



# November 2020

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Dear Parents/Carers

As the nights draw in, our days become busier!

The next couple of months are going to be very eventful at the nursery with lots of activities planned for the children.

### **What are we learning about this month?**

This month the children have been continuing to learn about signs of Autumn and the seasonal changes happening around us. Many of the children have also taken an interest in keeping ourselves safe especially around fire in relation to Bonfire Night. Please take a look at our Twitter account @WLBEYC, nursery and blog to keep up to date with learning in the nursery. Please let Miss Kelly know if you need any help accessing our learning.



### **Drop off and collection update**

Thank you to everyone for their patience at drop off and collection time. We have appreciated all of your help in making the return to nursery successful. From now on as the winter months approach parents/carers will drop their child off at the front main entrance door. Mrs Murray, Miss Kelly or Mrs Ola will be waiting to welcome your child between 8am – 9am and between 1.15pm – 1.45pm. If you arrive outwith these times please press number 2 followed by the green bell, at drop off only and staff will meet you at the main entrance. (Hand sanitiser will be available prior to pressing the keypad).

### **Staffing Update**

We are delighted to welcome our new nursery practitioner Miss Cartwright who is a fantastic addition to our staff team. Miss Cartwright has been spending time getting to know our children and will now be the Pink Group's key worker and will introduce herself to parents over the next few weeks.

### **Students at BEYC**

To assist students in their studies we offer student placement opportunities at Bathgate Early Years Centre. Currently we have Miss Fleming from West Lothian College studying her HNC in Early Education and childcare who will be with us until the end of November. We are also looking forward to welcoming Miss Black from West Lothian College studying her HNC in Early Education and Childcare soon.

### **Cloakroom**

As you know our Cloakroom area is always very busy with lots of children, coats, bags and shoes. To make this easier for everyone we ask for children to come in wellies, change into their indoor nursery shoes and go home in their outdoor wellies. We ensure the children have access to outdoor play, in all weathers, each session please keep this in mind and ensure your child is prepared for all weather conditions including a full change of clothes in their bag.



### Road Safety



Our 'Road Safety Week' will run week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> November. During this week we will focus our learning on staying safe as we are out and about. We will be getting creative using digital technology to learn more from crossing patrol officers and local community police officers to emphasise the importance of keeping safe. Please see Mrs Murray for additional information.

Safe



### Parent Consultations

We are unable to hold face to face parental consultations at this time and have postponed our parent consultation date until February 2021. This date will be for all children attending BEYC and will likely be held via scheduled telephone calls with your child's key worker. In the meantime you are welcome to speak with your child's key worker at any time if you have any concerns. Please let a staff member know at pick up/drop off time or phone staff using the numbers below.

Office – 01506 284963

Playroom – 01506 284965

Achieving



### Children in Need Day

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November we are having a Pyjama day in nursery. This is a fundraiser event to support Children In Need. We would like to invite children to attend nursery wearing their Pyjama's on this day and ask that you put a donation in our collecting bucket at the front door at drop off time. If your child doesn't attend nursery on a Tuesday they are welcome to wear their Pyjama's on another day that week.

Healthy



### Snack and Lunches

In correspondence with 'Setting the Table' and 'Food Matters' guidelines we encourage children to enjoy a variety of healthy snacks and meals during their nursery session. Please see menu displayed on notice board for a daily record of snack on offer. Due to allergies if your child brings a lunch box to nursery can we please ask that you **do not** include any Peanut butter or products containing nuts including Nutella in your child's lunch.

### Nursery Questionnaire

We are so grateful to have received some of our nursery questionnaires back that were sent via group call to parents/carers. If you have trouble accessing or would like the link sent again please speak to a member of staff. We value your feedback and are keen to collate the information to help support your children attending Bathgate Early Years Centre.

*The child should experience nature 'in all its aspects –form, energy, substance, sound and colour'.*  
(Froebel in Lilley 1967:148).



Kind regards

*The Nursery Team*