

May Newsletter

Important Upcoming Dates

Our preschool tour for our graduating children will be on the 5th of June, children will be departing at 10am and returning at 12pm.

Our Barnardos Big toddle will take place on Friday 12th of June

Our 2026 Preschool Graduation Ceremony will take place on Friday 19th of June at 4pm, to facilitate this wonderful event, our service will close early at 1pm. There will be no afterschool service on this day.

What an incredible day we had at our Superhero Fundraiser in aid of Henrijs ❤️

Together with the amazing support from ABC Childsplay, Redeemer Creche & Playgroup, Claddagh Treasures, and Holy Family Community Creche, we are so proud to share that a total of €5315 was raised and for Henrijs and his family. A huge thank you to every single person who came to our creches to donate, support, bake, dress up, and help out throughout the fundraiser. The kindness and generosity shown by our community was absolutely incredible.

Days like this remind us how special our community really is, when people come together, amazing things can happen.

We are sending all our love and best wishes to Henrijs and his family during this difficult time ❤️

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FOR HENRIJS AND HIS FAMILY!

THANK YOU!

A massive thank you to everyone who came to our creches to donate, support, bake, dress up and help out. Your kindness, generosity and superhero spirit made this day truly unforgettable!

Thank you to ABC Childsplay, Redeemer Creche & Playgroup, Claddagh Treasures and Holy Family Community Creche for coming together to support Henrijs.

A huge thank you to our incredible staff at MiniMinds Creche for all their hard work and generous donations to Henrijs' box. He was delighted to see everything he received!

We wish Henrijs and his family all the best during this time of need. You are in our thoughts.

Yellow Room



Parents and Guardians,

We had another very busy and exciting month in the Yellow Room!

Our theme this month was Transport and Travel. The children explored many different types of transport including cars, airplanes, boats, and trains. Teo and Leo kindly brought in a transport book which created great excitement among the children. This inspired lots of conversations and encouraged the children to draw and discuss their favourite types of transport, supporting the Aistear themes of Communicating and Identity and Belonging as the children shared their own ideas, interests, and experiences with one another.



Throughout the month, the children engaged in a variety of hands-on learning experiences through water play, sand play, and construction activities using different transport vehicles. These play experiences linked with Aistear through Exploring and Thinking, as the children used their imagination, investigated how things work, and

developed problem-solving and fine motor skills through active play.

We also spent lots of time outdoors enjoying the beautiful weather. The children loved playing on the swings, building tunnels and rockets with blocks, and



engaging in imaginative play in the muck kitchen. These experiences supported the Aistear themes of Well-being and Exploring and Thinking, encouraging physical development, teamwork, creativity, and social interaction through outdoor play.

We also discussed holidays and travel. The children talked about places they had visited and



what they might need to pack in their suitcases for a holiday. They enjoyed creating their own holiday suitcases filled with travel essentials. This experience linked strongly with Aistear themes of Identity and Belonging and Well-being, as the children confidently shared personal experiences and developed independence through imaginative role play.



Our outdoor learning also brought great excitement when the children discovered a ladybird in our back

garden. To extend this interest, the children created their own ladybirds using coloured paper and paint. This activity linked with Aistear through Exploring and Thinking, encouraging curiosity, creativity, observation skills, and an appreciation of the natural world.

As we finish up May, next month will bring lots of excitement as we prepare for our school tour and graduation celebrations. We look forward to sharing these special moments with you all in our next newsletter.

With love,

Iluta and Amanda





Red Room



What a fun, exciting, and busy month we have had in the Red Room! 😊 The children have been exploring lots of new interests, taking part in special experiences, and creating many happy memories together throughout the month.



We started the month by taking part in a very special bake sale for Henrijs. The children listened carefully and attentively to Henrijs special story and showed great kindness and empathy while learning all about

him. To support the fundraiser, the children dressed up as superheroes and proudly created their own superhero badges using a variety of colours and materials. This sparked a huge interest in superheroes within the room, which continued throughout the month. The children engaged in superhero themed tuff trays, imaginative role play, small world play, arts and crafts, and group discussions. They loved pretending to fly, rescue their friends, and use their “special powers” to help others. The children showed wonderful imagination, confidence, and teamwork during these activities and really enjoyed sharing ideas with one another. Aistear Links: Well-being, Identity and Belonging, and Communicating as the children developed confidence, imagination, empathy, social skills, language, and creative expression through role play, storytelling, and collaborative play experiences.





