

Nile Grove Playgroup at Greenbank

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Dear Parents,

As the end of the year approaches, it is a chance to reflect on learning experiences over the past few months and to look forward to the festive season.

Reflecting on the term so far...

Since the October holidays, we have been looking at how the weather is changing and Panda has been encouraging the children to use the weather chart. We have been wrapping up warmly to go outside and have been enjoying the 'Coat Song'. We have looked at tigers and polar bears, as both these creatures have lovely warm coats. We have also explored different lights shining in the dark, such as candles, torches and fireworks. Panda has tasted our homemade vegetable soup and has been looking at different fresh vegetables in order to keep himself healthy. We are excited about moving on from our polar bear theme, as ice and snow link in nicely with all the wonder, beauty and magic of Christmas.

Do let us know if you think Panda might be able to assist your child in learning to do something new. Some of the children like to bring in a toy each morning to put into panda's box. If you think this might help your child settle, then please encourage your child to choose a toy for Panda at playgroup.

AGM

We recently held the AGM and welcomed a new committee. Thank you to all parents who have given their time to contribute to the running of the playgroup in various ways. Information about the recent Care Inspectorate recommendations will follow at some point.

We also used this opportunity to discuss fundraising, parties and a few other day to day things, to help the running of the playgroup.



Important Dates

Christmas Party:

Monday 21st Dec 2015

10am – 11.45am

All children invited, irrespective of days they attend.

Dress code: festive!

End of Term

Monday 21st December 2015

Start of next Term

Thursday 7th January 2016



Christmas Raffle & Hampers

You will have recently received information via email about raffle tickets and hampers. Lists have been placed in the noticeboard area so please sign up if you haven't already done so! This particular fundraiser has the potential to raise lots for the Playgroup, so please support generously!

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party! Monday 21st December 10am-11.45am – All Welcome!

Marketing Nile Grove

If you know of a good forum to display these leaflets, please ask a member of staff for some!



For more information see our website: www.nilegroveplaygroup.co.uk
or call 07505 366 580 during playgroup hours

A great way to market Nile Grove is via Netmums. We have an information page on the website where you can write a review and this is where several of our parents have learned about Nile Grove. If you would like to share your experience of the playgroup, simply visit:
<http://www.netmums.com/edinburgh/local/view/education/playgroups-pre-schools-and-nursery-schools/nile-grove-community-playgroup>

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 Vanessa. 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, 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.

With very best wishes to our whole Nile Grove community, for a happy and healthy festive period!

