

Little Treasures Newsletter

June 2009

Outdoor Staff Training

Jackie and Maryanne will be visiting an outdoor Nursery in Perthshire in July to further develop their knowledge of outdoor experiences that can be provided to motivate and challenge each individual child within a nursery environment. They are very excited and look forward to sharing the new ideas with the children, parents and staff on their return.

Parental Involvement

We are very grateful for all the support/ suggestions made over the past few years by many parents. As a valued part of the nursery we would like this support and suggestions recorded in a more formal method. As you know we plan responsively to the children's needs and as many of you will know we have been making many Ben 10 accessories over the past few weeks, therefore having consulted with the children this will be our new topic for however long the children are interested. This could lead in many directions such as time/watches/ clocks etc. A sheet has been placed on the parent's notice board and it would be greatly appreciated if you have any suggestions or resources you could give or lend to help the children to achieve targets set by themselves and the key workers.

HMIe Inspection

We have been notified of our HMIe inspection which will be conducted during the week commencing 15th June. The inspecting officer (Aileen Valenti) will spend a large amount of time within the playroom observing and interacting with the children. We have contacted her asking for a photograph which will be displayed within the nursery so that the children will be familiar with her before she arrives.

Health Promoting Nursery

Maryanne recently attended the Health Promoting Nursery Award Ceremony with Ross Timmons, Eva Noble and her dad, where they collected our silver award which everyone worked very hard to achieve; we will now be working even harder to achieve our Gold award. Maryanne has already started to collate some information in preparation. We will keep you updated and are always happy to receive any comments/ suggestions you may have.

Book Start

Recently we were given some rhyme time song mats from Bookstart which were given out to help in the celebration of their tenth birthday and as a little special treat we are in the process of arranging a visit from a Bookstart member of staff who will come and teach the children some rhymes. We will let you know the Date as soon as they get back to us.

Funded Sessions

All funded sessions will end on the 26th of June and will resume in August. We will inform you of the dates in next month's newsletter.

ICT

As part of our home link programme Lucas took a camcorder to his family in Sweden. When sharing his experiences with everyone he explained that his Gran also works in a nursery. We are now in the process of hopefully setting up a link with this nursery through a web cam. We strongly feel this would be an excellent opportunity for the children and if it is a success we hope to make many more links.

Graduation

The Graduation time has changed to 1.30 p.m to accommodate the children with older siblings at school.

In Service Training

We are a nursery who acknowledges all the very good practices we have in place but are also aware of the journey to excellence we are on and to be come an excellent nursery we are aware of the importance of training as a team as well as individuals, therefore we will be closing the nursery on Friday **17th July** for essential training on the Curriculum for Excellence.