🐾 One of the highlights of the month was our very special visit from Penny the horse! The children were so excited and curious as Penny arrived to visit the preschool. They enjoyed getting the opportunity to pet Penny gently and learn more about horses through conversation and observation. The children asked lots of questions and spoke excitedly about what Penny looked and felt like. After the visit, the children drew beautiful pictures of themselves with Penny and enjoyed recalling and discussing their favourite moments from the experience. This visit created lots of excitement and meaningful conversations within the room.

Aistear Links: Exploring and Thinking and Communicating as the children explored the world around them through

observation, questioning, discussion, recall, and creative arts experiences.



🚚 Another very exciting experience this month was a visit from Shea's daddy, Tommy, who brought his big lorry to the preschool. The children were absolutely fascinated seeing the large lorry up close and were especially interested in the huge wheels and how the lorry worked. The children spent lots of time discussing the different parts of the vehicle and comparing it to other vehicles they had seen before. Following the visit, the children used a variety of materials to create and design their very own lorries. They worked together, shared ideas, and used their imaginations during construction play. This interest continued into our indoor and outdoor play environments as the children recreated what they had seen through role play and small world activities.



Aistear Links: Exploring and Thinking and Identity and Belonging as the children explored transport, problem solving, construction play, teamwork, creativity, and shared conversations linked to real life experiences.



🧸 Ballerina Cuppachina was also very busy this month visiting the boys and girls in their homes. The children were so excited to bring her home and share their adventures with their friends in preschool afterwards. Ballerina Cuppachina enjoyed lots of fun activities with the children and their families, and the children loved talking about what they got up to during her visits. Sharing these experiences helped to build strong connections between home and preschool and gave the children opportunities to develop confidence while speaking in front of their peers. The children listened carefully to each other's stories and showed great interest in their friends' experiences.

Aistear Links: Identity and Belonging and Communicating as the children shared personal experiences, developed confidence in speaking, strengthened relationships, and built meaningful connections between home and preschool.



🎓🧐 To finish off our wonderful month, the children put on their sunglasses and created a very special graduation video for our friend Raynah, who will soon be graduating. The children had so much fun taking part in the video and were very excited to celebrate



this special milestone with their friend. They spoke about the happy memories they have shared together and enjoyed singing, smiling, and posing for the camera. Although we will miss Raynah very much in the Red Room, we are so proud of her and excited for her next adventure. We wish her lots of happiness and success as she begins a new chapter! ❤️

Aistear Links: Well-being and Identity and Belonging as the children celebrated friendships, expressed emotions, built confidence, and supported one another through an important transition and milestone.

Jade, Keri and Brigid xx





Green Room

What a fantastic and exciting month we have had in the Green Room throughout May! Our theme this month was Transport and Exploration, and the boys and girls had so much fun learning through play, creativity, and hands-on experiences.

Over the month, we explored many different types of transport and how people travel around the world. The children showed great interest and imagination during all of our themed activities and discussions. It was wonderful to see everyone becoming so engaged, curious, and confident while exploring new ideas together.

To support our theme, we planned lots of fun and interactive activities including:



- Making junk art cars using recycled materials
- Painting with the wheels of toy cars to create exciting patterns and tracks
- Washing both big and small cars during water play activities
- Driving cars through the tuff tray using different textures and materials
- Building and decorating aeroplanes using lollipop sticks and craft materials
- Exploring movement, speed, and direction through sensory and imaginative play

The children especially loved getting messy, creative, and imaginative while learning all about transport. These activities helped to support their creativity, fine motor skills, communication, teamwork, and problem-solving skills throughout the month



One of the highlights of our month was our very special Superhero Day for Henrijs. The boys and girls had an amazing day dressing up as their favourite superheroes and taking part in lots of exciting activities. We would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents and families for your kindness, generosity, and support towards our bake sale for Henrijs. Your donations and contributions were greatly appreciated and helped make the day such a success.



