear 2024 themes of Well-being and Identity & Belonging, as the children developed confidence, independence, friendships, and created lasting memories together.



We were also delighted to take part in our Big Toddler Fundraiser. The children coloured their superhero masks, dressed up, and completed our sponsored walk around the estate. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed some well-deserved treats. This activity encouraged physical wellbeing, teamwork, and kindness towards others, linking beautifully with the Well-being and Communicating themes of Aistear. This month we celebrated all our wonderful daddies with our Father's Day activities. The children worked so hard creating beautiful Father's Day artwork with lots of love and care. We hope all our dads had a very special day! These experiences supported the Identity & Belonging theme as children



expressed their love and appreciation for their families.



Without a doubt, the highlight of our month was our Preschool Graduation. The children worked incredibly hard over the past few months practising their songs, preparing their performances, and creating beautiful artwork. We hope you enjoyed watching your little ones celebrate this important milestone as much as they enjoyed performing for you. Graduation was a wonderful celebration of each child's learning journey, confidence, creativity, and achievements, reflecting all four Aistear themes: Well-being, Identity & Belonging, Communicating, and Exploring & Thinking.



We were very lucky to enjoy some beautiful sunny weather this month. The children spent lots of time outdoors where they demonstrated a great interest in construction and building. Together we created obstacle courses and watched a video showing how houses are built in real life, encouraging curiosity, problem-solving, and critical thinking through the Exploring & Thinking theme.

Outdoor play brought lots more fun too! We enjoyed playing with the bubble gun that Teo kindly brought in, spent time gardening, had great fun

using water spray bottles to cool down, and even made our own delicious ice lollies to enjoy together in the sunshine. These experiences supported children's creativity, scientific thinking,

communication, and overall wellbeing through meaningful play.

As we come to the end of this very special chapter, we feel incredibly proud of every single child. It has been a privilege to watch them grow into confident, kind, curious, and capable learners who are now ready to begin their exciting new adventure in primary school.

Although this is our final newsletter, the wonderful memories we have shared over the past two years will stay with us forever.

Thank you all for your kindness, trust, encouragement, and amazing support throughout the last two years. It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your child's early learning journey. We wish all of our families a wonderful, safe, and relaxing summer break, and every success to our graduates as they begin their next exciting chapter.

With love,

Iluta & Amanda

Orange Room

As another busy month comes to an end, we have loved looking back on all the wonderful memories we have made together throughout June. It has been a month full of celebrations, learning, friendships and preparing for exciting new adventures.

We began the month by introducing our new theme, Transitions and New Adventures. Through stories, discussions and play, the children explored what it means to move on to something new. We enjoyed reading *Harry and the Dinosaurs Go to School*, which encouraged lots of conversations about starting school, moving into Preschool Year 2, and the different feelings that can come with change. To support these discussions, we created a school-themed tuff tray using photographs of our Orange Room friends who are moving on, along with some of the items they will need for school. The children shared their thoughts about friendships, excitement and new beginnings. We also began creating our graduation artwork and a special Toy Story-themed goodbye poster to celebrate our graduating children and all the wonderful memories we have shared together. Our graduation children enjoyed a fantastic school tour to Cross Castles, where they had lots of fun exploring and playing together. While they were away, our younger Orange Room friends enjoyed baking delicious Rice Krispie buns and having their own special party in the classroom.



One of the highlights of the month was taking part in our Big Toddle. The children proudly decorated masks and posters before completing the walk together. Everyone showed fantastic enthusiasm and teamwork and afterwards enjoyed some well-earned treats. Thank you to all our families for your generous sponsorship and continued support.

As Father's Day approached, the children proudly shared photographs of their dads during circle time and spoke about what makes them so special. We learned the song "I Love My Daddy" and had great fun performing it together. The children also created beautiful Father's Day cards decorated with their photographs and pictures of things their daddies love. We hope all of the dads enjoyed their special surprises and songs 💖

To help prepare for the end of term, the children drew pictures of their favourite memories from their time in the Orange Room. It was lovely reflecting on all the friendships, laughter and experiences we have shared throughout the year.



To celebrate all of our children, we completed a beautiful Orange Room Class of 2026 project. Each child had their photograph printed before drawing their own body and outfit. It created a lovely keepsake that celebrates our friendships, individuality and the wonderful class family we have built together this year. We finished the month with a fantastic Summer Party! The children enjoyed tasty treats, proudly took part in Show and Tell with their favourite toys from home, and everyone looked fantastic dressed in red and white to support the Wee County 💖 💖

As term time comes to an end, we would like to thank all of our parents and families for your kindness, encouragement and continued support throughout the year. Working together has helped us create so many wonderful experiences and memories for the children. To our graduating children, we wish you every happiness as you begin your exciting journey into primary school. We are incredibly proud of each one of you. To our Preschool Year 2 children, we cannot wait to welcome you back after the summer for another year of fun, learning and adventure together. We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and relaxing summer.

