



# CAIRNDOW COMMUNITY CHILDCARE

## Newsletter April / May 2011

### Important Dates

- Centre **Closed** 21st , 22nd, & 25th April ( Easter weekend)
- Centre closed 2nd May & 5th May
- **Pre school returns** 3rd May
- 14th & 15th May Loch Fyne Food Fair
- 18th May photographer

### Thankyou!

A message from Janet to say thankyou to all those who are labelling their children's packed lunches it saves so much time in the morning!

### Smart Board

We are delighted with our new Smart Board which we were able to buy after a kind donation from the Scottish Salmon Company. The children are really enjoying their new ICT experience!



### Loch Fyne Food Fair 14th and 15th May

*This is our biggest fundraiser of the year so we need donations of jars and bottles for our tombola please—we need to make it a good one this year given the ongoing funding cuts so your support is much needed and appreciated.*

*Many hands make light work, so please sign up to help run our tombola and coconut shy for just an hour or 2 over the weekend!*



### Police Visit

Thanks to PC Greg Jamieson( cooper's Dad) who came in to visit us. The children really enjoyed having their finger prints and photos taken and loved exploring the police car!



### Photographer

The Nursery photographer will be visiting us on Wednesday 18th May. Siblings, Relatives and friends are also welcome to come in for their photos to be taken



# NEWS FROM THE FLOOR

## PRE SCHOOL NEWS

During April we have been learning about the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'

We learnt about the life cycle of Butterflies and did lots of craft activities including hand and footprint butterflies. Health and Wellbeing is an important part of our curriculum and the children helped to make our new

'we are fit and Healthy' Wall which is in the snack area. The children have enjoyed making their own healthy snacks especially the strawberry yoghurt smoothie drink which they made with Janet!

In May we will be thinking about 'What's in the Garden' Those children who will be moving on to school in August will be having their Liaison visits to their new P1 classes and we will let you know the dates of the visits shortly

## TWEENY NEWS

In March the Tweenies have been busy having fun learning about things we find in the Garden!

We have been digging the soil looking for bugs, and we had great fun finding different textures and feeling for 'snakes' in Jelly.,

The children found different ways to move around like bugs.

We have learnt some new songs about Bumble Bees, and growing seeds.

Our display has been excellent as the children discovered different painting techniques like sponge painting, painting with soil and making spaghetti 'worm' prints. In April we are thinking about Spring colours.

We have been making texture pictures using rice, powder paint, potato printing and toothbrush painting .

For Easter we will be making fluffy lambs and Easter chick collages

## BABY NEWS

We are focussing on green and yellow this month and have been very busy with our painting activities using different techniques. Like sponge painting, toothbrush painting and finger painting.

Next month's theme is going to be messy play. Please can you ensure that your child has a spare set of clothes in their bag.

The weather is getting warmer at long last. So all children should bring a sun hat and sun cream everyday—please make sure everything is labelled.

We are delighted with our new baby room, the children love the drapes and twinkling lights!

Welcome to baby Ollie who has just joined us!