

Busy Bees - Reception Class

Hello everyone and a very warm welcome to the Reception Class information page. My name is Miss Pedlow and I am the class teacher.

I am a qualified teacher, specialising in the early years, with 10 years teaching experience, most of which has been in Preschool and Foundation Stage.

In our school the Reception class is called the Busy Bees. We cater for children in the year before starting Primary One, with children able to join us from their fourth birthday. The children who attend Busy Bees get a great start to their journey through our school and really benefit from being introduced to the school environment, other staff and children and any whole school initiatives. They take part in Christmas nativities, Sport's Day, school trips and our Shared Education programme with Mount St Michael's right from the beginning of the year.

Quality play is at the centre of everything we do in Busy Bees and we have a real belief that children learn best through rich, child initiated play experiences. The Busy Bees have their own classroom which has been set up to ensure the children have access to interesting, quality play experiences which allow them to learn across all six areas of the NI Preschool Curriculum - Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Language Development, Physical Development, Early Mathematical Experiences, The World Around Us and The Arts.

We are passionate about the importance of developing the 'whole child' to ensure that our preschool children are confident and ready to continue their school journey in Primary One and beyond.

