

## Loughgiel Early Years News Letter January 2018



We will be learning about Winter, Polar Bears, Penguins and Ice.  
If you have anything of interest relating to our theme we would love to see it or if you are interested in birds we would love you to come in and chat to the children for 5-10 mins.

### Home Links

We are encouraging children to become aware of the environment, caring for wildlife in particular during this cold season. It would be great if you could help them care for birds in your garden by putting out some bird seed and fresh water. Discuss with your child the different types of birds, their colour, size etc.



We are also making musical instruments over the next two weeks. If you have any empty containers, plastic, wooden or cardboard please send them in to be recycled into instruments.  
Thank you



We would like to wish you all a  
Happy new year.

### Dates to Remember

**Mid-term** 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018 Closed

**St Patricks Weekend** 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 March  
Closed

**Easter** 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Closed

**Thank you...** We raised £142 in our Christmas Hamper Draw. Winners were  
Cliodhna Mc Auley  
Shea Mc Mullan  
Nicola McErlain

### After schools Club

Our Traditional Music Group on a Tuesday is working very hard to learn of their tunes. Please ensure your child (if taking part) has their music in a folder and their Tin whistle with them as they have started working towards their London College of Music Grades.

### Pre-school Toy/Dress Up Donations

Remember if you are throwing out any old toys big or small –They are sure to find a good home in our Preschool. We are currently looking for donations of old tractors, prams and dress up dresses.

Thank you for all donations made to date

### **Important:**

Please remember to inform us if your child is not attending either pre-school or After schools Club.

**Please remember...** Due to Safeguarding and Child Protection children must be collected from the centre by parents or those with parental responsibility or persons authorised by

### Getting Ready To Learn Programme

We are delighted to see so many of the children really enjoying their take home to Parents/family books. We have noticed an increased interest in reading books throughout the play session and also children using books to find out information about areas they love. For example at the minute they are reading about penguins and other animals that live

<p>them to do so. Unless they are parents, persons authorised to collect children must be aged 18 or over. Thank you</p>	<p>on the Arctic/Antarctica, building igloos and comparing an igloo to our houses. <b>Physical:</b> We are continuing to introduce new physical skills through a variety of games, dance and indoor/outdoor play. If you would like to borrow any resources please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>
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**Action songs and Rhymes to Practice at Home**

<p><b>5 little snowmen Chant</b>        Five little snowmen on a snowy day.        The first one said, "Let's play, what do you say?"        The second one said, "Let's stomp on the ground."        The third one said, "Let's roll around"        The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run"        The fifth one said, "I'm afraid I feel the sun."        "Oh dear," Cried the snowmen, as they looked toward the sky and five melting snowmen waved a fond goodbye.</p>	<p><b>Peter Penguin</b>        Peter, Peter penguin,        marching by (march)        Toes turned out and head held high (stand tall)        A long black coat (indicate the coat)        And a clean white vest (rub chest)        Peter, Peter Penguin, you're the best.</p> <p><b>Chubby little Snowman</b>        A chubby little snowman had a carrot for a nose.        Along came a bunny and what do you suppose?        That hungry little bunny was looking for his lunch...        And he ate that snowman's nose.        Cr..r..unch , crunch!</p>	<p>10 little Snowflakes        One little, two little, three little snowflakes, four little, five little, six little snowflakes, seven little, eight little, nine little snowflakes, ten little snowflakes on my tongue.</p> <p>Continue....        On my hat        On my mittens        On my boots.</p> <p><b>Pet Snowman Poem</b>        I made myself a snowball        Just as perfect as could be        I thought I'd keep it as a pet        And let it sleep with me        I gave it some pyjamas        And a pillow for its head.        Then, last night it ran away        BUT FIRST... it wet the bed!</p>
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