

Nile Grove Playgroup at Greenbank

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new academic year of playgroup and our first newsletter. As the October holiday approaches we hope you all enjoy the break and we look forward to another fun filled term when we resume.

Best wishes, Nile Grove team x

Firstly...

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge welcome to all the new parents and children who have joined playgroup this term. Hopefully most of your children will be settling into playgroup and you are all enjoying the experience.

As most of you will be aware the playgroup's administrator had a close family bereavement at the start of the term and was absent unexpectedly. We thank you all for your patience and understanding during this time whilst the staff and committee covered Kirsty's tasks. We are very glad to have Kirsty back with us and administration will be back to normal shortly.

From the boys and girls....

This term we have been learning about our friends and family, taking turns and sharing our toys. We have played with gluck, play dough, rice, sand and water. On one of our new notice boards there are pictures we have drawn and painted. There is now a 'Happy Birthday' board with all our photographs and the months we were born.

Last week we all had fun making spiders by painting our hands and sticking legs on to egg box cartons which we had painted black.

We didn't bring them home as they are going to be displayed in the Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home shop on Morningside Road. This is a joint team venture with two Edinburgh charities i.e. The Edinburgh



Important Dates

End of Term

Friday 14th October

Start of next Term

Tuesday 25th October



Dog and Cat Home and Nile Grove Community Playgroup working together in our community. If we wish we can go and see our 'Spiders' hanging in the shop.

AGM

The AGM was held on Tuesday 13th September which saw the 2015/2016 committee step down. We thank them for their time and commitment. Thank you to all the people who attended and for your assistance in filling roles within the new committee. Minutes of the AGM have been circulated to parents however if you have not seen them and wish to do so please contact Kirsty.

Committee

Nile Grove Playgroup is a charity and as such we require a management committee to operate. This is a legal requirement and it is imperative we fill these roles ASAP. Thank you to all parents who have agreed to sign up already. We still have roles to fill and Kirsty will be in playgroup talking to parents about joining up. These roles are not hugely time consuming and committee meetings are generally held termly. If you think you would be able to help or would like more information about a role, please get in touch with Kirsty.

Chairperson	Joanna Campbell
Treasurer	Charis Walsh
Secretary	Alison Reeves
Newsletter secretary	Vacant
Health & Safety officer	Darren Bradley
Advertising convener	Vacant
Fundraising (Christmas hamper)	Vacant
Fundraising (Obstacle course)	Vacant
Ordinary members	Allison McGuffie Emma Ahlqvist Lyndsay Hogg

Fees

Thank you to everyone for paying your fees so promptly. As we are a small charity, it is really important that we can gather these in quickly to allow us to meet our regular costs, including rent and staff salaries.

Other ways you can support Playgroup

Nile Grove receives no State funding and to keep running we rely upon regular voluntary giving by parents for additional costs that are not covered by fees, e.g. new toys, art resources.

- You can make a donation using our BT MY Donate page. We ask that everyone donates £20 per term (or £60 a year), or as much as they are able. Donating online is the best way to give to Playgroup as we can automatically recover the tax through Giftaid, allowing us to raise an extra 28p for every £1 you donate. If you are not currently a UK tax payer, please consider asking any tax payer in your household to make the donation. To donate, go to www.nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk, then click on Make a Donation in the left hand menu. This will take you to our BT My Donate page: <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/nilegrovecommunityplaygroup> Click on Donate Now on the right hand side and fill in the two-page online form.
- If you would prefer to do so, you can also donate in cash or by cheque (made out to Nile Grove Community Playgroup) and leave this in the Donations box on the desk at Playgroup.
- Easyfundraising is a shopping directory listing some of your favourite online stores including Argos, Next, Debenhams, John Lewis, Toys R Us, HMV and over 2000 others. Just use the links on the easyfundraising site whenever you shop online and, at no extra cost to you, we will receive a free donation of up to 15% from every purchase you make. It's completely FREE and you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers offer discounts exclusive to easyfundraising. Go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ngcp> and select Nile Grove Community Playgroup - Edinburgh when you register.

Did you know you can pay for Playgroup using Childcare Vouchers?

If you would like to pay your playgroup fees using childcare vouchers please see our notice board for more information or contact Charis, our treasurer. Childcare vouchers are a government scheme operated through employers that allow you to pay for childcare from your PRE-tax salary.

Rota Duty

Thank you to everyone for all your wonderful help on your duty days and your assistance in completing the required PVG application, we couldn't run without you!

We ask that parents do as many duties per term as days their child attends per week, e.g. if your child attends for three mornings per week, you will need to do 3 sessions of duty each term. Thank you to everyone who has already signed up on the notice board this term.

When you are on duty it would be lovely if you could bring in your child's favourite book to share with the group at story time.

And finally.....

Please send in **one box of tissues each term** for runny noses!

Please send in a **kitchen roll each term**, for drying hands.

Both are hugely appreciated!

A heartfelt thanks, as ever, to the Nile Grove Staff for their continued care and commitment.