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# BALGILL®nurseries

# Balgillo Nursery Too Newsletter

# Autumn/Winter 2013

Show and Tell

Forthcoming Show and Tell dates are; Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2013.

The children are invited to bring in something from home i.e book or toy to show and tell their group about at Group time.

Dates for 2014 will be published shortly.

#### Parent Workshop

Our first Parent Workshop was very successful and beneficial to everyone in attendance.

A special thanks to Linda Auchtorlonie our Educational psychologist for giving up her time to advise us all.

#### **Remembrance Garden**

The church have requested that all parents please discourage their children from running in front of the nursery windows on to the remembrance garden



### Stay and play session

The under 2's Stay and Play sessions have been very successful, so far parents have been involved in making play dough, gloop, ice lolly pictures and playing with the water bead's.

The sessions have been very popular but don't worry if you haven't had a chance to join in, we hope to hold a session in our under 2's once per month. These will also be rolled out into our main playroom from January 2014

#### Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who came to the service and for everyone who donated food, for the food bank this was very much appreciated.

#### Halloween week

From Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of October 2013 the children and staff have planned a range of Halloween themed activities.

Fancy dress on the days the children attend is optional but encouraged (no scary masks please) Permissions may also be sought for face painting. Now that the colder weather is here to stay we would like to advise that children come to nursery with a cosy coat, hat and gloves if possible.

The staff and children will continue to play outdoors throughout the Autumn and Winter months.

Wellies would also be useful but is unavailable the nursery may have a spare pair that can be borrowed.





## Draw string bags

We are shortly going to provide a draw string bag for all of the 2-5 children which is intended to stay at the nursery.

The draw string bags will be used to store all of the child's personal belongings and will have the child's name and symbol on them. We hope that this will minimise congestion at the peg area and any confusion over the same bags.



If you have any queries about this, please speak to a member of staff in the 2-5 team.

## Welcome

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Claire Ness who joins us as an Early Years Practitioner within our main Playroom.

We also welcome Maya and Susan who are joining us as NC and HNC Childcare Students respectively from Dundee College.



Throughout the week beginning Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013 all children and staff will be participating in a sponsored "Bounce-a-thon" Over the course of the week to raise money for Children In Need. Please pick up a sponsor form from nursery and feel free to ask staff for more details. Let's get BOUNCING!!!

# Makaton Training

All staff from both nurseries have been undertaking Makaton training to use within the nurseries, watch out at home for your child practicing the signs. It is good fun!

# McMillian Cancer Donation

I know this charity means a lot to many of us so we would like to support this worthy cause by making donations. These donations will be made up into small shoe boxes which will be sent to children in Romania. So, in time for you Christmas clear out, it's the perfect time to donate any unwanted children's clothes, small toys, toiletries, stationary or arts and craft materials.

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