

BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...June 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

- National Smile month
- World Environment day - Tuesday 5th
- Monsters summer trip - Thursday 14th
- Monster Graduation - Saturday 16th
- Father's Day - Sunday 17th
- Under 3s Zoo lab visit - Thursday 21st

Staff Training this month

- Early Years Conference
- UNCRC power point - All staff
- Infection Control - 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 your phone number, email, or address that you update us with this information as soon as possible. Thank you 😊

Baltimore Afterschool Care

We have an exciting visit from the Care Inspectorate on Wednesday 6th June 2018, to see the great work that is now shaping our afterschool care. We have provisionally received 32 spaces for children to attend, however we will only be picking up from Milton Bank Primary and Saint Monica's Primary at the moment. If you would like more information about this, please speak with Annette or Kathleen.

Our Duckling Department

This month our children will enjoy learning about animals and how we care for them, we have designed a Baltimore Vet in our role-play area. Our ducklings will enjoy learning sounds that animals make, encouraging their language development. Our children will also enjoy learning about caterpillars and butterflies as part of their Eco schools/bio diversity, our children will be encouraged to look after and feed their real-life caterpillars/butterflies, for more information about this please speak to a member of staff within the duckling department.

Our Owl Department

This month our children are learning about "Mrs Lathers Laundry" as their book of the month, we will have lots of fun turning our role-play area into laundrette. Our colour of the month is **RED**, and our children will enjoy developing and creating their new natural area, if you have any wooden or natural materials that you no longer need/want, we could use them for our new area. Our children will be learning about Jackson Pollock as our artist of the month, as part of our Eco committee our children will be learning about bio diversity and will have the responsibility of caring for ladybugs in their new ladybug garden, for more information please speak to a member of staff in the owl department.

Our Monster Department

This month as our monster are visiting the Zoo for their summer trip, we will be learning about different types of animals. We will research and turn our role-play area into a zoo, we will also research different countries that some of our friends will be visiting during the summer period. Our children who are attending school in August will continue practising for their graduation and discussing how we feel about going to school.

If our children can bring in any animal cuddly toys they may have to add to our Balmore Zoo. As part of our children's Eco committee they are learning about bio diversity and will be looking after new stick insects, for more information please speak to a member of staff in the monster department.

Tuesday 12th June 2018

We are inviting all our graduations to our nursery at 10am - 11am, to participate in a dress rehearsal and also for group photographs. Please confirm if you child can attend that day 😊