With best wishes,

Aoife & Leonne 🌸 💖

Red Room

As we come to the end of another amazing ECCE year, we just want to say a huge THANK YOU to all our wonderful children and families for your support, kindness, and encouragement throughout the year ❤️ It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of your child's learning journey.

What a fantastic year it has been! We loved getting to know all our new children who joined the Red Room and watching our children who moved up from the Green Room grow into confident, independent, kind, and caring little people. It has been incredible to see how much every child has developed over the year, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

This year has been filled with so many wonderful memories. We explored the children's interests through Aistear, enjoyed messy play, creative arts and crafts, water play, baking, music and dancing, stories, sensory activities, outdoor adventures, nature walks, science experiments, and so much more. Every day was full of fun, laughter, learning, and smiles.



We have celebrated birthdays, special occasions, Father's Day, Mother's Day, graduation, and many other exciting events together. We watched friendships blossom, confidence grow, and saw the children become brilliant problem-solvers, storytellers, artists, and explorers.

Every child brought something unique and special to our classroom, making the Red Room such a happy and caring place to be. One of the greatest joys has been watching the children become more independent each day—putting on their own coats, helping their friends, sharing ideas, taking turns, using their imaginations, and showing kindness and respect to everyone around them. These are achievements that should all be celebrated.

To all of our families, thank you for trusting us with your precious little ones. Thank you for all the chats at the door, the support with activities, the kind words, thoughtful gifts, and for working alongside us throughout the year. Your support has meant the world to us, and we truly appreciate every one of you.

To our wonderful children who are moving on to primary school...We are going to miss each and every one of you so much. Watching you grow has been such a privilege, and although it's hard to say goodbye, we know you are ready for your next big adventure. Keep smiling, keep asking questions, keep believing in yourselves, and never stop learning. We know you will all do amazing things, and we can't wait to hear about all of your future adventures.



We hope everyone has a fun-filled, relaxing, and safe summer. Make lots of happy memories with your families, enjoy every moment, and we look forward to seeing some familiar faces again in the future.

With lots of love, hugs & best wishes,

Jade, Keri and Brigid ♥

Blue Room

And just like that... our ECCE year has come to an end!

It is hard to believe how quickly this special year has passed. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our families and children for making this academic year so memorable and special. It has been a pleasure to watch the children grow, learn, and develop throughout the year.

We have been very busy during the month of June! The children worked incredibly hard to complete their graduation artwork and spent lots of time practising their graduation songs. We were so proud of their enthusiasm, confidence, and effort as they prepared for this important milestone. Throughout the month, the children continued to learn through Aistear, developing across all four themes: Well-being, Identity and Belonging, Communicating, and Exploring and Thinking. As the children prepared for graduation, they reflected on their journey in the Blue Room, celebrated their achievements, and shared memories with their friends. These experiences supported their sense of Identity and Belonging, helping them recognise themselves as valued members of our Blue Room community.



Our Graduation Day was a wonderful success, and we couldn't be prouder of our students. They all received a special medal for being part of MiniMinds, and it was lovely to celebrate their achievements together. The graduation ceremony gave the children an opportunity to



express themselves, build confidence, and celebrate the friendships they have formed throughout the year.



We also enjoyed plenty of time outdoors, where the children were busy constructing, exploring, playing, and gardening. There was great excitement in our garden when we discovered that our cherry tomatoes and little pumpkins had started to appear! The children were delighted to see the results of all their hard work and care. We have already enjoyed tasting some of our strawberries and are continuing to look after and water our garden each day.



Through gardening and outdoor play, the children developed their Exploring and Thinking skills by making observations, asking questions, predicting outcomes, and learning about how plants grow. They also worked cooperatively, sharing responsibilities and supporting one another, which strengthened their sense of Belonging within the group.

Our school tour to Cross Castles Play Centre was another highlight of the month. The children had a fantastic day bouncing, dancing, playing with their friends, and enjoying snacks together. It was wonderful to see so many happy smiles and hear all the laughter throughout the day.



We also took part in a big Toddler Walk Day and enjoyed spending time together as one big MiniMinds team. These



shared experiences encouraged the children to build relationships, develop social skills, and feel connected to the wider MiniMinds community.

The lovely sunshine and warm weather brought plenty of opportunities for outdoor fun, including lots of exciting water play, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Through these activities, the children explored concepts such as pouring, measuring, problem-solving, and working together. Water play also supported the children's Well-being, as they enjoyed being active, relaxed, and engaged in meaningful play experiences with their friends.

