

NEWSLETTER

April 2011



RECIPE FOR EASTER EGG NESTS

Ingredients

Paper cases

Milk chocolate

100g Crispie Cereal

Microwavable bowl

Wooden spoon

Mini eggs or jelly beans

Step 1 Set out your paper cases.

Step 2 Break up the chocolate into pieces and put into a microwavable bowl.

Step 3 Melt the chocolate in the microwave by putting it in for 30 seconds on full power, then stirring, then another 30 seconds, if it needs it, and so on until it's melted. You must ask a grown up to help you do this.

Step 4 Pour the crispies into the melted chocolate and mix together well, but be careful as the chocolate will be hot!

Step 5 Spoon the mixture into the paper cases.

Step 6 Place three eggs into your 'nest'. Well done, now share them with your friends and family.



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BABY NEWS

Last month in Babies we made the most of the nice weather by taking the children to our local park. The babies thoroughly enjoyed themselves as it was a change of scenery and a good chance to explore the local environment. In April we will continue to observe our outdoor surroundings whilst taking some little trips to our local farm shop. This way the children get to pick their own fresh fruit and vegetables, which will help to encourage healthy eating.



TWEENIES AND LEAPFROGS NEWS

This month in Tweenies and Leapfrogs we will be celebrating Easter. The children will be taking part in various activities such as arts and crafts, based around the Easter theme as well as making cards and gifts for mothers day. Kim from Kimbles will be coming in again to do some learning through song and dance, as she proved to be very popular with the children. Lastly, we will be encouraging healthy eating by taking walks to our local farm shop and allowing the children to pick their own fruit and vegetables.



MOTHER'S DAY TEA

Dear Moms/Nan you are invited to a Mother's Day Tea Party on **Monday 4th April**. Times and activities are as follows:

- 3.30pm** Free Yoga Taster Session
- 4.00pm** Join in with children for singing and music time
- 4.15pm** Scones and Jam
- 4.30pm** Story Time
- 4.45pm** Gift presentation

We do hope you are able to make it. Please R.S.V.P to Lisa or Shona on Reception as soon as possible.



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

On **Wednesday 13th April** from **4pm - 5pm** why not come along to our **Family Easter**

Eggstravaganza! There will be many different activities going on such as an Easter bonnet parade, staff egg and spoon races, Easter egg hunt, cake stall, Easter sing-a-long songs and a raffle. Moms/Dads/Grandparents/Carers, everyone welcome.

MOBILE DENTIST

The mobile dentist will be visiting the centre on: **Tuesday 12th April** from **9.30am - 4.00pm**. If your child is in our care on this day and you would like them to be seen by the dentist, please could you complete a parent consent form at Reception. Many Thanks.

TOY LIBRARY

The Toy Library will be visiting the Centre on **Friday 13th May** from **10.30am - 11.30am**. There are a huge range of toys available including toys for children with special needs. Why not pop down and take a look.

CONTACT NUMBERS

If you change your telephone number or you move address, please could you inform the staff on Reception a.s.a.p. It is vital that your child's contact information is up to date at all times, in case of emergency.

Also, if your child develops an allergy/ food intolerance or any other medical condition after they start at the Centre, please could you inform room and Reception staff about this too. Thank you.

COMIC RELIEF

We would like to say a really big thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day here at the Centre by making a donation. With your help we managed to raise £46.00 which has been sent off to Comic Relief.

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DAD'S FACT

Even when father's do not live at home, children whose fathers are actively involved in their lives tend to have fewer behavioural problems.



DOLL'S HOUSE WANTED

Do you know anyone that has a doll's house that is no longer used? If so our Tweenies would be really grateful if anyone could kindly donate one to their room for the children to play with please. We really appreciate your help.



WALSAVE CREDIT UNION

Why not open a weekly savings account here at Greenfield Children's Centre. It's free to open and you can put as much or as little money in each week as you like. Walsave offers flexible savings accounts, personal loans, exclusive members monthly lottery and a range of competitively priced insurance for home, car and travel. The first 50 people that open an account will each receive £10.00 free in their account.



RECALL NOTICE

Summer Infant Video Baby Monitors with electrical cords

We have received this important note and wanted to share it with parents/carers:

'There have been two deaths and one near death of a child in the US, who has managed to get hold of a Baby Monitor cord and strangle themselves using this. As a result, Health Canada are trying to raise awareness and asking parents/carers to check the proximity of these to a baby/child's cot'.

The purpose of the recall is to provide new warning labels to be affixed to the product and safe installation instructions for all models of Summer Infant video baby monitors with electrical cords. The baby's head could be caught in the cords, resulting in strangulation.

SPECIAL DATES IN APRIL

1st April 2011 - April Fool's Day

3rd April 2011 - Mother's Day

22nd April 2011 - Good Friday

23rd April 2011 - St George's Day

24th April 2011 - Easter Sunday

CENTRE CLOSURES

The Centre will be closed in April for Easter on the following days:

Fri 22nd April

Mon 25th April

Tues 26th April

Fri 29th April (Royal Wedding)

SUNCREAM AND HATS

As the warmer weather is now approaching please could we remind all parents/carers to bring their children's sun hats in each day with their child's name in. Also, we thought it may be a good idea if everyone could please donate 50p and we can then provide a big tub of suncream in each of the rooms. This will save each child having to bring one in everyday.

Many Thanks.



EASTER PLAYScheme

We will be running a Playscheme during the school holidays in April. The dates are as follows:

Mon 11th April to Thurs 21st April from 10.00am - 4.00pm. There will be many different activities such as bowling, sports, crafts, wii tournaments and obstacle courses. The cost is £17.00 per day (extra hours are available). If you would like to book a place for your child, please collect a form from Reception and return it to Claire as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Thank you.

PARENT'S VOICE

Please can we remind parents to write on the parent's voice wall in Babies and Tweenies. We really appreciate your input and it helps us to plan your child's learning around this.

