

Kirktonholme @ The Owl and the Pussycat

May 2010 news letter

As several of the children are about to become big brothers or sisters, the 3-5's have decided to revisit their baby floor book. Children will be developing their understanding of the human body as the interest this time is the growing process from babies to adult hood. Our other interest at the moment is transport and road safety. During this topic children will demonstrate their knowledge on how to travel safely and record the various modes of transport they use. A chart will be created with children learning how to gather information and record their findings. Parents will be issued with a context for learning sheet which will enable you to support your child's learning at home.



Children helping to fill back packs for Mary's Meals project

Children in the 2-3 room are focusing on keeping healthy. They will take part in lots of fun activities including taste trays, fruit and veg printing, exercise with Sticky Kids, making smoothies, hand washing techniques and practicing hand washing.

Staff will create a "keeping healthy" interest box to help sustain children's fascination.

The herbs are growing well with coriander and parsley ready for planting outside. The chives and basil are coming along and will be ready for planting soon. The whole experience has developed an awareness of growing things and extended children's curiosity on how food is produced.

This month the older babies will be focusing on sharing and turn taking during small group activities. Younger babies will be developing hand eye coordination while building with bricks, mark making with a variety of media and participating in action songs and stories. Staff are looking for shiny objects to enhance their wonder box.



Gillian, Donna and Kaleigh-Anne have attended Literacy and Numeracy training for the Curriculum for Excellence and Lynn enjoyed her training on Bringing Stories Alive for under threes. I am sure children will benefit from the knowledge gained.

A very big "THANK YOU" to all parents and staff who helped us to fill 25 bags for the Mary's Meals project. Children will meet with a representative from the organisation who will personally thank them and explain how the bags will be utilised. Watch this space for photographs of the event. We will keep you informed of our next venture to support this very worthy cause.

As the weather improves, could you please supply suncream and appropriate clothing to allow your child to play safely outdoors. A copy of our sun protection policy is available for you to view.

Our parents evening is on Wednesday 19th May 2010 from 6.15-7.45. Parents of pre school children will have a chance to discuss their child's progress and transition with key workers and all other parents are welcome to visit the playrooms and view profiles.

Could we please ask all parents to supply a change of clothes as accidents do happen and sometimes activities can be a bit messy. Aprons are supplied, but depending on the amount enjoyment, are not always effective.

Children are thoroughly enjoying the new menus, thanks to all parents, children and staff for their input. Feedback on the next steps for summer menus is displayed in each playroom.