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## Jing Jing Kindergarten & Nursery Newsletter

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Welcome to our first fortnightly Newsletter.

We have had a very exciting and full few weeks, filled with fun events and activities that I am looking forward to sharing with you. Can you believe how quickly the year is progressing? Everyday it's a delight to see our students growing in confidence, making friends and learning new skills. Our newsletter is going to be a fantastic forum for sharing news, events, and the achievements of those in our Jing Jing community. We believe you are your child's first teacher and therefore we embrace parent and family involvement within our school. We encourage participation in our curriculum which can be as simple as sharing something of interest or extending on the curriculum at home. Parents are always welcome to spend time with us and share special moments with their children. We have an open door policy, where you are welcome to join in learning activities and celebrate events/special days with us. There are many opportunities for involvement for our families. We understand that time can be precious for all parents, which is why we accommodate many forms of involvement to assist you and your child. Please just let me know if you would like to come and share something with us.

I look forward to sharing those special moments with you

*Kathryn McHugh*

**It was lovely having so many story tellers visit us.**



### Book Week

We all had a fabulous 'Book Week' with our school dedicating the whole week to literacy and our teachers emphasizing the importance of reading and developing a long lasting love of literature. We celebrated children's literature with lots of fun and exciting events. These included storytelling, parties, book making and illustrating activities, inviting in various storytellers, dressing up day (as a character from a book) and other literacy activities. One of our aims for Children's Book Week was to encourage our children to enjoy new authors and books, as well as encouraging the joy of reading. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Children's Book Week with the anniversary theme being — Read now · Read Forever. Here at Jing Jing we focused on the author Julia Donaldson. It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and new friends into our school to read to us. It really has added to our week making this event an exciting and rewarding experience for our children

### Uniforms

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly named and with the weather getting warmer now's the time to be thinking about summer uniforms. These can be purchased from Ms Fion at the front desk.

Many thanks

## Literacy begins at home....

Reading aloud to your child can be one of your best parenting experiences. I hope that you and your child create many loving memories as you explore children's books together.

Try to select an enjoyable core of books your child can choose from. Do they have bright, colourful pictures? Does the language flow in an enjoyable way as you read it, or does it sound unnatural and halting? Are the stories about topics your child might be interested in?

Remember to keep it fun! Try to allow your child to select the books to be read. Yes, it's hard to read a book for the umpteenth time (We've been there!) but your child will gain a lot from these repeated readings--both emotionally and in preparation for his or her own reading development.

Previewing books with your children is part of the fun! Look at the pictures and talk about them. As you chat about the pictures, you prepare your children to enjoy the book, and you can explain some words or names they will hear when you begin reading.

This is an experience that you can really "get into." Roar like a lion, squeak like a mouse, and read your stories with great feeling!

You'll want to be physically close to your child as you share books together. One of the best parts about reading aloud is having your child sit on your lap, or snuggled up to you.

An enjoyable alternative to reading aloud can be the stories that you tell yourself! Your children will enjoy the tall tales you make up, or the family stories that you remember.

Welcome to our Nursery class (afternoons)  
Athena & Amber W

## Sunflower Studios



Some feedback from our K3 students....  
What did you enjoy best about our excursion?

Arthur: "I loved painting my plate"  
Katja: "I got to paint a heart on my plate"

Alex: "I really loved going on the bus"

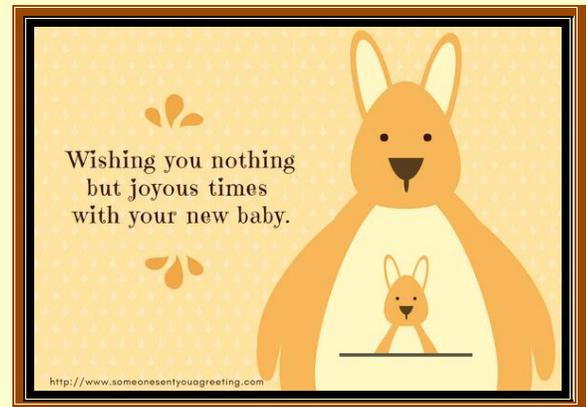
Ms May: "I found out that the kiln is 10 x hotter than an oven"

Ely: "I liked the beautiful tall building. It had lots of stairs!"

### Parent News

Everyone at Jing Jing would like to congratulate

Rainie on the birth of her baby brother.



## Jing Jing Teachers





## Caed Mile Fáilte.....

A hundred thousand welcomes.  
 We had great fun celebrating St Patrick's Day. During the week the children learnt about the story and history of St Patrick, created some Irish inspired craft work, learnt some Irish, listen to Irish music as well as making and sharing homemade soda bread



## Farewell to Eva and Alex

We wish them and their family safe travels and all the best on their return to Germany.

We will all miss them.

When we hear the fire alarm we stop, get in line, and walk out the building.



### Fire Drill

We have just completed another successful Fire Drill. Everyone did such a fantastic job listening to the instructions and moving calmly and carefully to our evacuation point. Do you have a Fire Plan at home.....?



## IM SCARED.....

Mrs McHugh spent time in our K2 classes talking about what makes us scared, how we know when we are scared and what we can do. First we read "Dark dark night" by Ruth Brown. Then we spoke about what makes us scared. As a group we came up with some strategies about what we can do if ever we are scared:

- Run away
- Tell a grown up
- Hide

- Close our eyes
- Hug someone

We also brainstormed some thoughts on how our body tells us we are scared. Everyone had lots of ideas:

- Heart beats very fast
- We shake
- Our skin feels prickly
- We feel hot
- Our hands get sweaty

In K2 and K3 we have been talking about our feelings.



### Upcoming Events

April 9th

Fun Day

April 12<sup>th</sup>

Easter Party

April 15<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>

Easter Holidays