

FOOTPRINT GHOST

Material Needed:

- Black Paper
- Black Marker or Paint
- White Paint
- Large Ice Cream Container Lid/ Sponge Paintbrush
- A Foot



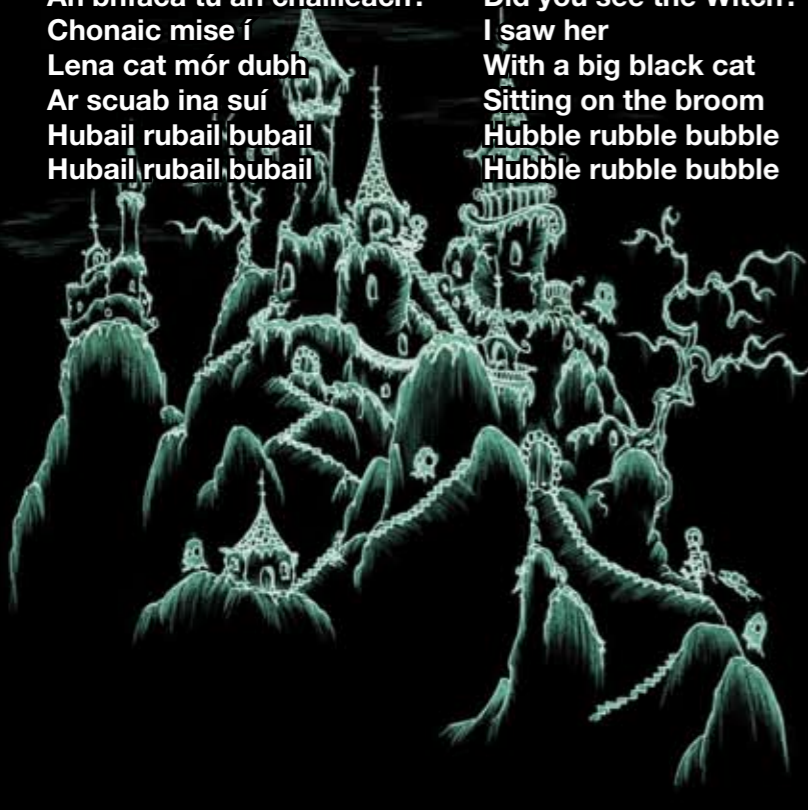
Instructions:

- Put a piece of black/dark paper on the floor
- Cover the ice cream lid with a thin layer of paint and have the child place their foot into the paint (you may need to help them to roll their foot inward to get the paint on their instep) Or
- Use a sponge to spread the paint onto the foot.
- Ask the child to step onto the dark paper (help them to roll their foot here too)
- Let the paint dry
- Use black marker or paint to blob on two eyes and a mouth. <http://www.dltk-kids.com>

AN BHFACA TÚ AN CHAILLEACH?

An bhfaca tú an chailleach?
 Chonaic mise í
 Lena Srón mór fada,
 Is a fiacla gránna buí
 Hubail rubail bubail
 Hubail rubail bubail
 An bhfaca tú an chailleach?
 Chonaic mise í
 Lena cat mór dubh
 Ar scuab ina suí
 Hubail rubail bubail
 Hubail rubail bubail

Did you see the Witch?
 I saw her
 With a big long nose
 Teeth ugly yellow
 Hubble rubble bubble
 Hubble rubble bubble
 Did you see the Witch?
 I saw her
 With a big black cat
 Sitting on the broom
 Hubble rubble bubble
 Hubble rubble bubble



FÉILE SHAMHNA

Halloween	Oíche Shamhna
October	Deireadh Fómhair
Witch	Cailleach
Broom	Scuab
Black Cat	Chat dubha
Spell	Draíocht
Spider	Damhán alla
Cobweb	Téad damháin alla
Bat	Slacán
Ghost	Taibhse
Scary	Scanrúil
Costume	Culaith
Pumpkin	Puimcín
Bonfire	Tine chnámh
Party	Cóisir
Trick or treat	Bób nó féirín

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A NOTE FROM THE COORDINATOR WHAT A YEAR IT HAS BEEN . . . SO FAR!

