



## BALHAM NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

### Weekly newsletter

Dear families,

We can't believe we are almost going into the last week of term! Next week the nursery will be open as normal until Friday. On Friday the 16th of December, all children are invited to the morning session for a Christmas party and there will be no afternoon school.

### Winter Fair

Our Winter Fair is on today, from 5-7pm. We would love it if you could join us! There will be lots of activities that are free, including a craft table, magic show and disco. We want everyone to be able to come and join the fun!

If you are able to lend a pair of hands to set up or help out during the fair, please let a member of the PSFA or Jo know.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas jumper day is on Wednesday the 14th of December. This year we are encouraging everyone to be greener by making their own Christmas jumper, by up-cycling an old jumper by using stickers, tinsel, glitter, baubles, ribbon etc. There is no pressure for you to contribute to this event, however if you would like to, please donate £1 which will go towards the nursery.

Remember we always like to hear about children's interests at home or special events. Please feel free to share a photo by emailing it to: [admin@balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:admin@balham-nursery.wandsworth.sch.uk)

At Balham Nursery we are very proud of our Gender Action Award and work hard to put gender equity at the heart of our work.

Every year we work with Gender Action students from Kings College. Our students this year are called Zihan and Zimu and they will be working with the children and staff on a project which will explore gender stereotypes and promote gender equality.

Below are some 'top tips' to support you to raise your child free from gender stereotypes:

## Raising children without gender stereotypes

- 1** Empower your child to value and respect their own body and other people's
- 2** Seek out good male and female role models in your life and theirs
- 3** Give them all the options for toys, clothes and colours
- 4** Don't presume the sex of others
- 5** Facilitate and encourage emotion including crying
- 6** Swap round sex pronouns in children's books
- 7** Model egalitarian relationships between men and women
- 8** Encourage your child to have male and female friends
- 9** Challenge prejudice and discuss with your child
- 10** Teach children that domestic work is fun and important
- 11** Teach children that DIY and practical work is fun and important
- 12** Teach children that caring work is fun and important
- 13** Never use 'girl' as an insult or threat
- 14** Don't give a little girl a compliment you would not give to a boy
- 15** Model dealing with conflict in ways other than violence or aggression
- 16** Do not glamourise weapons or violence in toys, clothing, or games
- 17** Avoid heavily gendered children's TV
- 18** Seek out female tradespeople and let your child watch them work
- 19** Facilitate and encourage physical play and expression
- 20** Watch women in sport, including team sports

Adapted with the kind permission of Dr Finn Mackay from her article *Raising Boys: The Feminist Way*

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## Parent/Carer Contact details

Please can you make sure that all your contact details are up-to-date, including your email, postal address and mobile numbers. As the weather gets colder we may need to contact you in the event of an unexpected school closure.

## Dates for your diary

Term Dates 2022		
	First Day	Last Day
Autumn 2	1st November	16th December
Winter break	19th December	2nd January
Spring 1	4th January	10th February

Please note: School **is closed** on the **3rd of January** for an **INSET day (staff training)**.