

ALL ABOARD

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER ISSUE OF "ALL ABOARD".

Once again it has been a busy few months for the whole team in CVSS.

Our dads have been to the fore, with FunDadmentals proving very popular and our Father's Day event a great success, with some budding golf professionals in the making.

Bosom Pals Breastfeeding group has gone from strength to strength, providing a welcome and support and friendship to all our breastfeeding mums.

This quarters play programmes have been focused outdoors, and the Easter Bunny and egg hunt was very popular. Who knew Knockmany had a resident Easter Bunny.

Our Disco kids and Woodland Wonders have been well attended and there have been so many skills gained through play, for both children and parents.

We were very fortunate that 3 staff were able to participate in a study visit to Reggio Emilia in Italy, to learn about the Reggio approach to Early Years education. We learned so much that could be translated into better practice here for children and families and many thanks to Early Years, and Erasmus Plus, for allowing us to take part in such an important learning opportunity, and to Reggio Children staff for facilitating such a packed week of activities.

Our Swim Time Baby and Toddler programmes were booked out, and proved to be great learning experiences for all who took part with some lovely photos of children enjoying the water for the first time.

Our Cook It has also been booked out, providing lovely, simple, cost effective recipes for all the family. Thanks also to the Heath Improvement Officer for ABC and Mid Ulster Council's, for providing a starter pack of store cupboard ingredients and fresh weekly recipe ingredients, enabling families to put their recipes to the test at home.

Our Two's Company children have been finishing their year with us and are getting ready to move on to their pre-schools. We wish them well in their transition and hope they enjoy the new learning challenges in September.

Congratulation to Nuala in her new role as Family Participation Worker and to Julie in her new role as Family support worker, and best wishes to Ita, who has taken a career break from CVSS.

Please look out for your Dates for Diary for our Summer programme and make sure you sign up, as places do go very quickly.

Wishing all families and children a lovely Summer break and hoping that the sun shines, so we can all make the most of outdoors and our local parks and open spaces.

Louise & Team

SWIM TIME BABY

CVSS MAKATON SIGN OF THE MONTH IS 'BIRD'

When out and about if you see a bird, say the word 'bird' while signing 'bird'..

Makaton is a language programme using signs, symbols and speech to encourage communication skills.



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CVSS Highlights from Spring

Reggio Emilia Experience

With great thanks to Erasmus +, Early Years and Surestart, 3 of our team were given the opportunity to travel to Reggio Emilia on a Study Trip, Below are some of their highlights:

Jolene - As part of Creative Development for Clogher Valley SureStart, I was really looking forward to discovering new ways of exploring the creativity that lies within each child as a unique individual.

This involved engaging in new processes and learning to read and translate 100 languages of children. Experiencing the Ateleur and meeting the Ateleurista was amazing, they displayed many invitations and demonstrated the process of how the child constructs their own learning, it was a one of my highlights accompanied with a trip to the 'Remida' a centre full of recycled materials already to be brought back to life by a child.

As CVSS are aware we love nothing better than giving recycled products new life. I am looking forward to putting my new learning into practice.



Julie – one of the main parts of the learning I took home was the importance of stripping back and using raw, natural materials in your environment and the importance of completely child led approach.

I also look forward in my new role as Family Support Worker to reinforce the importance of parental involvement in all areas of their child's development through out different forums

PIZZA RIA



EASTER EGG HUNT



FUNDADMENTALS



DISCO KIDS POPPING FUN



BOSOM PALS



FATHERS DAY EVENT



WOODLAND WONDERS



COOK IT PROGRAMME



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