

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Numicon workshop. We hope you enjoyed spending time in the playroom with your child and finding out about the new resources. The feedback we had was very positive.

The children are currently learning about Chinese New Year. They will be enjoying tasting lots of Chinese cooking and taking part in creative activities making Chinese lanterns and dragons. As this is the year of the Monkey they have also been busy making monkey masks.

STAFF NEWS

Jacqui Jack, Family Support Worker who is currently on secondment to Action for Children will be returning to her post in the nursery on 21 March. Linda Miller who is currently covering Jacqui's post will be leaving us at the end of February to take up a new post within the Council. We would like to thank Linda for everything that she has done at Blairmore and wish her well in her new post.

BOOK FAIR

We will be having a Book Fair in the nursery for one week starting on Friday 19 February. We will have a wide variety of books for sale and lots of special activities for the children to take part in. The books will be available in the Parents' Room throughout the week. Come along and browse. Have a look on the Book Fair website at bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/parents where you can see the books on offer as well as buying discount vouchers. We had our third book fair last year and it was very successful. We bought lots of new books for the nursery with the commission we received on sales.

SCIENCE FAYRE

The nursery will be taking part in a showcase which will give parents the opportunity to see how children learn at nursery and how this learning continues through Primary School and on

into Secondary School. A science fayre will be held in Notre Dame High School on Tuesday 22 March from 6-8pm. Science activities will be displayed and there will be lots of fun activities for the children to take part in. Free transport will be provided. More information will follow shortly. This event has been held over the past three years and has been very successful. Please try and come along you will have lots of fun. There will be lots to do - the Animal Man and the Owl Man will both be there as well as lots of activities from local nurseries and schools.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Last year we had Simpson, photographers in the nursery. This was very successful and everyone was very pleased with their photos.

We hope to have Mr Simpson in the nursery during March. Please complete the photography form and return by Thursday 11 February. We will decide whether to have the photographer in the nursery depending on the uptake.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE MORNING

We will be having a Fairtrade Coffee morning on Wednesday 9 March. Tea/coffee will be available all day. Donations of home baking will be gratefully received.

WORLD BOOK DAY - WEDNESDAY 2 MARCH

We will celebrate World Book Day on 2 March. Children can come to nursery dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please bring the book along as well. Children will all receive a £1 book voucher distributed by World Book Day.

PARENTS' GROUP MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Parents' Group will be held on Wednesday 17 February March at 9.00am and 12.30. Sandra

Miller from Fostering and Adoption will come along to discuss the work that they do at 9.00am. A Parents' Group meeting will be held afterwards. All new parents are welcome to attend.

FOREST TRIPS

Please leave a pair of wellies in the nursery for your child as they need them for trips to the forest and for outdoor play in the nursery garden.

CAR PARKING

Please park considerately outside the nursery. Cars must not be parked in the bus bay outside the school. A car park for use by parents is available at the bottom of Blairmore Road. There have recently been several near-misses at the bus bay. Please take care.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Monday 8 and Tuesday 9 February | Mid-term holiday |
| Wednesday 10 February | Nursery closed for Staff in-service training |
| Wednesday 17 February | Parents' Group meeting |
| Friday 19 February | Start of Book Fair |
| Wednesday 2 March | World Book Day |
| Wednesday 9 March | Fairtrade Coffee Morning |
| Tuesday 22 March | Science Fayre at Notre Dame High School |
| Friday 25 and Monday 28 March | Closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday |
| Friday 1 April | Nursery closes for Easter break |
| Tuesday 19 April | Nursery re-opens |



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