
Winter Term, 2016

Nile Grove Playgroup at Greenbank

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Dear Parents,

As the year is fast approaching the festive season, it is a wonderful time for reflection and thanks. It is also a great time of the year to come together and offer our warmest welcome to those new to Nile Grove Playgroup and connect as fellow parents and friends. What a lot of fun 2016 has been so far!!

Reflecting on the term so far...

At playgroup we have been learning about Autumn and the leaves changing colours on the trees, while understanding the importance of wearing warmer clothes such as coats, hats and boots in the cold weather. Around Halloween and Guy Fawkes night we set up the tepee and dens then introduced torches so the children could explore light and dark areas. During 'World Nursery Rhyme Week' the boys and girls learned a different Nursery Rhyme each day. Last week we raised funds for Children in Need, the children got to play a variety of musical instruments each day and on Tuesday Angus' mum entertained us by playing familiar tunes on her violin. Next week we will be learning our colours and during the week beginning 28th we will be using 'junk' to make models. Therefore, if you would like to bring in a few items that you would normally recycle such as boxes, plastic bottles and tubes etc. we will make some 'out of the ordinary' models!

The NGPG Team



Important Dates



Christmas Party:

Wednesday 21st Dec 2016

10am – 11.45am

All children invited, irrespective of
days they attend.

Dress code: festive!

End of Term

Wednesday 21st Dec 2016

Start of next Term

Tuesday 10th Jan 2017



Children in Need Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who supported the Children in Need Fundraiser. We are proud to say that the grand total raised was £120.50.

Therefore, we will be sending £60.25 to Children in Need.



Christmas Raffle & Hampers

Our annual fundraiser is a great way we can all raise money for Nile Grove Playgroup. In previous years, these hampers have been amazing and we are going to equal that again this year. As of Monday 21st November 2016, the list for donations can be found on the notice board. Can everyone please put your name down against the item/s you will donate. Each child will be coming home with raffle tickets, so let's do our best to sell as many as we can.

The prize draw will take place at the Christmas Party on Wednesday 21st December 2016.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party! Wednesday 21st December 2016.

10am-11.45am – All Welcome!

NGPG Jute Bags are still for sale and are great for Christmas presents- £4 each or 2 for £7!!!

Marketing Nile Grove



Childcare for 2 ¼ - 5 year olds

9.15 - 11.45 am every week day during
term time.
£9.25 for 2 ½ hours

Nile Grove Playgroup is a great place for your
child to take their first steps towards
independence, to socialise and
play with other children!

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

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

The feature on **Netmums** website is still up and running. Thank you to those who have helped keep the ad fresh and up to date by recently adding your lovely comments! It would be very beneficial to get as many positive responses from parents on behalf of your happy little ones!

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>

For those of you who are switched on to social media, here is a quick and easy way to help support Nile Grove Playgroup. We are asking all parents and friends to like the **Nile Grove Facebook** page please.

Fees

Thank you to everyone for paying your fees so promptly. As we are a small charity, it is 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 donate 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 Gift aid, 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 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, 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 a **kitchen roll each term**, for drying hands. We are not in need of tissues this term.

Can all parents please label their children's clothing and ensure that warm coats/hats etc. are worn as we go out into the garden most days.

Many thanks!

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!