

BALMORE kindergarten NEWSLETTER...November 2020



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Online Learning Journals

A reminder to all 3-5 parents that they are no longer on the online e-journal as they have changed over to the paper copy of learning journals. This is the same layout, observations and next steps are continuously tracked just the same and is still in line with the care inspectorate requirements. This also means that the children can be involved in their own learning profiles which is the way this is all done in a council establishment.

Parents can have access to this at any time they wish however these cannot leave the nursery until the children leave which they will then receive it home with them. Staff are continuously updating these.

Festival Dates for Your Diary

- 4th Nov - Photo's Day
- 5th Nov - Guy Fawkes Day
- 10th Nov - World Science day
- 11th Nov - Remembrance Day
- 13th Nov - World Kindness Day/Children in need
- 14th Nov - Diwali
- 20th Nov - Universal Children's Day
- 26th Nov - Thanksgiving
- 30th Nov - St Andrews Day

On Friday 13th November we will be having a pyjama day for Children in need this is purely for fun for the children so no need for donations

On Thursday 26th for Thanksgiving we will be having stars and stripes day if your child can wear something with stars or stripes 😊

On Monday 30th November for St Andrew's Day we are asking all children to wear something **Blue**

News

We would like to say a big congratulations to **Lucy Miller** and **Samantha McManus** who have completed their SVQ level 3 training and are now qualified members of staff within Balmore Kindergarten



All About Me Documents

Can I thank all parents who have filled in an all about me for their child/children these are very important and it is a great way for us to keep up to date and to support our children. If you have not yet received one of these if you can let us know we can get one to you to fill in.

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 😊

Winter Clothing

Due to the winter weather can we please ask that all children attend nursery with the correct outdoor clothing and wellies as our children will be outdoors in all weathers as this is big part of our Curriculum



Our Duckling Department

This month the children will be focussing on two themes, bonfire night and Thanksgiving. We will be learning about fire safety in the role play area as bonfire night is celebrated with fireworks. The sensory room will be decorated throughout the month with thanksgiving crafts and children's work. We will have our Thanksgiving feast here as well. The natural area will be used to learn about problem-solving and building with different materials as we change our resources. Our role play will be set up as a fire station and our Construction area we will have new building materials.



Story of the Month - The First Thanksgiving

Rhyme of the Month - 5 little firefighters

Colour of the Month - Yellow

We would like to ask parents if they could send in a recipe that is either a family favourite or personal favourite. This could be any course or multiple if you would like to send in more and we will make a cookbook for the children to explore.

Staff in this room are Alyssa, Siobhan, Nicole, Alyx and Joanna (am)

Our Owl Department

This month our children will be learning about Guy Fawkes, exploring the different colours of fireworks, and learning a little about firework safety. We will be welcoming new friends who will be transitioning into our room. We will continue to develop our knowledge of shapes and numbers. We will also be developing our independent skills and fine motor skills.



Story of the Month - The Gruffalo's Child

The colour of the Month - Blue

The staff in this room are Stacey, Samantha and our new trainee Sophie who will be starting with us in next couple of weeks

Our Little Penguin Department

We would like to welcome and settle our children into the little Penguin room we are very excited. Throughout this month we will be exploring our areas within the room and doing lots of creative artwork for our walls. We are going to be exploring flowers, herbs and learning the names of various garden insects/animals looking into what they eat and their habitats.

Story of the Month - Up in the garden and down in the dirt
Song of the Month - There is a worm at the bottom of the garden

Colour of the Month - Green

Artist of the Month - Gustav Klimt



Staff in this department are Patricia Lucy and Billiejo

We would like to ask parents if it is possible to bring in full outdoor waterproof suit and wellie boots for children as we are coming into winter and our children will be fully involved in outdoor activities., Thank You 😊

Our Big Penguin Department

This month our children will be exploring all things relating to Autumn. We will be looking at the change in weather and what happens with some animals going into hibernation.

Activities we will be taking part in throughout the month relating to festivals and celebrations:

Bonfire night - We will be learning about firework safety

Remembrance Day - We will be making poppy wreaths

World Science Day - We will be doing different science experiments using various materials

Diwali - We will be designing our own mandala art

St Andrews Day - We will be exploring all things Scottish

Story of the Month - Tree

Song of the Month - Autumn leaves are falling down

Colour of the Month - Blue

Artist of the Month - Steven Brown



Staff in this department are Kelly, Charlene, Kirsty (am) and we are taking on a new trainee over the next few weeks

Employee of the Month

We would like to say a big well done to Siobhan Riding for receiving Employee of the month. Siobhan received this for her great strength in teamwork within her role in the little Ducklings department 😊



CONGRATULATIONS!

Class Birthdays

Ducklings

Chloe Henderson - 9th Nov, Layla Deary - 12th Nov, Gracie Crooks - 20th Nov

Owls

Karter Dougan - 25th Nov

Small Penguins

Jack Reid - 1st Nov

Penguins

Oliver Zakraewski - 2nd Nov

