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# The Den

Home-School Links

Hello boys and  
girls!



We miss you!





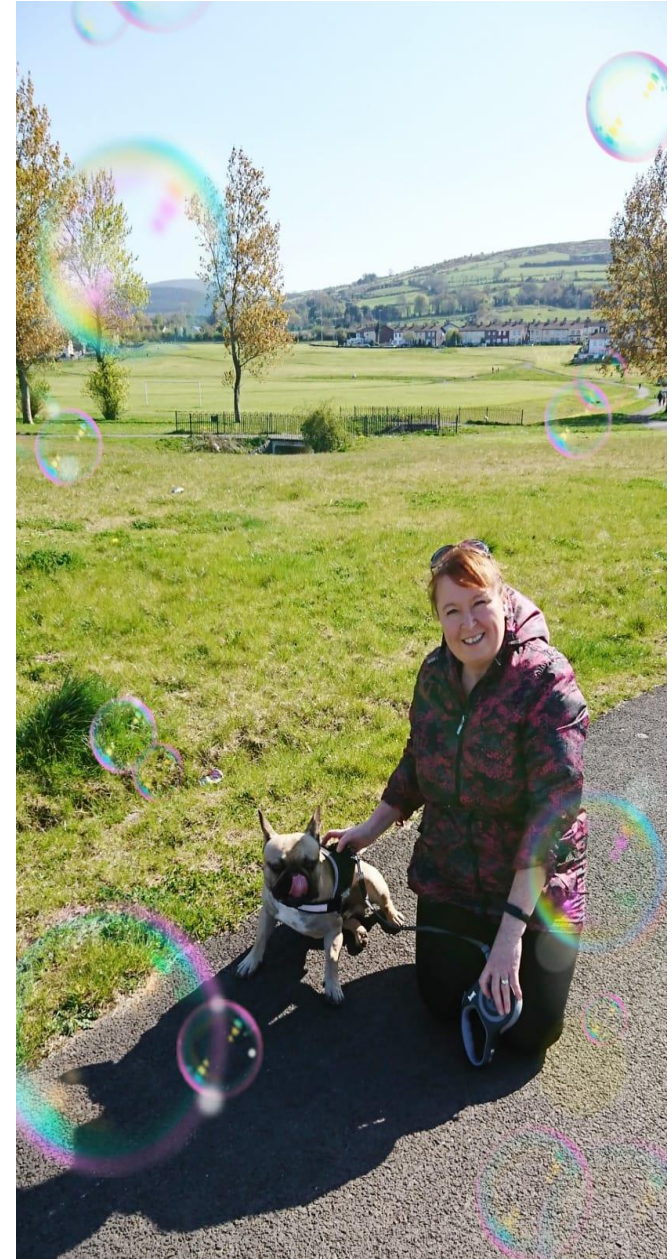
We are getting lots of  
exercise and fresh air!

Hope you are too?





Hoping to see you soon!





Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope you are all well and staying safe. We miss our wonderful Den friends.

We know that you have been trying to keep a routine going at home as much as is possible. And we are glad to hear that all children are doing well and have adapted to this 'new normal'. However, we are all wishing, more than anything, to be back at school as soon as possible.

We have put together a few activities that you might like to try at home. There is no pressure to complete them. If some things work, that is great. If some things are not possible, that is fine too. The most important thing is the wellbeing and happiness of the children, and yourselves,

If you would like to share any photos of your child's achievements on the school website for the Friday Gallery, you can send them to Gaye, HSCL on Whatsapp 087 7443779 or email

[hscl@shjkillinarden.ie](mailto:hscl@shjkillinarden.ie)



Take care of yourselves and your families,

The Den Team



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# Sensory Play Ideas



- Gloop – cornflour and water
- Bubbles/Bubble Mountain
- Shaving Foam/with food colouring
- Squishy Colour Bags (paint in ziplock bags, closed with tape)
- Coloured Spaghetti worms
- Jelly
- Wash the animals (plastic animals, nail brush)
- Water or sand play (funnels, jugs, containers)
- Digging for Treasure (sand/compost)
- Clean Mud – flour/hot choc/water
- Coloured Ice and Salt
- Shaving foam colour mixing bags
- Shredded paper sensory box
- Coloured bubble blowing paintings
- Dry porridge
- Shaving foam car wash
- Dinosaur swamp (grass, mud, water etc)



## Gross Motor Activities



# Social, Environmental & Scientific Education

## FARM ANIMALS

How many farm animals can you name?

What are the animal's babies called?

What do we get from cows?

Sheep? Hens? Pigs?

*I spy with my  
little eye...*



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Ms. O'Meara spied some brown  
lambs on her walk...

What Nursery Rhymes do you  
know about lambs or sheep?



# No cook food art (Inspired by Tiarnan)





# Funky Fingers

(Fine Motor Skills Activities)







# Storytime

There are a variety of websites where you can see stories animated and read aloud:

- <https://www.storylineonline.net>
- <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/teaching-tools/articles/resources/scholastic-learn-at-home--free-resources-for-school-closures.html#>



# Finally...

Also on the school website, under Classes- ASD unit, you might like to check out:

- Attention Autism video
- Occupational Therapy games

Children,

Keep up the great work! It is hard at the moment because you can't do all the things you usually do but we know that you are all being very patient and we are so proud of you.

Parents, please contact us if you need anything. Take care 😊

