

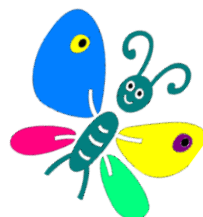
Playgroup History

Butterflies Community Playgroup originally started up in St Canice's Boys National School and was formally known as St Canice's Community Playgroup. We operated our playgroup from there till 2000.

We then moved to De La Salle Boys National School and became known as De La Salle School Community Playgroup. We operated from there till 2007 when unfortunately the De Salle School closed its doors. We once again had to find a new home to operate from. It was at this time we decided to rename our playgroup **Butterflies Community Playgroup** as we had fluttered around the area so much we thought it was a very suitable name for us. Our journey brought to the scouts hall for a short period. We once again were on the move in 2008 where we landed at our final destination.

Butterflies Community Playgroup is one of six Playgroups belonging to **Finglas Community Playgroups Association Limited** which was established in 1974 and has been serving the Finglas community ever since.

We deliver a quality and professional service to aid in the development of all the children who attend our playgroup through Aistear the early childhood curriculum framework.



Butterflies Community Playgroup

Our Team



All of our staff are highly skilled and qualified with up to date training and awards in Early Childcare Education. We continue to strive for excellence by updating our skills and attending workshops on an ongoing basis.



Fionnuala is the group leader and has been with the playgroup since 1991. She came to the playgroup as a parent volunteer. Because of this she brings a wealth of expert knowledge and experience. She is passionate about the children's development and this is evident in her dedication to the children and the playgroup.



Rita has been with the playgroup since 2002. She also came to the playgroup as a parent volunteer. She too has a wealth of expert knowledge and experience. She is passionate about the importance of play and fun for children in their learning experience in the playgroup.



Catherine joined the playgroup in 2017. She is very experienced and has brought a fresh outlook to our team. She is also passionate and caring about working with the children.

Key Person

When the government introduced the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme (ECCE) in January 2009, this entitled each eligible child to a free pre-school place.

It also introduced a new curriculum called Aistear. This new curriculum is to be implemented in all playgroups to ensure that each child is given the opportunities to develop and learn through play. The easiest way to implement this curriculum is to provide the equipment and environment and to observe them at play.

However, in order that no child may be overlooked, the leaders have divided the children attending the playgroup into three groups. Each leader will become the **KEY PERSON** for each child in her group so that the child can be observed on a monthly basis by the KEY PERSON to assess his/her development.



Just Playing



When I'm building in the block room,
Please don't say I'm "Just playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play,
About balance, I may be an architect someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint,
Or standing at an easel, or molding and shaping clay,
Please don't let me hear you say, "He is Just
Playing." For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I just might be a teacher someday.



When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some
"playing" at my school,
Please don't feel the time is wasted in "play."
For you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.
I may be in business someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body,
Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning how my body works.
I may be a doctor, nurse, or athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today,
And I say, "I just played."
Please don't misunderstand me.
For, you see, I'm learning as I play.
I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work.
I'm preparing for tomorrow.
Today, I am a child and my work is play.



Anita Wadley



Playschool Events

- Halloween Trick or Treat Fundraising for Temple Street Hospital
- Christmas Play and visit from Santa
- St Patrick Day Party
- Playschool Outing
- Annual Garden Tea Party
- Sponsored Teddy Bears Picnic
- End of year Celebration
- Birthdays (Parents can bring a cake to celebrate their Childs Birthday)



Playgroup Information

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Butterflies Playgroup Finglas

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Type of Service

Sessional

No. of Children catered for

22

Age of Children:

2Yrs 8 Months – 5 Yrs

Adult/child ratio:

1 – 11

Days:

Monday- Friday

Time:

9:15am – 12:15pm

12:15pm – 1:00pm (optional)

Requirements:

SMALL lunch box with **name** on lid

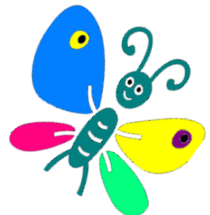
No crisps, sweets, biscuits, peanut butter (allergies) cakes or fizzy drinks

The designated person/s must bring the child to and from the Playgroup.

A book for signing in the children will be provided and must be completed every morning.

Leaders should be told whenever the child is being collected by a non-designated person.

Our Policies and Procedures Manual is available for your perusal on the desk with the signing in sheet.



Mission Statement

Butterflies Community Playgroup is run by three experienced and highly qualified childcare workers providing a service to 22 children. We operate a Play Based Curriculum which provides for the needs of the whole child, i.e. physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social. The Mission Statement of Butterflies Community is to aid the development of the child through Identity and Belonging, Communication, Well-being and Exploring and Thinking (Aistear curriculum) in a caring and child friendly environment, working in partnership with parents, guardians, families and the relevant agencies

Curriculum Statement

The Curriculum Statement of Butterflies Community Playgroup is to aid the development of the child through provision of their experience through play that promote children's feelings of Identity and Belonging, supports their Well-being and builds on their Communication and Exploring and Thinking skills in conjunction with the Aistear framework. We do this by providing a caring and child friendly environment, working in partnership with parents, guardians, families and the relevant agencies.



General Data Protection

Butterflies Community Playgroup respect your privacy and your rights to control your personal data and your child's personal data.

We use the personal data you share with us in the child record form, so we can communicate with you, to provide care and education for your child and for the purposes of administration.

We strive to keep yours and your child's personal data safe and only share it when necessary. We recognise that parents have a right to know that the information they share with our playgroup is maintained confidentially.

What we do with your data?

Your personal data is stored and processed in our playgroup and kept in a locked cabinet.

How long we keep your personal data?

We are required to keep records relating to your child for a period of 2 years after your child has left our service. There may be a circumstance where data relating to your child is required to be held for a longer period of time.

This will be outlined to you. In the event of an accident/incident personal data relating to your child will be held on file until your child is 21 years of age. After this period, your personal data will be irreversibly destroyed.

