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Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to send a huge thank you to everyone who has helped ensure the new changes in our setting have ran smoothly and urge you to continue to maintain social distancing with all adults at all times.

What are we learning about this month?

Achieving



This month we have continued to learn about the change in seasons as we move quickly into Autumn. The children have begun to harvest apples from the orchard and have enjoyed eating, cutting and investigating the apples alongside other seasonal fruit and vegetables. We encourage the children to use their abilities to risk assess and problem solve when using real knives, peelers and graters to investigate food while ensuring strict hand hygiene procedures are being adhered to. These experiences provide the opportunities to learn about how food and vegetables are grown, sourced and reach our plates. Alongside

the change in seasons our children's interests this year are spread across the smaller groups/bubbles. We have interests such as Mini beasts, Dinosaurs and Pirates and staff follow and develop children's learning based on their interests.

Our learning is documented throughout our planning floor books which will soon be available for you to have a look at online. We also document events and learning on your child's learning journal, nursery Blog and Twitter page @WLBEYC. Our children's learning is very much continued at home and we would love to see what you get up to outside nursery. Please use the 'Learning from Home' Tab on your child's account to send in photographs or videos. Staff can then engage with your child showing them the pictures their parents/carers have sent in.

Contacting Nursery – Telephone

As noted in our last newsletter our nursery contact number has now changed. We would recommend all parents save both numbers for contacting nursery.

Office – 01506 284963

Nursery Playroom – 01506 284965

Outdoor Clothing

As it gets colder if possible can all children have warm waterproof jackets/suits, hats, scarfs, gloves and sweatshirts or jumpers for outdoor play and activities in all weathers. Please remember that all jackets, sweatshirts and gym shoes etc should be named. It also helps if children come to nursery in their wellies. ☺

We would greatly appreciate if you could ensure that all children have at least one full change of clothing in their bags including socks and pants.



Try at Home



You will have noticed our 'Try at Home' board located at the main entrance. This board and display will give ideas to support your child's learning at home. We have started off with a baking activity using apples the children have picked from our Orchard. *When accessing the resources, if you are able to, please use the hand sanitiser available and only touch the items you will be taking home.* Don't forget to share your creations with us via Twitter or your child's

online journal account.

Parent Council - Reminder

As part of the Parent Council you would be able to work with others to support the work of our whole School Community including Balbardie Primary, Bathgate West Nursery and Bathgate Early Years Centre. The next meeting is on the **29th October at 7pm**, if you would like to attend please let us know and we will be able to give you more details.

Included



Halloween

We will be having our Halloween themed sessions on Thursday 29th October (Usual times apply). The children can come to nursery dressed up for this but in relation to our current government guidelines we cannot allow children to bring in any accessories/toys including masks with them. We will have Halloween learning experiences such as pumpkin lanterns and a Halloween walk around Meadow Park.



Online Learning Journals

Parents/Carers should now have access to view their child's online learning journal if you have returned your permission form, Please see Miss Kelly if you require any assistance in accessing your child's learning journal account. **Reminder there is now an Online Learning Journal App, please search 'Learning Journals For Parents' in your app store and download.**



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Blog & Twitter

Please follow our Twitter page **@WLBEYC** and our blog <http://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/wl/beyc/> for regular updates on our nursery learning and activities.

Illness/Covid19 Guidelines

Healthy



We would like to remind you that it is very important that all parents/ carers adhere strictly to the WLC policy and guidelines on sickness and also NHS Guidance on Coronavirus. **If your child has developed any symptoms relating to Covid 19 including coughing, high temperature, loss of taste or smell, you must not send them to nursery and seek medical advice as soon as possible.** Please note that if your child develops these symptoms during their session, staff will advise that they are collected and you seek medical advice.

West Lothian Council – Early Years Expansion

Parents/Carers are reminded that Bathgate Early Years Centre is open to children **Monday – Thursday for 50 weeks of the year**. If you have not yet returned your October requirement form could you please do so as soon as possible.

We look forward to working with you this session and please remember that we value your input and suggestions. Please feel free to speak to any member of the team if you have any concerns. Mrs Ola and Miss Kelly can arrange a chat with your child's group lady if you let them know at drop off.

Kind regards,

The Nursery Team