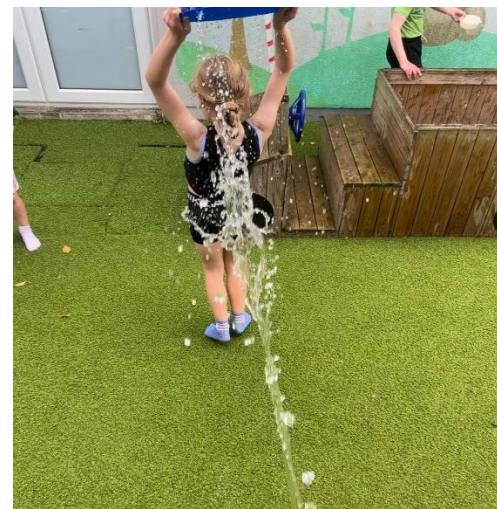




June 2025 Newsletter





Our Activities



It's hard to believe we have come to the end of the year, time really does fly when you're having fun! We would like to say a huge thank you to you all for your support throughout the year. We were delighted to welcome so many of you into Kathy b's during our partnership with parents week and to have the opportunity to speak with the parents of graduating children at our recent parent teacher meetings.

Throughout this term the Montessori children have been working hard creating beautiful artwork for their folders and our window displays. They have enjoyed a great variety of activities such as baking, playdough, sand & water play, obstacle courses and music & movement. We have also been lucky to enjoy lots of time out exploring our community with nature walks in the local park and trips to the playground. It is wonderful to see their friendships flourish and how they work as a team, supporting their friends that need a helping hand. We are so proud of them all.

The Afterschool children have also enjoyed a busy and fun filled term. They have enjoyed lots fun and fresh air in the local playground as well as activities such as learning to make St Brigid's Day crosses and their water bucket challenge. A particular highlight was the visit of Pico Lopes from Shamrock Rovers who put them through their paces

The Voice of the Children

What is your favourite time at Kathy b's: *garden time*

What is the best thing about Kathy b's: *playing – I love bursting the balloons on all the teachers*

Cian, age 4

What is your favourite memory in Kathy b's: *The water fight.*

What is the best thing about Kathy b's: *the dinner!*

Quinn, age 5

What is your favourite time at Kathy b's: *I love playtime – I like to play with Adam and Aoibhín*

What is the best thing about Kathy b's: *Lunchtime coz I'm always hungry in school!*

Ava, age 4



Charity Days



Thanks to the generosity of our children and their families this year we hosted a Christmas Party for the local Senior Citizens Groups.

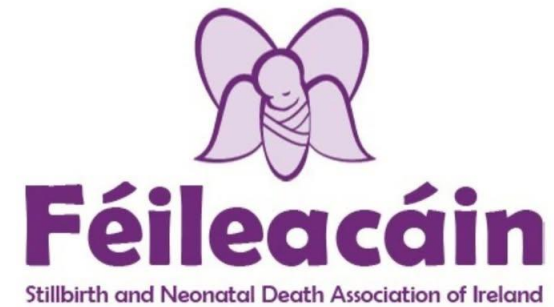
The children provided wonderful entertainment on the day putting on Christmas concert for everyone. Ray the chef provided delicious food and there were lots of lucky winners in our raffle. We even had a visit from Santa himself! It was such a special day.

THANK YOU

Our second charity fundraiser this year, in aid of Féileacáin, was a triathlon over 3 days and included events such as sponsored walk, obstacle course, egg & spoon, sack races, water games and the highlights of the water buckets challenge and water balloon / soak the teachers!!!

We were blown away by your incredible generosity, raising a staggering €2,500 for this amazing charity.

THANK YOU



Meet the Teachers



Name: Lisa Quinn

Role: Assistant Manager

Length of time in Kathy b's: I started working Kathy b's the first day that Katherine opened the door of the school back in January 2008

Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's: I enjoy working at Kathy b's as it is a very friendly and warm place to work. I like the idea of living and working in the local community. Every day at Kathy b's is very different to the last one and over the years I have learned to expect the unexpected. I like the fact that everyday is a busy and the children keep me on my toes. Most of all I love seeing the children coming in and growing in confidence & independence.

Hobbies & Interests: I love to read, socialise, go on holidays and recently I have taken up running.

Name: Catherine Heffernan

Role: Early Years Educator / Fire Safety Officer

Length of time in Kathy b's: I have worked in Kathy b's 14 years this August.

Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's: The staff are a great bunch of girls to work along side and I love teaching the children. They keep me on my toes daily!!

Hobbies & Interests: I enjoy walking and socialising with friends.





