



As you will be aware, the nursery was recently inspected by the Care Inspectorate. We received excellent feedback and a report will follow soon. We will keep you posted about this! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your comments, evaluations, suggestions, and feedback about the work of the nursery. The Inspector highly praised the way in which parents, staff and children work together to ensure the best care and education for all the children at Balmalloch Nursery. Thank you!

**Over the past month we have been very busy:**

Finding out about Minibeasts. We sorted bugs into different categories such as those with wings, those with 8 legs and those which fly. We also built a bug hotel in the garden! We watched video footage of different bugs and we learned what jobs different minibeasts do in nature. We visited Amazonia and were excited to see and touch many real life Minibeasts!

**Last month we asked you "what evidence do you have that your children are developing a positive attitude to their learning?"**

YOU SAID... "My child is curious now. He loves to look at things, feel things and try out things. I've noticed this since he started nursery." "Photographs, drawings, paintings...show how they are achieving and progressing." "Conversations with children relay what they've learned." "Learning Superstar wall celebrates successes."  
THE CHILDREN SAID... "I learned that you have to share...that's good because everyone is nicer." "I like learning 'cause then I will be a bigger girl." "I've learned letters and when I'm bigger I'm going to read Max's Stinky Socks!"  
WE DID... use the new Talking and Thinking Puppets (Rupert and Poppy) to encourage children to reflect on their own learning.

 **Please remember to check the cloakroom learning wall to find out what your child wishes to learn about THE OLYMPIC GAMES**

*At nursery the children are now wanting to learn about: The Olympic Games*

*At nursery we will:* find out about the customs and culture of countries participating in the Olympic Games, discover some of the sports which will occur, find out about athletes and how they train, learn about healthy lifestyles.

*At home you and your child could:* watch footage of the Olympic Torch relay, spend time looking at and discussing the Olympic website ([www.rio2016.com/en](http://www.rio2016.com/en)) Visit the local sports centre to try out some of the sports on offer or try out some healthy recipes like the athletes eat! (<http://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/eat-athlete>)

**Items from home that you helped children to collect for their folders:**

- Aiden brought photos from his parents' wedding
- Holly G brought photos of a trip to Summerlee Museum and Easter Egg rolling!
- Matthew brought photos of a trip to Beatrix Potter's garden, photos of cooking, a photo of a frog and a great photo of meeting Spiderman!

**Our School Blog**  
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/balmalloch>

On the Blog above you will find photos of activities which the children have particularly enjoyed. We update this regularly. The monthly newsletter is also uploaded at the beginning of each month, so all relevant information and dates are available on the blog in addition to your paper copy of the newsletter. The results of our recent parent survey are now on the blog.



### Parenting Corner!

Thank you for your support on managing tricky behaviours outbursts. Attached to this newsletter is an ideas sheet full of your great advice.

This month's discussion: **how to involve children in food preparation and cooking**

Research has shown that involving children in meal planning, shopping and cooking leads to children eating healthier foods, children joining in mealtimes and children feeling a sense of achievement.

Please use the tear off slip below to share any advice and tips you may have on how to involve children in the preparation of food.



### Learning Superstars Wall

**Another wonderful month of learning superstars!!! Your children are AMAZING!**

- Rose ate ALL her steak pie
- Jayden made his own breakfast
- Neve slept in her own bed all night
- CJ put his Pyjamas on himself
- Olivia made her 'promise' at rainbows
- Lillie helped granny look after her little sister
- Grace learned to thread a sewing needle
- Jamie made his own breakfast and ate it ALL
- Caitlin dressed herself and brushed her teeth
- Jessica got herself all ready for nursery
- Georgia was very brave at the doctors
- Thomas is doing very well at toilet training
- Rebecca completed some tricky jigsaws

### Graduation Ceremony and Summer Concert



All nursery children will enjoy a graduation ceremony on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. The ceremony and show will take place in the main school hall at 10.15am and 1.30pm. The children will then perform their summer show "All About Me". Parents and carers are then invited back to the nursery for some refreshments with the children. We hope you can all join us for this happy event.

### This Month's Transition activity:



The preschool children will begin a topic on a Julia Donaldson book. This topic will then continue into Primary One in August to aid the children in a smooth transition to the school environment.

### Travelling Teddies (their photo is on the blog!)



We have four travelling teds looking for a holiday! Your child may like to choose one to take on holiday with them. And, if you take a photo of them on holiday we will display this on the Travelling Teds board. So far, the teddies have been to Tenerife, Australia, Blackpool, Pettycur Bay and Mijas Costa in Spain! Where's next?

### Dates for your diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> June - Primary One Induction Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> June - Graduation and Summer Concert
- 29<sup>th</sup> June - Main school closes for holidays at 1pm

### A thought for the month...

*"By allowing your children to take risks, you are empowering them to grow brave and sure."*

<http://www.earthskids.com/empwr.aspx>

### Child Development Research

We are delighted to announce that the nursery has been selected to take part in a research project based on how children play games. This will take place during the week of 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### Snack Money

Please Note - If any snack money is due please could this be paid by Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June as this is the last day Mrs Stark will be in nursery to collect this. Thank You



My top tip and advice on **children's involvement in food preparation:**

My suggestion for next month's Parents' Discussion topic is: