

Belmont Montessori Newsletter

September 2013

Welcome!

Hello again to all our returning families and a very warm welcome to all new families joining us this term. We hope that you have had a great summer break and enjoyed some of the great weather we have had. We expect a busy year ahead and look forward to getting to know you and your children. We hope that this September Newsletter will give you some helpful hints to help your child settle in this term.

News

We have introduced Autumn Themes, such as colours, Hibernation of the hedgehog and the squirrel. We read the story of 'The Hedgehog's Balloons' and 'The Lost Acorn'. We explored the different seasons, said goodbye to summer and welcomed in Autumn! We learnt the songs 'Summer Goodbye', 'Hello Song', 'Good Morning Song', 'Into School', 'Wide Awake Eyes', 'Lámh, Lámh Eile a hAon a dó'.

Your children have received an introduction to our Irish language from Padraic, where they learnt "Seas suas", "Suí síos", "lámha amach, lámha isteach, lámha suas, lámha síos". You should try practicing these with them at home as they really enjoyed it at school!!

In Arts and Craft:

Daily Painting is available to all; We have coloured in Autumn leaves both small and large. We coloured in an Autumn scene and a hedgehog. We created a classroom collage of an autumn tree with leaves.

Parent Notices

If you haven't yet sent in Passport-sized photographs of your child, please do so as it encourages your child to be more independent. Please label hand-towels as many children have the same ones (especially the 'character' towels). We would discourage sending in 'Frubes' as they tend to spill easily. Again, any food containing chocolate/nuts is strictly not permitted as we have some children in school with severe allergies.

We would be grateful if you could send in any of the following recyclables: old greeting cards, pringles boxes, scraps of wool, old ribbons, waste computer paper (from your home or office).

Say Goodbye:

We said goodbye to Alison who is expecting a baby girl next month. We wish Alison and her new baby the very best of luck and hope all goes well!

Random facts about the month of September:

Did you know? The Irish for September is 'Meán Fómhair' which translates directly as "middle of autumn"

The name September comes from the old Roman word 'septem', which means seven, because in the Roman calendar it was the seventh month.

Sapphire is the traditional birthstone. The traditional colour associated with the Sapphire is the deep blue however, Sapphires can be found in a variety of colours these include yellow, pink and white. Sapphires with colours other than blue are generally referred to as fancy Sapphires. The distinctive blue of the Sapphire is due to minute amounts of oxide of iron and titanium in the stone.

The zodiac signs for September are Virgo (August 23rd-September 2nd) and Libra (September 22nd- October 23rd)

Sir Alexander Fleming, FRSE, FRS, FRCS was a Scottish biologist, pharmacologist and botanist. He wrote many articles on bacteriology, immunology, and chemotherapy. He is reported to have discovered Penicillin in September 1928.

September 8th is International Literacy Day one of the first 'days' declared by the UN, going as far back as 1965. September 8th is the day that seeks to focus public opinion on the major global problem of illiteracy.

And finally September 13th is International Chocolate Day! While most of us don't need a special day to indulge what a perfect excuse!



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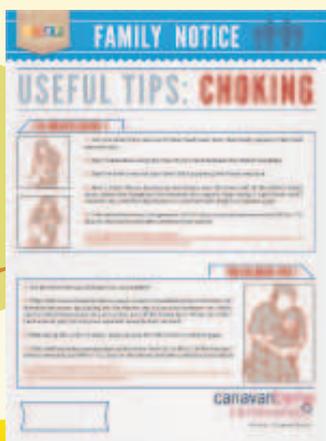
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Settling in at Preschool

For many children, starting at Preschool is the first steps towards independence and it can be a difficult time for both children and parents.

1. Brief visits to the group before you start attending will make the place and people feel familiar.
2. Be aware if there has been a disruption of routine at home. A new baby, a spell in hospital or even a long holiday this can require a settling-down period before your child tackles anything else new.
3. No one likes to race through the school morning routine - especially on the first day. So get everyone up at a reasonable hour. That way, you won't have to hurry your child as he munches through his morning meal - or risk being late because you had to tame your frazzled tot's tantrum.
4. Before starting, talk to your child cheerfully and positively about the good things that will happen at Preschool.
5. When you judge that your child is ready to be left, say goodbye. Do not be tempted to creep away while your child is occupied. This might seem easier at the time but it can cause the child to feel let down and mistrustful. For children who find parting hard, it might help to have a brief separation at first.

Don't Worry: Children develop very quickly at this age, and a child who seems unable to manage alone even for a second can have a very different attitude in a week or two. Just be calm and practical about it, reassuring the child that he or she will be able to manage soon, and helping him or her to make friends and get used to activities.



Notice Board

Check our Parent Notice Board. Every month we add a topical notice of interest to parents.



About Belmont Montessori :
Our School aims to allow the child to grow naturally, retain individuality and develop their own personality

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