



It seems no time from your child's first day at Ballymagee Nursery and now they have all settled well. Half Term holidays are just around the corner! School will be closed for Staff Development on **Friday 22 October** and for half term holidays from **Monday 25th October to Friday 29th October**.

But before then we have lots to do. Our theme this month is Autumn/Harvest/Woodland Animals. Throughout the month we will be identifying different leaves, going on a colour walk, making collages from natural resources and learning about the season. We will be making dough of different textures and colours and making a surprise using pumpkins.



Please remember to label all pieces of uniform: sweatshirts, boots, shoes, coats and hats. Continue to encourage your child to be independent by putting on and taking of their own coat and shoes.

Putting on your Coat (poem)

Tag on toes, arms in holes
Over your head and ready to go!

This month: Our colours are **brown** and **orange**. Our shape is circle  Our concepts are rough/smooth and wet/dry.



We value your input into our Nursery year. If you have a talent, skill, job (firefighter, police, RNLI, refuse collector, hairdresser, nurse, gardener etc.) interest or hobby that you'd be willing to share with the children, we'd love your help. Please send a Dojo message to Mrs Calvert, don't be shy.

Snack/School Fund Payment

All payable in advance through School Gateway App.

£ 5 per week
£ 20 for month of October
£ 55 for the rest of Term 1 (up until Christmas)
£ 165 for the rest of the year



Happy Birthday to:

Lex 3rd

Nathanial 11th



Diary Dates

Friday 1st Debbie Doolittle will visit to help us understand all about woodland animals in the autumn. Nursery photos will be taken on **Monday 18th & Tuesday 19th**. Please wear your uniform. We will not be having paints, messy art activities or visits to the Nursery forest on these days!

Parent Interviews will be held via telephone from **Monday 11th – Friday 15th** to discuss how your child has settled at Nursery.

Future Events

We will be taking part in Foundation Stage harvest assembly later in the month and we'll be supporting Bangor Community Foodbank. More details to follow later.



Clocks go back on **Sunday 31st October** at 2am. Encourage your child to help you change the clocks at home before their bedtime and identify some of the numbers.

Another song for you to enjoy..... a silly one, for the whole family! (from The Learning Station)

Tony Chestnut

Tony Chestnut knows I love you.

Point to your toes, knees, chest, head, nose, eyes, heart and to a friend.

Tony knows. (Tony knows.)

Point to your toes, knees and nose.

Tony Chestnut knows I love you.

Point to your toes, knees, chest, head, nose, eyes, heart and to a friend.

That's what Tony knows.

Point to your toes, knees and chest

Tony, Tony and his sister Eileen.

Point to your toes, knees, toes, knees then lean to the right.

And Eileen loves Neil and Neil loves

Pat. Everyone lean to the right, kneel and pat your shoulders.

But Pat still loves Bob.

Pat your shoulders and bounce your head back and forth.

And there's Russell and Skip.

Stand up, wiggle your legs then skip in place.

This song is silly, but it's hip.

Make a silly face then stick out your right hip and point to it.

How it ends, just one man knows.

Turn and point to your bottom.

And guess what (what), it's Tony Chestnut.
and head.

Hold your arms up in the air. Point to your toes, knees, chest



A Hedgehog is very prickly



A hedgehog is very prickly
A hedgehog is very prickly,
A hedgehog is very prickly,
He couldn't be anything else.

A crocodile is very snappy, x 3
He couldn't be anything else.

A snake is very hissy, x3
He couldn't be anything else.

Now let your child make up their own verses.

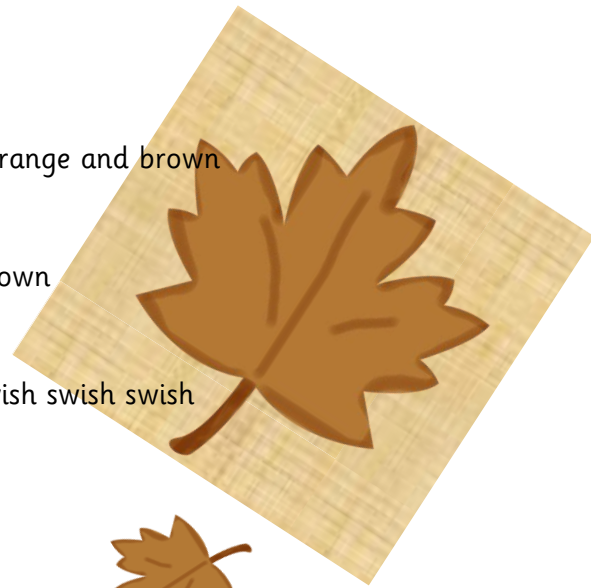
The Leaves on the Trees

(Tune: The Wheels on the Bus)

The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown, orange and brown, orange and brown
The leaves on the trees turn orange and brown all through the town.

The leaves on the trees come twirling down, twirling down, twirling down
The leaves on the trees come twirling down all through the town.

The leaves on the ground go swish swish swish, swish swish swish, swish swish swish
The leaves on the ground go swish swish swish all through the town.



Five Little Leaves

Five little leaves so bright and gay,
Were dancing about on the tree one day
The wind came rushing through the town
And one little leaf came tumbling sown
Four little leaves
etc.



There's a Wide Eyed Owl (Rhyme)

There's a wide eyed owl with appointed nose,
Two pointed ears and claws for his toes,
He sits on the tree and he looks at you,
He flaps his wings and says "Twit Twoo".

I'm a Little Pumpkin (Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a little pumpkin, short and stout
Filled up with seeds that you can scrape out
When you are all finished, then I'll be,
The cutest pumpkin face you ever did see!

