

September Newsletter

Issue 1



WELCOME

Welcome to Hope's first Newsletter for the academic year 2015/2016.

I would like to say a warm welcome back all our returning parents and a hearty welcome to all our new parents. We are delighted that you have continued to and trusted us our new parents to give us the opportunity to work with you and your family in helping your precious ones to achieve their full potential.

We are continuing this year with a lot our programs sand will be commencing new ones.

1. We will be running an NAS EarlyBird Plus starting on Wednesday the 16th September for 10 weeks. It will be on every Wednesday from 10am to 12.30pm. This course is suitable for parents of children aged between 4 and 8 and helps parents understand autism, improve communication with their child and analyses and deal with behavior. We are really excited to be offering this great course again.

2. We will be continuing the home visits. Three visits per month for €100 you can chose any month for your home visit. If you are

interested in any of these please contact your head teacher or Sherene or Jennifer.

3. We will be having tea and coffee in each center once per month for parents to come together and interact with each other offering support. The first meeting get together will be on Wednesday the 9th September for Dublin 15 and Friday the 11th for Inchicore. We look forward to seeing you all there.
4. The bus pickup has started and we are delighted with the turn out. If any more parents are interest please let us know. We are currently looking to fund raise for the Dublin 15 center to acquire their own bus for pickups also. If parents in Dublin 15 are interested in this service please let us know.



Jackie the bus driver

Once again welcome to this new academic school year and if you have any queries or

worries please do not hesitate to contact us immediately. We can only help or improve if we know what help is required and where we need to improve.

Regards
Sherene Powell
Managing Director/Founder

STAFF PROFILES

Our management staff remains the same with Jennifer Sheridan our Director of Education and Head BCBA, Isabelle Thomas BCBA and is overseeing the Dublin 15 Centre this term along with Claire Rathborne the Head Teacher for the Centre, Tara Faherty BCBA and overseeing the Dublin 8 Centre along with Ailis Taurai the Head Teacher.



WELCOME TO HOPE'S MULTI-DISCIPLINARY TEAM



Welcome back everyone!

The Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) Services are up and running this month.

In SLT we can target;

- Receptive Language (understanding)
- Expressive Language (Talking, PECS, Lámh)
- Increasing sentence length
- Parent training
- Increasing vocabulary
- Increasing social skills (e.g. turn taking)

Each therapy session is based on an individualized language goals which are drawn up with parents based on assessment. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any concerns about your child's speech and language development. I look forward to working with you this year.

Regards

Suzanne

Phone. 0892380151 or email suzanne.larrigan@hmacc.com to book an appointment.



Brendan Pender; MSC in Occupational Therapy, BA in Social Care and Applied Social Studies.

Brendan is an Occupational Therapist and is an active member of the Association of Occupational Therapists of Ireland (AOTI). Brendan was awarded a MSC Occupational Therapy accredited by the AOTI following completion of a two year full time Masters in Occupational Therapy at the University Of Limerick. As part of his Masters, he completed a number of placements, providing occupational therapy to clients with a broad array of difficulties including physical and sensory difficulties such as Autism Spectrum Disorders, Dyspraxia and ADHD. Prior to this, Brendan worked for ten years as a Social Care Worker providing care in community and residential settings to children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Brendan brings to the service an extensive amount of knowledge and experience

about ASD and Sensory Processing difficulties. Brendan is passionate about assisting people with ASD and Sensory Processing Difficulties through Occupational Therapy. If you any queries about the Occupational Therapy Service provided at HOPE, Brendan will be more than happy to discuss the service. Brendan can be contacted on 0851246922 or emailed at brendan.pender@hmacc.com

Staff Training

Our staff eagerly started work on the 24th August for staff training and to get prepared for the children.

PECS TRAINING

We have arranged for our staff to do the two day PECS training with Pyramid Educational Consultants UK Ltd on the 28th and 29th October 2015 9am – 5pm. If you are interested in attending the workshop please emails us or contact your head teachers. The price for parents of HOPE are €220 and persons out side of HOPE who are interested to do this course is €270.

MONTHLY CURRICULUM THEMES AND LESSON PLANS

September

Themes: 'A is for apple', 'A

Maths: 1 and 2

English: s and a

Culture: Myself, Family and Community

HOPE BALL November 7th 2015



Our wonderful and dedicated teachers Emma Fawcett and Lauren O'Reilly has organized our first HOPE BALL. Tickets are now available from your head teachers or EMMA and Laruen. You can also email them at events@hmacc.com. Please support us in this worthy cause. We are looking for raffle prizes. Thanks to the parents and family and friend who have started to contribute and donate to this event.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

It was a delight to see the children all in school. They all settled in well and is pairing well with the teachers and classmates. Please see below picture of from this week.



Montessori Class



Pairing



Pairing



Group Time



Playing together



Listening to teacher





Clothes Collection

We will be doing a clothes collection this month. Can you bring in all your unwanted clothes in to us. We will send you details of the deadline dates.