Name: *Nicole Kearns*

Role: *Early Years Educator*

Length of time in Kathy b's: *4 years*

Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's: *I love working at Kathy b's, my favourite part is getting to work with all the crazy kids and getting to know all their individual personalities 😊*

Hobbies & Interests: *I love art, singing and Irish dancing. I don't compete anymore but it's still something I like to do for fun.*

Name: *Sarah Arogundade*

Role: *Early Years Educator / Inclusion Co-ordinator*

Length of time in Kathy b's: *7 years*

Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's: *I love to see the children grow in confidence and form their friendships during their time with us. Particularly those children who are shy or nervous when they start in September but are so independent and confident when they leave, it's wonderful.*

Hobbies & Interests: *In my spare time, I enjoy reading and baking with my girls and spending time with family & friends.*





Name: *Shauna Sweeney*

Role: *Afterschool Leader*

Length of time in Kathy b's: *5 years*

Favourite thing about working in Kathy b's: *I love spending time with all the children and listening to all their stories. They bring a smile to me & Jen every day!*

Hobbies & Interests: *I like to walk, jog, read and do fun activities at the weekend.*

Our teachers have been busy bees participating in continuous professional development this year –

- Lisa successfully completed Food Hygiene Level 1 with Early Childhood Ireland
- Catherine successfully completed Food Hygiene Level 1, Food Hygiene Level 2 – HACCP and Fire Safety with Early Childhood Ireland.
- Katherine successfully completed Food Hygiene Level 1 with Early Childhood Ireland.
- Nicole successfully completed her Level 5 in Early Childhood Care and Education and has completed 3 modules of Level 6 Early Childhood Education.
- Sarah has commenced a 2 year BA in Early Childhood Care and Education (Level 7)



Graduation 2025

Graduation will take place on Friday, June 27th 2025 for children leaving Kathy b's this year and starting Primary School. We are getting ready to rock you!!

All graduating children should be dropped to Kathy b's for 9.30am on June 27th and parents should return at 10.30am for the ceremony and graduation party. The children will not need any school bags or beakers on this day.

As we have a limited amount of space in our preschool room we would ask that only 2 guests per child attend the graduation please.

We are really looking forward to celebrating this special occasion with our graduating children – Aidan, Alex, Aoibhín, Ava, Callum, Cian, Darragh, Hannah, Inaaya, Julian, Kai, Milo, Oscar, Petar, Robert, Robyn, Sophia & Zachary, and their families.





Summer Holidays – School Closure



To facilitate Graduation Day please note there will be NO MONTESSORI CLASSES on Friday, June 27th. Only Montessori children who are graduating will attend on this day.

This means that all non-Graduating children will finish up for summer on Thursday, June 26th. This is something we do every year to facilitate Graduation Day and each child's turn will come around when they get to attend the final day and have their Graduation Party.

Please note Breakfast Club (for Afterschool children only) and Afterschool will run as usual on 27th June and we will collect our Afterschoolers at the earlier time from St. Kilian's N.S.

We look forward to welcoming back Adam, Arlo, Cara, Carter, Chloe, Conan, Emily, Fiadh, Frankie, Georgie, Grace, Isabelle, Jack, John, Kai, Kevin, Lana, Lucy D, Lucy R, Marley, Mary, Mason, Nathan, Oscar, Reuben, Rían, Rose, Ryan, Sienna, Sophie and Tucker on Thursday, August 28th. Details of the school calendar for 2025 / 26 have been included in the email with this newsletter.

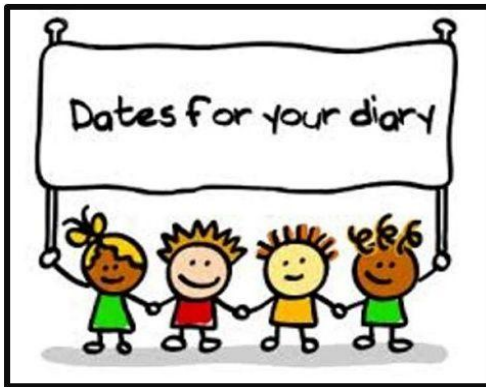
Our annual Summer Camp will run from Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July, 9am – 1.30pm daily.

This year's theme is "Dive into Summer". There will be lots of summer themed activities, arts & crafts and a visit from the Reptile Queen!

Price per child: €120 per child, €80 for additional siblings.

There are a limited number of spaces available, please ask your child's teacher for an application form.





Wednesday June 18th – Sports Day, details will be sent out on Little Vista

Friday, June 20th – Teddy Bears Picnic, details will be sent out on Little Vista

Wednesday June 25th – Parents Meeting for Sept 25 classes, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Thursday June 26th - Last day for non graduating Montessori children.

Friday, June 27th - Graduation Day! Children dropped in at 9.30am & parents return at 10.30am.

Monday, 30th June - Friday 4th July – Summer Camp, 9am – 1.30pm daily.

Thursday, August 28th – Kathy b's reopens @8am (afterschooler's breakfast club only) and 8.30am (Montessori children)

A big thank you to Lisa:

Lisa has decided to step back from her role as Assistant Manager after 16 years. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks on behalf of myself and all of the staff in Kathy b's to Lisa for all her support over the last 16 years. Lisa will continue to teach 2 Montessori classes daily.

Sarah Arogundade will replace Lisa in the role of Assistant Manager and I would like to wish Sarah all the best in her new role. Sarah will also continue to teach 2 classes daily alongside her new role as Assistant Manager.

This will be our last newsletter for this school year. All the team at Kathy b's would like to say thank you for all your support and co-operation this year. Thank you for a fantastic year. Wishing you all a happy and safe summer.

From Katherine, Lisa, Catherine, Sarah, Nicole, Christina, Shauna, Jenny and Audrey

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