

Kirktonholme @ Piccolo Nursery

September 2010 Newsletter

Due to Natalie Lafferty's health she has finished up early for maternity leave, we wish Natalie and the baby well. Vicki Denton joined our staff team on Monday the 23/08/10. Vicki has a SVQ level 2 and 3 qualification and has previous experience working with children. Vicki will be based in the little Rascals Room (2-3 room). Laura Colquhoun will be leaving our staff team on the 10/09/10 as she has been accepted into college and will be setting out on a new adventure. Therefore Hayley Jamieson will be joining us on the 20/09/10. Hayley has years of experience working with children and has SVQ level 2 and 3 qualification. Hayley will be working with the children in the rainbow room (0-1 room).

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS!!!

Congratulations to Pamela and David Leckie on the birth of their son Lewis born on 14.8.10.

Congratulations to Claire Kilfedder who passed her level 8-BA Childhood studies.

Well done to Maggie and the Moore family for completing the Sky ride.

Reggie will be carrying out a very important job as a page boy at his Aunt Jo-jos and Uncle Andy's wedding on Friday 17th of September.

Happy Birthday to Amy Bannister who has just turned 18 years old.

Well done to Nicola, Karyn and Claire for completing the Go-Ape adventure including a 40 foot zip slide into the forest.

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who started school, we wish you well.

To all parents, Children, staff, friends and family for helping us to complete our eco green house.

OUTDOOR PLAY

Can we ask that all children are dressed appropriately for the weather and all items of clothing are labelled. The nursery does have waterproof suits for your children however we asked that all children have a pair of wellington boots that are labelled and are stored in the nursery.

Our Eco recyclable green house is finished

Thank you to everyone for their help whether it was collecting, washing or removing the labels from the bottles. This project has been a fun adventure for children. The experience has provided a challenging numeracy experience, as the children, counted how many bottles we would need, measured the size and learned to work as a team. We will be using the eco green house to grow fruit, vegetables and seasonal flowers. Please feel free to use the eco green house or have a look in inside. It is one of our biggest art attacks yet. (Watch this space!)

We are in the process of collecting all our paper work for evidence and will be applying for our Green flag in the next few months.

Dates for your diary

Health Awareness week - 13th until 17th September

Nursery Fun Day - 18th September

Monday the 27th September 2010 - Nursery closed bank holiday.

When signing in and out can we ask parents to sign their full name instead of writing mum or dad.

Thank you

Slippers or indoor shoes.

Can we ask that parents provide children with slippers or indoor shoes for the playroom due to infection control and encourage the children to put them on before entering the room.

Saturday 18th September 2010

Nursery Fun day

1pm until 3pm

Come along and enjoy the fun.

£4.50 PER WRISTBAND FOR EACH CHILD.

Activities include: Bouncy Castle, Magic Den Magician, Face painting, Bring and buy sale, raffle, a visit from the Book Bug, hopefully a visit from the fire fighter and police officers and a range for health activities.



Rainbow and Sunshine Room

- The staff within the baby rooms will be focusing on developing children's movement and co-ordination skills. The children will be taking part in a range of large physical activities, singing and dancing.
- The visit from Linda from musical steps was a great success. The children participated well in the activities and enjoyed imitating the actions. The leaflets for classes are available within the cloak room. We are booking classes once a month for children to take part in. We will rotate the day each month to ensure all children are given the opportunity to participate. (Please check notice board for updates)
- The sunshine room are in the process of creating a song box of props to encourage children's communication and attention. If you have anything around the house that we could use please discuss this with a member of staff.
- The sunshine room and rainbow room are developing home links and parental involvement through the use of little wish bags and travelling ted which were displayed at the parents night. Please feel free to speak to staff about more information.



Little Rascals Room

- We are learning all about ourselves and the people who help us. The staff will be working closely with the children to develop their communication, curiosity and understanding of relationships and caring for others. If you have any resources or artefacts please feel free to bring them in.
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- The little Rascals staff are implementing a new sign in system for the children. This will help raise children's awareness of their name and own identity. Could we please ask parents to work along with staff to encourage the children to find their photograph and name and place it on the sign in board and removed when finishing their nursery session.



The learning Lions Room

- We are learning to (W.A.L.T) - care and show respect for others when developing relationships, through discussions, working in teams and together time. Staff will encourage the children to help each other complete tasks and through stickers and wristbands the children will be rewarded for their efforts.
- Children have shown a growing interest in the body and many children have been discussing the blood flow and how we can keep our bodies healthy. We have set up a display within the room and if you have anything at home to accompany this learning intention, please discuss with a member of staff. Over the next few weeks your children will be taking part in a variety of different baking, exercise and oral health activities.
- We will focus on the:
Story of the month: 'My family' an Aladdin/ Watts book
Song of month: 'I have a body, a very busy body.' A copy of the song words is available in your child tray.
- Staff have noticed that most children within the learning lions room are developing very good counting skills from 1 upwards however are not aware of counting backwards therefore we have been challenging the children to count back from 10 to 1 during their nursery sessions.
- Bob the builder bear will be out on his travels again - he is touring the area and having sleepovers. The focus of Bob the builder bears journey is to encourage the children to care for others and carry out health and well-being activities.
- Staff have noticed improvements in the children's writing skills and growing control of their pen, since starting the self registration. Could we please ask that when you drop your child off to nursery, that you continue to help staff by encouraging your child to collect their name from their group tubs in the cloakroom. Then they can sign in. Again at home time along with staff, encourage your child to take their name off and return to the tub as they are signing out.

Helping our children becoming confident individuals

- It is important that we ensure the children are given the opportunity to be confident and independent individuals before starting school. Therefore **please can we continue to ensure your child empties their tray on a daily basis** as some children share trays and this can cause confusion when things are mixed up. Let's continue to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongs i.e hanging up their coats, returning slippers to slipper bag etc.
ALL CHILDREN'S SPARE CLOTHES BAGS WILL BE ON THEIR PEGS TO BE RE-FILLED AND CHECKED TO ENSURE THEY STILL FIT.

Eco School Update

- We will be holding our children's eco committee meeting on Friday the 27th of August 2010. At this meeting we will discuss litter, school grounds and Health and Well-being. We will discuss the important job of an eco committee member. Our eco committee is:
Maggie Moore Erin Graham Luke Doran
Antonia Duffy Harry McGuire Reggie Wright
Scott Kirley Katie McLean

The next Children's Eco Committee meeting will be: Friday the 24th September 2010