As we reach the end of the ECCE year, we would like to wish all our children the very best of luck as they move on to their big schools. We know they will do wonderfully and make us all proud. It has been a privilege to watch each child grow in confidence, independence, and self-belief throughout the year. Some of our friends will be staying with us throughout July, and we look forward to enjoying a little more playtime together before the summer ends.

Thank you again for all of your support throughout the year and for being such an important part of our Blue Room family.

From Anna, Jenna, Hannah and Ellie
The Blue Room Team

Green Room

As another busy and exciting month comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all the wonderful experiences, learning opportunities, and special moments that our children have enjoyed throughout June. The month has been filled with fun, exploration, creativity, and lots of laughter as the children continued to learn and develop through play.

One of the highlights of the month has been our sensory play experiences. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring a variety of sensory activities, including gloop play, water play, and engaging tuff tray experiences. We introduced a wide range of materials such as straw, pasta, rice, and other natural and textured resources for the children to investigate. Sensory play provides endless opportunities for learning, and it was wonderful to watch the children use their curiosity and imagination as they explored different textures, colours, and materials.



These activities encouraged the development of important fine motor skills as the children scooped, poured, mixed, transferred, and manipulated materials using a variety of tools and equipment. Sensory experiences also supported language development as the children described what they could see, feel, and hear. We observed lots of creativity and problem-solving as the children experimented with different ways to play and interact with the resources provided. Most importantly, the children had great fun engaging with their friends while learning through hands-on experiences.

Throughout the month, we also spent time preparing for our Big Toddle Walk. The children showed great excitement as they took part in creating colourful masks and posters to help celebrate the event. They enjoyed expressing their creativity through painting, colouring, decorating, and designing their artwork. These activities helped to promote self-expression, confidence, and a sense of achievement as the children proudly displayed their finished creations.



The Big Toddle Walk itself was a wonderful success. The children participated enthusiastically and demonstrated fantastic listening skills and cooperation throughout the event. They enjoyed walking alongside their friends, singing songs, chatting together, and taking part in the special occasion. It was lovely to see their excitement and sense of accomplishment as they completed the walk. We are incredibly proud of how well all of the children participated and represented the Toddler Room.



Another special highlight during the month was celebrating Sophie, Alivia and Christian's 3rd birthdays. The children were very excited to join in the celebrations and help make their special day memorable. We enjoyed some delicious treats and birthday cake together, and the children had great fun singing "Happy Birthday" and celebrating with their friends. Birthdays are always a wonderful opportunity for the children to come together, develop social skills, and create happy memories. We would like to wish Alivia and Christian a very happy 3rd birthday and hope they had a fantastic day celebrating with us!



Another special event this month was supporting our Graduation children as they celebrated an important milestone in their early years journey. The toddlers were delighted to contribute towards a graduation poster which was proudly displayed at the Graduation Ceremony. This gave the children an opportunity to feel involved in celebrating their older friends' achievements and helped them understand the exciting transitions that take place as they grow. We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our graduates as they prepare to begin their next adventure in primary school. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, independence, and ability throughout their time with us. We know they are ready for this exciting new chapter and wish them every success as they continue their learning journey in "big school."

During June, we have also spent a lot of time talking with the children about transitions within the service, particularly for our Green Room children who will soon be moving from the Toddler Room to the Preschool Room. Transitioning to a new room is an important step, and we have been supporting the children by discussing what preschool will be like, encouraging conversations about change, and helping them become familiar with their new environment and teachers.

It has been lovely to see the children's excitement as they begin to prepare for this next stage of their journey. We have encouraged independence throughout daily routines, helping the children build confidence and develop the skills that will support them as they move into preschool. Through play, group activities, and discussions, we have celebrated how much each child has grown and achieved during their time in the Toddler Room.

As we reflect on the past year, we feel incredibly proud of every child. We have watched friendships blossom, confidence grow, and new skills emerge each and every day. From first words and new discoveries to acts of kindness and independence, every achievement has been celebrated. The children have brought so much joy, laughter, and energy to our room, and it has been a pleasure to be part of their learning journey.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye to children moving on to new rooms, we are excited to see what the future holds for them. We know they will continue to flourish and thrive as they begin their preschool adventure, and we look forward to hearing about all their future successes.



As we move into the summer months, we would like to thank all of our families for their continued support, kindness, and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement plays such an important role in your child's learning and development, and we greatly appreciate the trust you place in us each day.

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer filled with fun, family time, and special memories. We look forward to another exciting month ahead with lots more learning, exploration, and adventures to share.

The Toddler Room Team