

# NEWSLETTER...May 2017

**BALMORE**  
kindergarten



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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.

## Dates for your diary

- **Photographer** will be taking pictures of our children on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017** - If your child does not attend nursery on this day, allocated time slots have been arranged.
- **Children's Graduation** will be on **Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2017** - Unfortunately due to the high number of children attending school this year we cannot change the date, however if your child cannot attend their graduation, we will be hosting a dress rehearsal for our children to still be able to celebrate their day.
- **Parents evening** is **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017** - Children who will be attending school in August will have a transition document on parent's evening to read, which will be then be given to their school.

## Staff Training

Maths champion training on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2017 - Kirsty Macdonald

## Children Leaving to go to School in August

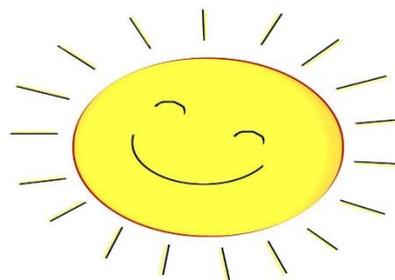
We would appreciate if you could let the office know, what date your child will be leaving the nursery. This is to ensure we update our NAMS system for Glasgow City Council and can be organised for your child's last day.

### Toilet Training and Spare Clothes

Can I please ask that all spare nursery clothing is returned to the nursery as we seem to be low on clothing. If your child is toilet training, can you please ensure you have provided enough clothing for your child that day.

### Monster Summer Trip

We are currently organising our summer trip however we are still finalising the venue, coach etc. Ideally, we are looking to arrange the trip for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017, more information will be available soon.



### Summer Lunch Time Menu

After receiving positive feedback from children and families we have now designed a new summer menu. Our new lunch menu will be available from your child's "Have you got mail?" from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May and the new lunch will start on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

We have also used information and guidelines from "Setting the Table" document.

### Inspection Information

As you may know that we recently had our Care Inspectorate inspection and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and staff for their hard work, commitment, and feedback, as this allows us as a centre move forward and work towards positive outcomes for our children.

Our report has yet to be published however we will inform you when this happens, in the meantime please see our grades below:

Care and Support - 4  
Environment - 5  
Staffing - 4  
Management and Leadership - 4

Care Inspectorate use a six-point grading scale, which works in this way: Grade 6 – Excellent Grade 5 – Very good Grade 4 – Good Grade 3 – Adequate Grade 2 – Weak Grade 1 – Unsatisfactory

 **well done**

### Finances

Please note if you have any questions regarding finances please speak with Emma, our office adman.

[emma@balmorekindergarten.co.uk](mailto:emma@balmorekindergarten.co.uk)

Emma will be in the office on Mon, Tue, Thru and Fridays between 8:00am - 1:30pm

### Policy Information

We are currently updating some of our policies and procedures regarding, we will keep you updated with any changes or you can speak to Kelly (Head of the policy committee).



### Our Duckling Department



This month our little duck have been developing their crawling and walking skills, allowing our children to take part in risky play. Our book of the month id called "Mummy, I love you".



### Our Owl Department



This month our little owls have been developing their independence and have been given responsibility during the day. Our children will also be learning caring for others and doctors.



### Our Monster Department



This month our little monsters will be learning about phonics and the sounds of letters. Our children have already been discussing and deciding what they would like to do at their graduation and have been practising this ever since. Our children will also be learning about different famous artists and why being creative is important in our lives.

### Outdoor Play and Learning

Here at Balmore Kindergarten we have a strict outdoor policy, which we offer our children of all ages to participate in three hours of physical play and learning. Can we please remind parents and carers to provide your child with sun cream and sun hats?