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What's the buzz in May?

Another month, another newsletter! Now we’re in our summer term, we’re hoping the sun will come out more which means the children will be able to enjoy much more outdoor play. We have lots of play areas outside including our Building Site, Mud Kitchen, basketball and football nets and our Pirate Ship.

It’s hard to believe the school year will soon be drawing to a close, but we’re not winding down just yet! We have a jam-packed few months ahead of us!

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**Monthly Theme**

The topic for this month will be ***Minibeasts and Lifecycles,*** in particular we will be learning all about butterflies. Our shape is an **semi-circle** this month and we’ll be revising all our colours.

We will also be

* Recognising and naming all the creepy crawlies we find
* Exploring outside with magnifying glasses for bugs
* Opportunities to discuss lifecycles of butterflies and frogs
* Experiencing lifecycles with our very own butterfly farm
* Caring for living things-plants and animals

***As well as:***

* Lots and lots of counting and recognising numbers
* Ordering and sequencing for size and using language associated with size
* Identifying patterns and copying patterns (looking for patterns in magazines or at home –wallpaper, socks, duvets, clothes etc.)
* Talking about similarities and differences in objects
* Exploring stories in detail by looking at sequencing main parts, discussing characters and making predictions.

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**Family Project**

This is your last family project so the challenge is on!!

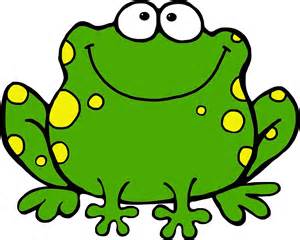
Our family project this month is to create your own minibeast at home. You can choose a butterfly, caterpillar, bumblebee, worm, ant, etc.

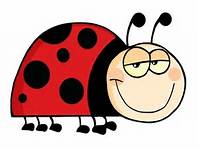
Please send finished projects into school before Friday 31st May.

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**Hungry Caterpillar Picnic**

This month, to celebrate our minibeast topic, we will have our Hungry Caterpillar Picnic in Creggan Play Park on Friday 24th May. This is our May trip out and gives children an opportunity to try all the foods from the Hungry Caterpillar story for our picnic.

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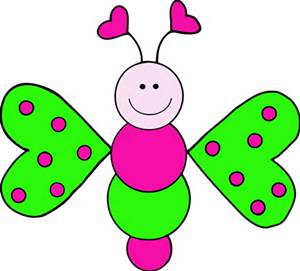
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**School Trip to the Tropical World**

On Friday 21st June, we are going on our end of year school trip to Tropical World. Children will wear their uniform as normal on this day. The sponsorship money raised for our Easter Hop will cover the full cost of the trip for each child so thank you so much for your kind donations.

**Nursery Graduation**

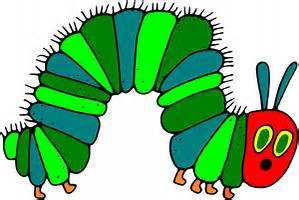
We are letting you know in advance that this year our Nursery Graduation will take place on Monday 24th June. There will be a ceremony for parents to begin with and then the children will have their fun day with bouncy castles and their party. More details will follow regarding times. **This will be the children’s last day at school.**

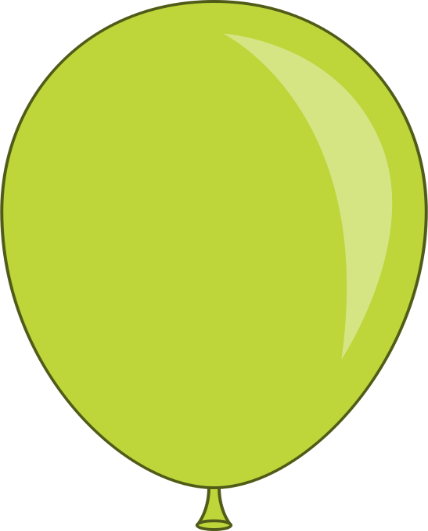
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**Fun in the Sun**

Hopefully, we are in for good weather over the next few weeks so this is just a gentle reminder to please apply a generous amount of sun cream in the morning if needed and ensure that your child has a sun cap/hat in Nursery every day.



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**Nursery Birthdays**

Happy birthday to …

**Códy Mc Cormick – 15th**

**Pól Farren – 21st**

**Clayton Gallagher – 21st**

**Connie Mc Daid – 26th**

**Georgia Leonard – 31st**

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**Important Dates**

***6th May*** *– May Day Bank Holiday*

***24th May*** *– Hungry Caterpillar Picnic*

***27th-31st May****- School closed*

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