I started thinking about what we had been through this year in the childcare sector, which made me realise that it has been a very strange year all round. It seems like the free preschool scheme has been around forever and yet it was only announced in April's supplementary budget – only five months ago! It is testament to the childcare sector that, despite the

difficulties, we all got on with delivering it to the best of our abilities. At the moment the OMCYA are processing applications, sending out provisional approval letters and drawing up contracts which you should be receiving shortly. If you have any queries or there is anything we can help you with, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Karen McDonnell

FIRST AID TRAINING

PRACTICAL FIRST AID

DUNMANWAY
 30th and 31st October

MALLOW
 30th and 31st October

MIDLETON
 30th and 31st October

REFRESHER FIRST AID

DUNMANWAY
 To be confirmed

MALLOW
 6th November

MIDLETON
 6th November

**TO BOOK A PLACE OR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE
 CONTACT OUR MAIN OFFICE ON 022 23880.**

CHILDCARE CENSUS

As many of you will be aware, we conduct a census of childcare providers annually. A form is sent out looking for information on the number of places you provide, the number of children you can cater for and so on. The basic details of your service are uploaded our website to allow parents to search for childcare providers in their area – a great way advertise your service. The rest of the information is used by us to monitor childcare provision in the county, where the gaps and needs are and also where there is a plentiful supply. This information can be very useful when planning the development of new services.

We are also required to send details of the number of services and the number places available broken down into sessional part-time and full time to the OMCYA. Unfortunately sending forms through the post only results in a 50% return rate so we lacking accurate up to date figures. Therefore the CCC staff who are responsible for geographic area will be making an appointment to see you to collect this information to face.

This meeting will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions or discuss any issues with regard to your service. So we look forward to seeing you all soon.

QUALIFICATIONS CRITERIA FOR ECCE

To qualify for the scheme and receive a capitation of €2,450 per qualifying child, per annum, the pre-school leader must hold a certification for a major award in childcare/early education at a minimum of FETAC level 5, on the National Framework of Qualifications of Ireland (NFQI), or its equivalent, and have 2 years experience in the sector in a position of responsibility.

For a service to receive a capitation of €2,850 per child per annum, the pre-school leader must hold a childcare or early year's education related qualification at level 7 or 8 on the NFQI and have 3 years experience working in the sector. Pre-school assistants in these services must hold a qualification equivalent to FETAC level 5. Sessional services within day care services can also avail of the higher capitation rate.

A major award is a qualification with a large volume of knowledge, skill, and competence associated with it. This is distinct from the smaller pieces of learning (called minor awards) which go to make up a major award. For example, the FETAC (FAS) Level 5 Major Award

Certificate in Childcare has 9 modules which must be successfully completed by the learner whereas the FETAC (NCVA) Certificate in Childcare Level 5 has 8 modules. Any one module on its own is a minor award. See www.fetac.ie/guide/dchsc.htm for more information on FETAC Level 5 Childcare. For the first two years of the scheme, there will be some interim arrangements with regard to the qualifications requirement for the lower capitation rate. The person who qualifies under these interim arrangements must agree to become qualified to a minimum of a level 5 (major award) in childcare/early childhood care and education by September 2012. In the longer term, a level 6 qualification will be required for the Leader. FETAC Level 6 Major award is made up of 4 mandatory modules and 1 other level 6 module or 2 approved level 5 modules. See www.fetac.ie/modules/DCXXX.html for more information on the Advanced Certificate in Supervision in Childcare. Valid evidence of childcare staff's certification and experience will be required at contract stage.



SWINE FLU!

If you have any concerns regarding the H1N1 Virus (Swine Flu) please contact the HSE on

1800 94 11 00

Also information on signs, symptoms and policies are available on www.hpsc.ie

INCLUDING CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES IN YOUR SERVICE

A day long series of workshops entitled 'Including Children with Disabilities in your service' will be held for childcare providers in West Cork this November. The speakers will include a Psychologist, Speech & Language Therapist, Social Worker and Occupational Therapist. This will be a unique opportunity for childcare providers in the area to improve their knowledge and develop skills to include children with disabilities in their service thus enabling children to reach their full potential. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first service basis. This is a joint initiative between the Cork County Childcare Committee and Co-Action West Cork. Dunmanway office on 023 8855962 for more information or to reserve a place.