The children thoroughly enjoyed all of the delicious homemade treats and loved sharing this special day together with their friends. There was such a lovely atmosphere throughout the day filled with excitement, laughter, and fun.

We were also delighted to welcome a policewoman and firefighters to our bake sale. The boys and girls were so excited to meet them, ask questions, and see their uniforms up close. These special visitors made the day even more memorable for the children and added to the excitement of our superhero celebrations.



This month we were also lucky enough to have some very special animal visitors come to the Green Room, which created lots of excitement and curiosity among the boys and girls.

Our first visitor was a turtle. The children were fascinated learning about him and were very



gentle and caring while holding him and rubbing his shell. It was such a lovely sensory experience and encouraged lots of conversation and learning about animals and nature.

We then welcomed the beautiful Penny the horse to visit us. The children were absolutely amazed and excited to meet Penny up close. They had the opportunity to pet her, feed her carrots, and wear the rider's helmet which made the experience even more special. The visit gave the boys and girls a wonderful opportunity to build confidence around animals while

learning about how to care for them in a calm and gentle way. There were so many smiles and happy faces throughout the visit, and it is safe to say Penny was a big favourite with everyone in the Green Room.



This month was both a happy and emotional one for our Green Room family as we said goodbye to one familiar face and welcomed another back. We said a fond farewell to Sarah-Louise as she begins an exciting new chapter in her new job. We would like to thank Sarah-Louise for all of her hard work, care, and dedication to the boys and girls during her time in the Green Room. She will be greatly missed by both staff and children, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. We know you will absolutely smash it!

At the same time, we were delighted to welcome Sinéad back to the Green Room team. Sinéad previously worked with us before, taking some time out to travel, and we are so happy to have her return to our Green Room family again. The children have loved welcoming her back, and we are excited for all the fun and learning ahead together.

May has been such a busy, exciting, and memorable month in the Green Room. From transport activities and superhero adventures to animal visits and special celebrations, the boys and girls have created so many lovely memories together.

It has been wonderful to watch the children learn, explore, grow in confidence, and most importantly, have fun with their friends each day.

Thank you again to all of our parents and families for your continued support, kindness, and involvement in everything we do here in the Green Room. Your support means so much to us all. We are already looking forward to another fun-filled month ahead and cannot wait to see what adventures June will bring!





Orange Room



What a busy and exciting month we have had in the Orange Room! May was full of creativity,

imagination, learning, and lots of fun together.

We started off the month with a brilliant bake sale organised to support Henrijs. The children and staff dressed up as superheroes for the day and there was great excitement throughout the room. The children loved taking part in the bake sale by choosing and buying buns, and it was a lovely opportunity for everyone to come together to support someone in need.

Alongside this, the children explored a superhero-themed tuff tray where they engaged in imaginative play and role play with their peers. This experience linked closely to Aistear's Well-being theme, helping the children

develop a sense of belonging, empathy, kindness, and community awareness. Dressing up and role playing also supported the children's confidence, communication, and imaginative thinking.

This month we also celebrated two very special birthdays in the Orange Room this month as Tadgh Watters and Sadie Flynn turned 4. Happy birthday guys.

During May we also began our brand-new monthly theme of Transport. The children enjoyed chatting all about the different types of transport they use and see every day. They shared stories about travelling in cars, buses, tractors, trains, and airplanes, leading to some fantastic group discussions and language development opportunities.



Our transport-themed activities continued throughout the month. The children particularly loved our transport tuff tray filled with cars, road markings, bridges, and wooden objects. They explored different routes, created journeys, and used lots of imaginative play while learning about movement and direction. This supported Aistear's Exploring and Thinking theme as the children investigated, problem solved and experimented through play.

One of our favourite activities this month was our large group transport art project. The children dipped different types of transport into paint and rolled the wheels across paper to create road tracks and wheel prints. They were fascinated by the different patterns each vehicle created. Once dry, the children used shapes to create their own vehicles and added them onto the artwork. We had fantastic creations including boats, trains, cars, buses, planes, and tractors. The children also explored transport through stories and mark making.



One of our peers brought in the story Paddington, where the children spotted a double decker bus and discussed all the different transport they could find throughout the book. At the end of the week, the children drew and coloured their favourite types of transport after learning so much about them. We also explored shapes through playdough and road markings. The children enjoyed choosing their shape and carefully following the roads with their playdough while chatting about the different types of transport they could see. We also created our very

own Orange Room bus! We set up rows of seats along with a cash register, money, and tickets for the children to use during role play. The children had so much fun acting out different bus scenarios, and all enjoyed taking turns being the bus driver. These activities linked beautifully to Aistear's Communicating theme through creative expression and conversation, while also supporting fine motor development, cooperation, and creativity.



Another very exciting moment this month was the long-awaited visit from Penny the horse. The children were absolutely thrilled to meet her and showed great excitement and curiosity throughout the visit.

We also had a very special milestone this month as our graduating friends had their graduation photographs taken. It is hard to believe how quickly the year is going, and we are so proud of how much they have all grown and developed.

Overall, May was a wonderful month full of laughter, creativity, teamwork, and learning through play. Thank you all for your continued support.

Aoife and Leonne xxx





Blue Room

Dear Parents, what a wonderful and memorable month we have had in the Blue Room!

Special Celebrations

This month, we celebrated Hannah's birthday with a lovely surprise party and delicious cake. The children were delighted to celebrate together and helped make the day extra special.



We also celebrated our friend Roman's 5th birthday. Everyone enjoyed sharing in the celebrations and wishing him a very happy birthday.

A huge thank you to all our families for your generosity and support during our Superhero Day for Henrijs fundraiser. The children had a fantastic time dressing up, taking part in activities, and embracing their inner superheroes.



Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated, and together we truly are a wonderful team of superheroes!

Learning and Exploration



The children have enjoyed a variety of engaging themes and activities throughout



the month. We began our exciting Transportation Theme, exploring different types of vehicles through sensory play, creative table activities, and imaginative role play. The children loved learning about transport and movement while developing their fine motor and communication skills.



One of the highlights of the month was a visit from Penny the Horse. Although Penny was originally planned for our Animals Theme, her visit during Transportation Week worked perfectly as we learned how horses were once an important form of transportation.



Transition to School

We have recently started our transition activities to help prepare the children for their move to primary school. Some of our after-school children joined our circle time to share their experiences about school life, what they learn, and what the children can look forward to. The children listened attentively, asked thoughtful questions, and were very excited to learn more about this next step.

Outdoor Fun and Emergent Interests With some beautiful weather this month, we enjoyed taking our snack time outdoors for a special picnic in the sunshine. The children loved spending time together outside and making the most of the lovely weather.



Our emergent interests included sand play, soldiers, cars, and building forts. Through these interests, the children demonstrated fantastic imagination, creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills while engaging in collaborative play experiences.

Show and Tell

Our Show and Tell Day was a huge success. The children enjoyed bringing in their favourite toys and sharing stories with their friends. It was wonderful to see their confidence, communication skills, and listening abilities continue to grow.



Throughout the month, the children have been actively learning through play in line with the principles of Aistear, Ireland's Early Childhood Curriculum Framework. Through our transportation theme, sensory activities, fort building, role play, Show and Tell, and transition to-school experiences, the children have been developing important skills across the Aistear themes of Well-being, Identity and Belonging, Communicating, and Exploring and Thinking.



Looking Ahead

We are currently busy preparing for two very exciting events. Soon, the children will be taking part in our school tour, which they are eagerly looking forward to.



We are also continuing with our graduation preparations as we get ready to celebrate all of the children's achievements in June. The children have been working very hard during graduation practice, and we cannot wait to share this special milestone with all of you.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. We are so proud of all the children and look forward to creating even more wonderful memories together during the final weeks of term.

Warm regards,

The Blue Room Team

Hannah, Ellie, Jenna, and Anna

