

Balmalloch Nursery Newsletter January 2020



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Thought for the month *"Children must be taught how to think, not what to think"*
Margaret Mead

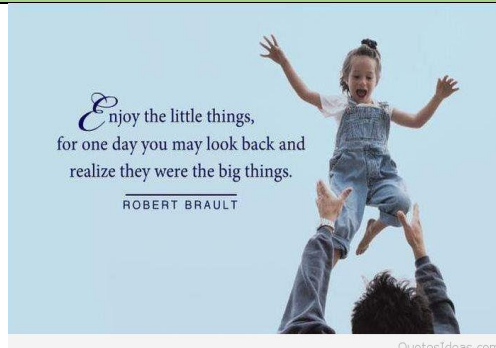
OUR NURSERY COMMUNITY

This month's discussion

We have now been providing lunch for the morning children for a few weeks and are keen to have some feedback. There will be a jar in the cloakroom to say what you think about this service. We appreciate your co-operation with this and want to provide lunch in a relaxed and co-operative way.

Last month's discussion...

We asked if you are aware of policies and procedures in nursery. Feedback was very positive and showed that as parents you are aware of the nursery handbook and our policy folder.



LEARNING ABOUT...



We are currently consulting with the children following the Christmas Holidays to find out what they would like to learn about next. Please check the BLOG, Twitter and the Wonder Wall in the coming weeks to discover what we're going to be learning about in the nursery this term.

FAMILY FUN BAGS & LENDING LIBRARY

The children's lending library and fun bags will begin again on THURSDAY 16th January. Mr Cairns will be running this. Children will be able to choose either a book, a fun bag or a SHANARRI bag. They will have the chosen item for one week, returning it the following Wednesday. Any help to run this is always welcome.

KILSYTH FOODBANK

Kilsyth Community Food bank would like to express their gratitude for the very kind donations over the festive period. The collection point remains in nursery throughout the year and your help is always appreciated.



MAKATON SIGNS

The Makaton signs for this month are going to be Mum, Dad, Milk and Play. The children are also going to be learning the Signs for all staff members. Keep an eye on Twitter and our amazing children will demonstrate the signs for you.

Parent Conferences: Mon 3rd Feb to Fri 7th Feb

Staff will be meeting with parents/carers to set children's next SHANARRI targets and to discuss children's progress. These meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 4th February. Your child's keyworker will approach you to arrange a suitable time.

Woodland Adventures

Letters will be distributed soon to the group of children invited to attend the next block of Woodland Adventures, beginning on Wednesday 18th March.

There are more 6-week blocks planned for later in the year.



YELLOW GROUP Stay & Play Day

On Thursday 6th February the yellow group parents are invited to join their children for a fun filled day in Nursery. If this day is not suitable please speak to Mrs Ross who will be happy to arrange an alternative day with you.

January Transition Activity



Monthly Transition to School Activity

Primary One will be attending the nursery to read a story to their nursery friends. We look forward to seeing our friends.

SOLIHULL PARENTING COURSE

Our next Solihull Session 'Understanding Your Child', starts on Friday 10th January and will run for 10 weeks. Mrs Chambers and Mrs Merrick are looking forward to working closely with the parents who have expressed an interest.



If you want to know more about Solihull please speak to any member of staff.

North Lanarkshire Council, have an online code which would allow parents to complete the Solihull Course in their own time.

Snack, Activity & Toy Fund

The cost of this per week is £2 and is collected by Mrs Stark every Tuesday in the nursery. If you wish you may instead choose to pay per term or for the whole year.

If you have an amount outstanding it would be good if this could be paid as soon as possible.

Please speak to Mrs Stark for Amounts. Thank you

Dates for your Diary

Solihull Course	Friday 10 th January - Friday 13 th March 2020
Parent Meetings	Monday 3 rd February- Friday 7 th February 2020
Yellow Group Stay & Play	Thursday 6 th February 2020
February Holiday	Monday 10 th & Tuesday 11 th February 2020
In Service Day	Wednesday 12 th & Thursday 13 th February 2020
Blue Group Learning Day	Thursday 5 th March 2020
Woodland Adventures	Wednesday 18 th March- Wednesday 6 th May 2020



