

# Kirktonholme @ The Owl and the Pussycat

## March 2010 news letter

In our 3-5 room, children have been learning about animals. Activities have included a visit to the library to research the different species and habitats, looking at endangered animals and a jungle animal hunt in the garden. The focus of our learning is on using various media for research and finding facts which will enable children to make choices and learn new things.



Also this month, children have been planting seeds and watching them grow. They have been learning to name different parts of the plants and how to care for them. During the month we are hoping to re visit the sheltered housing to look at the bulbs we planted in October.

The focus for learning in the 2-3 room is tidying up and “please and thank you”. We are having two new guests to nursery, Please and Thank You, who are very friendly owl puppets who love to help children learn good manners. There will be role play activities and stories to help children understand the importance of tidying the play area for the enjoyment of their friends.

Babies are developing their senses by participating in messy play, playing with feely boxes and sensory bottles and listening to animal sound tapes. Younger babies are developing their gross motor skills and staff are encouraging this by providing resources to encourage movement and balance. Our home links project will be starting soon and feedback from parents will be greatly appreciated.

We would like to congratulate Amber who, as a member of the Scottish Tug of War team, has recently taken part in the world championships. Well done Amber.

Our next parents’ group meeting is on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 6 pm. On the agenda is Health Promoting Nurseries, Eco schools and fund raising. All welcome.

Nursery will be closed to term time children from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April and re open on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Gillian would like to invite parents to help their child create an Easter Bonnet for our parade on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The nursery has registered to take part in The Big Brush Challenge on 18<sup>th</sup> March where all children who attend on that day will be awarded a certificate for taking part in our tooth brushing activity.

As Spring is upon us, we would like to invite parents, grand parents, aunts or uncles to help us with our planting in the garden. At the moment we are still working with the small garden area ,but negotiations are still ongoing for the purchase of more land. If you would be interested in helping the children learn about gardening and growing please speak to a member of staff.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL THOSE CHILDREN WHO HAVE THEIR SPECIAL DAY IN MARCH**