HOW TO POSITIVELY PROMOTE THE IRISH LANGUAGE

Last year a pilot initiative was carried out in North Cork promoting the use of the Irish Language within preschool settings. Following on from the success of this initiative; Cork County Childcare Committee will provide similar training this October in Dunmanway. This training will involve three half-day facilitated workshops involving two core members of staff from a limited number of services. Each service involved will receive a resource pack, follow-up visit and participate in an evaluation. For more information contact Cork County Childcare Committee on 023-8855962.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY Annual Cork County and Cork City Childcare Conference 14th November 2009 Imperial Hotel, Cork 9.30-3.30 further details will follow soon.

BALLINCOLLIG CHILDCARE NETWORK

Hosting a storytelling and puppetry workshop in the Westgate Foundation Ballincollig on Thursday 22nd October at 8pm. Contact our Dunmanway Office on 023 8855962



FOCUS GROUPS NEEDED

To help us increase the amount of physical activity in people's every day lives the Department of Health and Children and the Health Service Executive recently launched The National Guidelines on Physical Activity for Ireland - 'Get Ireland Active'. The Health Promotion Department in HSE South are currently developing supports and resources to enable pre-school providers include physical activity that is developmentally appropriate, safe and most importantly fun in their curriculum. Health Promotion Officers are keen to have input into the development process from pre-school providers and hope to hold some focus groups in the forthcoming months across the county. If you are interested in attending one of these discussions or would like to find out more about promoting physical activity in young children, please contact **Clare Deasy, Health Promotion Officer for Physical Activity on 021-4921641.**

ECCE 2010 IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Was your child born between 2nd February 2005 & 30th June 2006?

You are eligible for a free preschool place from January 2010.

Was your child born between 2nd February 2006 & 30th June 2007?

You are eligible for a free preschool place from September 2010.

VERIFYING YOUR QUALIFICATIONS

If you have a UK childcare qualification, use your certificate as a launching pad for your research into its status. This will have the awarding body, the name of the course and the year. Then you can either contact the awarding body, or check the internet to get details of your award.

"<https://secure.cwdcouncil.org.uk/eypqd>"<https://secure.cwdcouncil.org.uk/eypqd> This is a user-friendly way to search for your qualification.

In the Title/Keywords section type in the full title of your qualification or key words from it; choose the awarding body from a drop down list and select the level from the options given. Click on "find matching qualifications" and your qualification will come up. Follow the link and you will get details of the qualification.

Another site for this purpose is "<http://www accreditedqualifications.org.uk/index.aspx>"www accreditedqualifications.org.uk/index.aspx This is more technical but it also gives details of qualifications and gives contact details for awarding bodies in the UK.

When you have gathered all the information

you can about your UK qualification, check it against the enclosed Qualifications Can Cross Boundaries brochure which gives an indication of how you can compare UK, Northern Ireland, Scottish, and Welsh qualifications with the National Framework of Qualifications of Ireland. You should include this information at contract stage. The OMCYA will then notify you whether or not this qualification is considered comparable to a Level 5 or Level 6 Major Award.

If your qualification is from abroad (outside the UK, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales), provide as much information as possible to the OMCYA at contract stage, including the name of the awarding body and the institution in which the qualification was attained. The OMCYA will refer this information to the appropriate authority which will provide advice to the OMCYA on the status of your qualification.

FETAC may grant module credits for certified learning in childcare achieved through an awarding body that is recognized in the country of origin and that is at the same or higher level of learning as the award being pursued in Ireland.

QUALITY AWARENESS PROGRAMME FOR CHILDMINDERS

This is training for childminders consisting of 5 modules delivered over 10 hours will be held in the following areas:

BALLINCOLLIG
Thursday 8th October
Westgate Foundation
(5 Thursdays)

DUNMANWAY
2nd November
County Childcare Offices
(5 Mondays)

GLANMIRE
17th and 24th October
Vienna Woods Hotel
(2 Saturdays)

NORTH CORK
Date and venue to be confirmed

CARRIGTWOHILL
26th September and
3rd October
Venue to be confirmed
(2 Saturdays)

For Dunmanway and Ballincollig contact our Dunmanway office on 023 8855962 and for the Glanmire, North Cork and Midleton contact our main office on 022 23880