



marchmont playgroup

## Welcome

The end of term is here and it's time to say goodbye to lots of children: Alice, Amber, Amy, Eve, James, Jay, Nina, Rosie and Ruti will all be starting nursery after the summer.

They will be sadly missed, as will their mums be missed from the playgroup committee!

We will be welcoming lots of new children after the summer, and welcome to Eve Mackay who started just before the break.

## At Playgroup this term

Lots of fun was had this term, most notably the visit from the Fire Engine last week! Unfortunately they couldn't stay long as they were on duty but the children were delighted with the short visit.



The Sports Day was a huge success, as were all the fundraising activities (more details over the page).

## Committee Vacancies

The departure of so many children has left lots of vacancies on the playgroup committee. It's vital that everyone helps out in some way to keep the playgroup running.

There is something for everyone, so please get in touch with the current committee member if you would like to take over any of the following roles:

Co-chair	Mailin (Ruti's Mum)
Co-chair	Desray (Amy's Mum)
Co-Treasurer	Cath (Amber's Mum)
Co-Treasurer	Alice (Rosie's Mum)
Waiting List	Lauren (Nina's Mum)
Fundraising	Clodagh (Eve's Mum) and Ishbel (James' Mum)

The fundraising team works best with lots of input, so as many people as possible are welcome to join in!

All parents need to take on a role to keep the playgroup running, so if you have any time to spare please do help out.

## Summer Social Days

There will be two teddy bears picnics during the summer break in the gated area of Bruntsfield Links (opposite the Edinburgh bike shop and the Links hotel).

These will be on Thursday 22nd July and Thursday 5th August from 11.30 - 2pm (bring your own food and drinks!).

If you are interested please let Desray know on 07768 781044.



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## Fundraising Update

The fundraising team were very busy last term with lots of events and money raised. A huge thank you to Karen, Clodagh and Ishbel for putting in so much work and organising such fun events.

The **What's Wrong in my Window?** competition over Easter raised £134.55

The **Sports Day** on 13th May raised £39.50

Huge thanks go to Donna, May and Carine for making the day such fun. The kids had a ball and the competitive parents were quite well behaved and restrained!

The **Pampered Chef Night** on the 19th May raised £117.92 from sales, and £100 from the raffle.

Thank you to Clodagh for being such a great host, and to Shamsa from Pampered Chef for the demonstrations and all the lovely food.

The **Summer Fair** on the 29th May raised a massive £673.65!

Thank you to the fundraising team and everyone else who helped out. A special thanks to those 'single parents' who manned a stall with babies/toddlers underfoot!

Thanks also to those who don't have any kids of their own at Playgroup who gave up your time (esp Carine and Claire) and to those who donated their family members to help.

## Future Fundraising Events

We are hoping to run a 'Why, Thai and Buy' night in September, basically : Quiz, Thai meal, and silent auction).

This was done last year and was a huge success. More details to follow after the summer, when the new fundraising team is in place.

## Dates for your Diary

### Term Dates

Term 1

Thurs 19th August - Thurs 14th October  
Tues 26th October - Thurs 16th December

Term 2

Tues 11th January - Thurs 10th February  
Tues 22nd February - Thurs 7th April

Term 3\*

Tues 26th April - Thurs 30th June

\*There will be two in service days in May 2011, so there will be no playgroup on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th May

## Annual General Meeting

There will be an AGM probably in the week commencing 13th September. Date will be confirmed next term.

Everyone is invited!

## And Finally ...

A big thank you to Donna, May and Carine. They have been so brilliant and have made it such a nice Playgroup for the children this year.

Have a lovely summer everyone. See you next term.