

We are excited to announce the dates for the groups that will be run at The Stepping Ahead Clinic in 2017! The groups will be facilitated by our experienced therapists in our bright, spacious clinic, with an emphasis on building skills as well as having fun with peers!

#### **DATES**

January 2017

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Social Skill Groups (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50 minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Tuesday

Time: 15:00- 16:00pm Age Group: 5- 6 year olds.

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy and Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists)

18<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Social Skill Groups (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Wednesday Age Groups:

8-9 years old (16:00-17:00pm) 10-12 years old (17:30pm-18:30pm)

Therapists: Cliona O' Donovan (Speech and Language Therapist) & Ann Dunne (Occupational

Therapist)

16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Study Skills (Duration: 6 weekly sessions + a follow up session: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Thursday

Time: 17:30pm- 18:30pm

Therapists: Aisling Deasy and Jessica Kennedy (Occupational Therapists)

Outline: This group is for students in the Junior Cycle of Secondary School (1st-3rd year) and

aimed at developing effective study skills.

**April 2017** 

18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Camp ( Duration: Tuesday- Friday for 2hours each day)

Cost: €240

Time: 09:30am- 11:30am

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy, Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists) & Seamus O' Connor

(Fitness Instructor)

Outline: Our Easter Camp will focus on developing a child's fine and gross motor skills, social

skills and team- work through fun Easter themed activities and exercises.

26<sup>th</sup> April

**Handwriting Groups** (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Wednesday

Time: 14:30- 15:30pm; (Script Formations: Senior Infants/ 1<sup>st</sup> class)

16:00- 17:00pm; (Cursive Formations: 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup>)

Therapists: Aisling Deasy and Ann Dunne (Occupational Therapists)

Outline: Our handwriting groups will focus on developing the child's hand strength, letter

formations and written presentation.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017

Primary School Readiness (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Tuesday

Time: 14:30pm- 15:30pm

Therapists: Cliona O' Donovan (Speech and Language Therapist) & Jessica Kennedy (Occupational

Therapist)

Outline: Developing key skills before transitioning into Junior Infants.

Secondary School Readiness (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Tuesday

Time: 16:30pm- 17:30pm

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy and Aisling Deasy (Occupational Therpists)

Outline: Feel prepared for September with this six week group which aims at developing the

skills necessary for a smooth transition to secondary school.

4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017

Summer Camp ( Duration: Tuesday- Friday for 2hours each day)

Cost: €240

Time: 09:30am- 11:30am

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy, Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists) & Seamus O' Connor

(Fitness Instructor)

Outline: Our Summer Camp will focus on developing a child's fine and gross motor skills, social

skills and team- work through summer themed exercises and activities.

#### October 2017

4<sup>th</sup> October

**Social Skill Groups** (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50 minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Wednesday Age Groups:

7-8 years old (16:00-17:00pm) 9-10 years old (17:30pm- 18:30pm)

Therapists: Cliona O' Donovan (Speech and Language Therapist) & Jessica Kennedy

(Occupational Therapist)

5<sup>th</sup> October

Handwriting Group (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Thursday

Time: 16:00pm- 17:00pm

Age Group: Cursive Formations (2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> class)

Therapists: Aisling Deasy and Ann Dunne (Occupational Therapists)

Outline: This group aims at helping students master the foundational steps of handwriting through individual support around letter formations, pencil grasp, hand strength, written

content and presentation.

Study Skills (Duration: 6 weekly sessions + a follow up session: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Thursday Time: 17:30- 18:30pm

Therapists: Aisling Deasy and Ann Dunne (Occupational Therapists)

Outline: This group is for students in the Junior Cycle of Secondary School (1<sup>st</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> year) and

aimed at developing effective study skills.

31st Oct- 3rd Nov

Halloween Camp ( Duration: Tuesday- Friday for 2hours each day)

Cost: €240

Time: 09:30am- 11:30am

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy, Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists) & Seamus O' Connor

(Fitness Instructor)

Outline: Our Halloween Camp will focus on developing a child's fine and gross motor skills, social

skills and team- work through theme based exercises and activities.

# 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Handwriting Group (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Tuesday

Time: 14:30pm- 15:30pm

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy and Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists)

Age Group: Pre-writing and script formations (Infants- 1<sup>st</sup> class)

Outline: This groups aims to help master pre-writing skills, encourage correct letter formations

and develop hand strength.

Social Skill Groups (Duration: 6 weekly sessions: 50 minutes)

Cost: €240 Day: Tuesday Time: 16:30- 17:30pm Age Group: 5- 6 year olds.

Therapists: Jessica Kennedy and Sarah Kennington (Occupational Therapists)

Due to limited spaces, places will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you are interested in any of the groups for your child please contact us at the Stepping Ahead Clinic on 021 4304822 or e-mail: info@steppingaheadclinic.com.

There are also other groups available at the Stepping Ahead Clinic with Seamus O' Connor; Paediatric Fitness Instructor!

### Seamus O'Connor: Paediatric Fitness Trainer

**Kidzercise** is specifically designed Paediatric Fitness Training. It was purposefully created by our Fitness Instructor in consultation with Paediatric Occupational Therapists at this clinic. With extensive experience working with children and teenagers with special needs, the aim of Kidzercise is to develop a child's strength, fitness, core muscle tone, posture and training in recreational and sporting activities. Kidzercise supports the child in having fun, developing social skills and peer interaction which improve self- confidence and motivation. Parents have reported that following this specific fitness intervention, their child's attention, concentration and ability to focus on learning had greatly improved. Duration: 10 weekly sessions.

Cycling lessons are completed in 1:1 sessions.

**Sensory & Motor Groups/Joint Sessions:** Facilitated by Seamus and an Occupational Therapist, these sessions work on developing both motor skill development and sensory processing. These groups are formulated on a need's basis; please contact the clinic for further information.

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