

BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...January 2018



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Parents Interaction Days

Do you have a learning experience that you could share with our children?
Would you like to create play dough?
Why don't you come along to our nursery and during the day to learn something new with your child. If this is something that you are interested in, please speak to a member of staff within the play rooms.

Fees and Nursery Holidays

As stated in our nursery contract, fees should be paid by standing order, cash or debit/credit card. Card payments can be taken over the telephone. If paying monthly, your fees should be paid by the 5th of the month. If paying weekly, we ask that payment is made one week in advance.
Fees are payable when your child is absent due to sickness or holiday. Full time children will be given a refund on our four-day closure at Christmas and new year. Children who attend part time will be offered alternative sessions.

Nursery Voting system

We have created a new voting system located in the entrance hall on our lower floor area, this is to allow parents to share their thoughts, feelings and ideas which relate to "How Good Is Our Early Learning and Childcare".
We are currently reviewing our closed Facebook page and have received positive feedback, many parents/carers have voted yes to reopen this page however we will continue to review this the month of January. Please ensure that you vote and leave comments as this will have an impact on our decisions.

Online Learning Journals

Please keep up to date with your child's learning and news via our online journal system. Learning journals are updated on a weekly basis and you can arrange to discuss any matters relating to your child's learning and development with their keyworker or senior of the department.
If you do not have access to your child's journal, you can click the link on our nursery website or please do not hesitate to speak with Kathleen.

Dates For Your Diary

- Pre-School visual screening visit on Wednesday 10th Jan at 9:30am
- Nursery Health week 15th Jan - 19th Jan 2018
- Rag bag collection 17th January 2018
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Staff News

We would like to say a huge congratulation to Joanna and her family on the new arrival of their beautiful baby boy Max.

Kirsty will be joining our owl department to further develop her knowledge of the Pre-birth to three curriculum.

Natalie will join our Monster department to develop her knowledge on new learning initiatives.

We are currently in the process of interviewing candidates for a student position for our monster department.

Training

Kelly will take part in training on 11th January - "The wonderful world of a two-year-old"

All staff will take part in training relating to children's learning and development on Thursday 30th 2018.

Seniors and management will take part in leadership and pedagogy training - Monday 15th January 2018.

Employee of the month

We would like to congratulate Lauren from our monster department for receiving Decembers employee of the month. This was for her hard work and commitment given throughout the month when supporting children, staff, and families in relation to Christmas activities and events.

Committee Teams

Please ensure that you are kept up to date with our committees by looking at our committee wall, big books, minutes of meetings and you can also attend meetings. For more information please speak with the head of the committee however if you would like to take part in a committee please speak with Kathleen.

All about me booklets and Updates

Can I please stress that it is extremely important that you complete and return our "All about me" documents for your child.

This information helps staff to plan and evaluate your child's individual needs and next steps, therefore if this document is not returned to the nursery, you will be asked to complete it during pick up and drop off times.

Our Duckling Department

Throughout the month of January our little ducklings will focus on sensory play and revamping this area with our children's exciting work. Our ducklings will be learning about different textures, smells, noises, and exploring the world of colour.

Our children will continue to develop and build new relationships, welcoming new children into the department, our ducklings will be learning out their local community, visiting places such as the library, local park etc. Our children will also take part in a variety of healthy activities for our health week.

Kay will be researching how music helps our baby's brains develop and opens ways of communicating, she will also create a music pack for families to take home and enjoy. For more information please speak with Kay.

Our Owl Department

This month our wonderful owls will be developing positive relationships with staff and their peers. Our children will be learning out animals that's live in the sea. Their colour of the month is **Blue**, and their song of the month is "12345 once I caught a fish". Our children will also take part in a variety of healthy activities for our health week.

Kirsty will be implementing "Oh Lila" into the department, encouraging our children to learn about emotions and ways of dealing with them.

If you are interested in your child toilet training, please speak with Kelly the senior of the department to make arrangements. It is extremely important that we put a plan in place to ensure your child is supported and we are following the same routine.

Our Monster Department

This month our children have chosen to learn about animals and would like to create an animal hospital in their roleplay area. The monster department will also take part in a variety of healthy activities for our health week and will enjoy celebrating Robert Burns. Our children will be learning about Banksy for the artist of the month (Banksy is an anonymous England-based graffiti artist, political activist and film director). Our children will also be working on phonics over the next six months to encourage their communication, writing skills and rhyming.

Can we please encourage our children to keep their own toys at home, we don't want any of their toys lost or broken.

Nursery Updates

We are currently painting different areas of the nursery, so far, we have repainted our two front entrances upstairs, and downstairs, parents room and our front hall way.

We will continue painting our back stairwell and will start decorating our duckling department.