

Eco News/ Meeting 22nd Feb 2012

We require some new recyclable material for our collage and junk modelling area. These can be in the form of old magazines, yogurt cartons, small boxes, kitchen roll tubes, old CD's etc. Children will be monitoring the volume of what is brought in on our chart which is in the art area as this will help the children with their numeracy skills. Also in the art area staff have developed a litter chart which will monitor the volume of litter we pick up in the garden. This will work the same way as the recycle chart with children using a stamp to record each time they bring a bag of litter in from the garden.



Children will be using recyclable material that they gather at snack and lunch time such as wrappers and cartons to make their own litter bug display. Please look out for this developing on the Eco wall at the art area.

Our Rag Bag Bin has been very successful as this month it has just been emptied for the fourth time. We would like to thank all parents in the support of this enterprise.

This month whilst working on the topic of Food and the Environment we will be looking at food made in Scotland therefore we are wondering if any parent or grandparent bake any Scottish foods with their child at home and if they do would they mind bringing in a picture or a video of them making it. This topic will be ongoing throughout the year with children tasting a variety of foods each month from a specific country around the world. The children will choose countries that they may have visited on holiday where they may have tasted different food. Parents will be informed of the country chosen in our monthly newsletter. There will be a monthly visit to Tesco or Asda where all children will get the chance to purchase food and take part in finding out about places within their local

environment. Our first visit to Tesco will take part on March 2nd and the children that will be attending this trip are Finlay A, Abigayle, Lewis and Chloe.

As part of our Food and Environment topic children will be looking at where food comes from so it is hoped that we will be able to organise a trip with some children to a local dairy farm. This will give children a better understanding of how milk, cheese and eggs are produced.



Staff from a nursery in Iceland visited our nursery on the 15th of February as they wished to see how we participate in Health promotion and also discuss our outdoor area.



As part of the Scottish Education Awards staff have sent in a nomination for the category of 'Active Nation Award'. This category recognises schools and pre schools that have developed opportunities for all children to be active on a regular basis. We will find out in March if we have been chosen as a finalist. The Daily

Record contacted us in relation to them writing and printing an article on the way we keep children active when at nursery. This article was can be found either on the nurseries Facebook page or on our achievements wall at nursery. There will also be an article in this month's Nursery World which will be displayed for parents to see.

As part of Road Safety the children have taken part in a Ziggy in Space competition where they had to design bright costumes for Andrew and Maggie who are Ziggy's friends. The children's entry can be found at:

www.gosafewithziggy.com/competition/gallery



The next Eco meeting is scheduled for May 31st at 2pm.