

BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...March 2018



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Family Interaction Sessions

We are looking to host weekly family health and wellbeing events. This could be a Wednesday walk, a Monday healthy menu cooking class or a fun day Friday coffee and chat. These would be on offer at various times throughout the week.

Please can you detail any ideas you have below or come and have a chat with myself in the nursery. On Friday 2nd February we are inviting all grandparents to join us in experiencing a day in the life of the nursery.

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 (3.2) Family learning - Securing children's progress
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. 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.

Spanish Classes for our monster department

Our Spanish classes will start on Friday 2nd of March, if you would like you child to take part in this please ensure that payment is made before then.

Dance Classes for our Owl and Monster department

Our new dance classes start on Monday 5th March, if you would like your child to take part please ensure that you complete the consent form and make payment before Friday 2nd March 2018.

Festival Dates for Your Diary

- St. David's Day 1st March
- World book day week commencing 5th March
- Holi (festival of colour) 2nd March
- Oh, Lila training
- Mother's Day 11th March
- National science week 12th March
- St. Patrick day 16th March
- Sports relief week 19th March
- Good Friday 30th March

Staff Training this month

- Stem training - All staff
- Maths training - All staff
- First aid training - All staff
- Child protection - Kathleen
- Play on Pedals - Joseph

Nursery Pram Storage

Can I ask all parents to please fold away their prams and neatly store them in our pram cupboard as this is becoming hazardous within our entrance area.

Employee of the month

We would like to congratulate Kelly for receiving employee of the month, she is a committee member of our staff team who is extremely passionate about the individual needs of our children and families. A huge well done!

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.

Committee meeting dates for this month

- ✓ My world outdoors committee meeting - 30th March @ 10:15am
- ✓ Charity committee meeting - 9th March @ 2:00pm
- ✓ HGIOELCC Committee meeting - 21st March @ 10:15am
- ✓ Eco schools committee meeting - 13th March @ 2:15pm

Our Duckling Department

This month our ducklings will be focusing on developing their language skills by having one to one time and all together time, reading stories to recognise images. We will also learn new words by singing and using flash cards. We will also be encouraging our little ducklings to further develop their physical skills by learning to balance, crawl, walk, run, jump etc. As our department has been newly painted we will be updating our walls and areas, introducing new learning resources. Can you please ensure that you are clearing your children's mail box (outside our room door). We are promoting our outdoor area and our children are really enjoying being outdoors everyday however can we please ask that you ensure that your child has the appropriate clothing and footwear.

Our Owl Department

This month our children will help to further develop our natural area within our department, learning about different natural items that can be recyclable. We will be focusing on more physical learning experiences to develop our children's wellbeing. Our colour of the month is **ORANGE** however we will be celebrating Holi (festival of colour) this month also. We are currently getting our department painted therefore you will see new areas being developed over the next month and new wall displays.

Our Monster Department

This month our children will be learning about different dinosaurs and the history around them. Our children will be looking at a variety of different dinosaurs, fossils and visiting the museum throughout the month. Our children have also been interested in cars and different types of transport, we are hoping to visit a local garage. We are continuing to develop children's knowledge on phonics and rhyming, introducing more stem learning experiences and focusing on mathematics. Can I please ask all parents to ensure they are providing their children with two changes of clothing, wellies and a jacket, these items must be taken home at the end of the day, as the corridor is becoming hazardous with items falling off pegs, we are currently researching a better resource for this area.

