

# BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...July 2018



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## 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. We have now introduced "Home Achievements", this allows you to upload your child's achievements to celebrate with their friends.

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.

### Festival Dates for Your Diary

- Monster sports day - 18<sup>th</sup> July @ 10am
- Ducklings and owls sports day - 23<sup>rd</sup> July @ 10am
- International friendship day - 30<sup>th</sup> July

### Staff Training this month

- Pre-birth to three curriculum - all staff
- Curriculum for excellence - all staff
- Online journals - all staff

## Summer Wear

Due to the warm weather coming, can we ask all parents to provide their child with sun cream, sun hats and appropriate outdoor footwear. Please be mindful that our outdoor areas are for our children to learn and explore using a variety of loose parts, please ensure that your child has trousers that are knee length to keep them safe. Our children will also have the opportunity to take part in the paddling pool and lots of other fun water experiences, we ask that you provide your child with spare clothing and on the particular warm days swimwear.

### All About Me Documents

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned their child's All about me booklets, this is a great way for us to keep up to date and to support our children. Can you also ensure that when you have changed you phone number, email, or address that you up date us with this information as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

### Nursery Card Payments

From 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018 we will be charging a fee of 50p for debit/credit card payments. Please consider alternative modes of payment to avoid this additional charge, we accept many methods of payments, standing order and online banking are both easily set up. Fees can also be paid by cash however, please be mindful of your safety while carrying any large amounts of cash. If you wish to set up a direct payment from your bank please contact the office and we will provide the relevant bank details.

### Update on the flood damage

We have had inspectors out at the nursery and unfortunately the damage is worse than we first expected.

The repairs to the roof are happening over the next few days and we are working extremely hard to ensure we are as prompt with the works being carried out within the baby and monster room.

Short term the monster room will be in the large owl room 208 and the owls will move into the green room 207, the babies will still be using their other room 206. Again, sorry for any inconvenience this is causing but we are working hard to ensure the repairs are happening as smoothly and prompt as possible ensuring the safety of all staff children and parents.



### Our Duckling Department

This month our ducklings will continue to learn about animals and pets, our children will also enjoy learning about different insects as our ducklings have taken a big interest to our butterflies. Our children will be encouraged to develop their gross motor skills in a safe way, as we introduce more climbing and balancing experiences. Our children will continue to learn about sharing and taking part in group learning experiences such as schematic play and learning new songs from our song box.



### Our Owl Department

This month our story of the month will be "Rumble in the jungle", our owls will help to create a jungle in our role-play area. Our children will enjoy learning about different patterns on jungle animals, where they live, what they eat, what noise they make etc. Our children will also enjoy spending time in the sunshine in their world outdoors. Our colour of the month is **GREEN** and our song of the month is "Walking through the jungle". Over the next few weeks our monsters will be practising different races for their sports day.



### Our Monster Department

This month as all our children are enjoying their summer holidays, they will be learning about countries around the world, our monsters will investigate different types of transport, different foods, languages etc. Our children will also be learning about how to stay safe during the summer period. Our children will enjoy researching about animals that live in the sea and on the beach. We will create a holiday wall for our children to display their holiday pictures. Our story of the month is "Dinosaur starts school" as most of our children are transitioning to school after the summer holidays. Over the next few weeks our monsters will be practising different races for their sports day.

