

# Honey Pot Nursery Autumn Newsletter

## Sports Day

A huge Thank you to everyone who joined us on our annual Sports Day! We all appreciate the time taken from your busy schedules to come along and support the nursery event. I am sure you will all agree it was a huge success, not only did the children have a great time- but the staff did too! Well Done to the **Red Team** who came in first place (although this is still debated amongst staff!), and we look forward to next year.



## Play @ Home

Our next Play @ Home sessions will be

**0-2's- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:30am**

**2-3's- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:30am**

**3-5's- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:30am**

Please feel free to come along and join in, if this is not a convenient time; you are most welcome to join us for a Stay & Play session at any time that suits you- please speak to a member of staff



## Dates for your Diary



Pre-School children will be getting their eye screening on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

We will be hosting a 'Onesie' Day on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October**, in association with the Sunday Mail. All children can wear a 'Onsie' and pay £1, all money raised is shared by 17 Scottish Charities!

We will be hosting a 'Spooktacular' Week of fun for Halloween **week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> October**.



The nursery photographer will be here on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013**. Staff will be organising times for children to have their photographs taken the week before.





### Baby Room



In our baby room the staff provide a variety of learning experiences for our youngest Honey-potters. Recently the children have been creating their harvest display- using wheat and corn to make collage pictures. The children have been exploring their sense of touch using soil and porridge oats, and exploring a variety of containers of all shapes and sizes, even putting themselves into them!!

The children had fun pretending to bathe the babies.



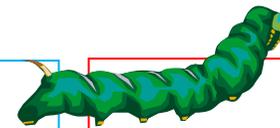
Staff would like to welcome Oliver, Ruby and Lily to the Honey-pot Luncarty.



### Tweenies

Our tweenie children have been exploring the den area in the 2-5 room, particularly using material to drape and wrap themselves (and others) up in! The children have been going on autumn walks around the village, collecting leafs, twigs and stones. This has proved to be a huge success, with lots of new words being experimented with. The children then had lots of fun making leaf prints and painting with the sticks! The tweenie children have recently been exploring objects that roll; cars in the garage area; using the pipes to roll balls down; pouring water in the water tray and much more!

After seeing a fire engine whilst on a walk the children have been exploring the colour red; hunting for things that are red, painting red pictures and bringing red items in from home for our Topic Table.



### Pre & Ante Pre-School

Our older children had a huge interest in Caterpillars, after we discovered quite a few in our cabbage patch!! We investigated using books and the internet what happens when they cocoon; we are currently still awaiting the butterflies emerging from the cocoons! This has encouraged the children to predict what may happen, and using books and technology to find out information.

The pre and ante pre-school children have been having lots of fun on their Outdoor Learning Sessions in the local woods. We have been finding shelter in the trees on the rainy days, practicing our climbing skills on the branches, and using sticks to mark make and write our names on the ground. The children have found lots of different coloured leaves on the sessions, and a variety of mushrooms- we have then used the internet to investigate what type of mushrooms we have found. This has developed into an interest about autumn and the change of season.





### Outdoor Clothing

To enable us to enjoy the outdoors in all weathers, please can you ensure your child has appropriate clothing with them at nursery at all times; this includes wellies, and a waterproof jacket.

*'There's no such thing as inappropriate weather, just in appropriate clothing!'*



### Eco-School Update



A huge thank you to everyone for collecting the plastic bottles, we now have an attic full of bottles (so please, no more!) and the next step is going to be constructing the green house!

We will be contacting other centres that have successfully done this, and also the college- hopefully some horticulture or design students may be able to help us! Again, anyone that can help, please get in touch!!



### How we are doing



The nursery endeavours at all times to continually improve practice; through self-evaluation we are able to identify areas for Improvement. This will continue to be a key priority for the forthcoming academic year, staff have become increasingly aware of how we evaluate our practice and how we can take it forward.

Our recent inspection from Care Inspectorate went extremely well; a huge thank-you to all the parents who spoke to the inspector on the day and those who took the time to complete and return the questionnaire. We were awarded 5's (Very Good) for the Quality of Care and Support theme, and for the statements in the following themes; 'We ensure service users participate in assessing the Quality of the Environment, Quality of Staff and Quality of Leadership and Management' This report will be published shortly for you to access online, or request a paper copy from the nursery if you wish.



### We Need You!!

Do you have any old picture/ photo frames that you do not use???

Do you have any small bags/ purses/ toiletry/ make up bags that you do not need?

If so, please can you donate them to nursery to support our resources for making our nursery more homely and supporting the children's play.



### Parent Feedback

If you wish to email your feedback to us please feel free to do so at- [honeypot99@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:honeypot99@hotmail.co.uk) we would appreciate your feedback on the questions below;

Do you feel the new email system works and that you are receiving relevant information?

Would you like to receive any further information regarding your child and their development?



Thank you all for your continued support!

Lindsay & all the staff

