



# Ferryfield Newsletter

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## Winter Raffle

Thanks to the many generous donations from parents and businesses in Cupar, we will be holding a raffle beginning the week of the 4th December. Tickets will be on sale until mid-January. Our gratitude is extended to **Keith Davies Cycles, Toy Master, Steel Eldridge & Stewart, Lush, and Cameron & Smith** for their donations. Thanks also to the parents for bringing in such items as whiskey, toys, and kitchen ware among other goodies. With such a wealth of fantastic prizes to be won, we hope this raffle will prove very popular. Tickets will be sold throughout the town, and may also be

purchased at Playgroup at a cost of 20p each, or five for £1. To help sell tickets please contact the Playgroup Office.

## Did you know?

Your child can stay at Ferryfield until they are of school age. As a Fife Council Partnership Provider, we offer the same curriculum and facilities as Council-run nurseries in Cupar. Funded places are available for children aged 3 to 5 years.

## Launch of new website

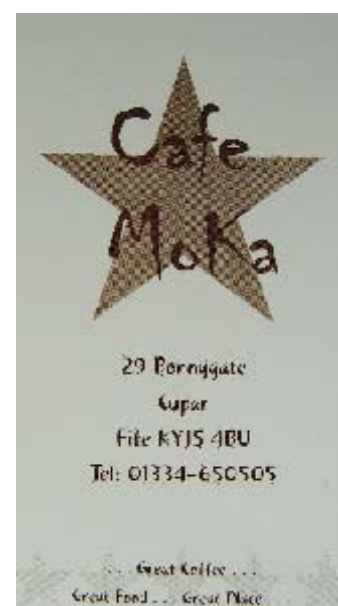
Ferryfield is now available online!

For those of you who prefer accessing forms and other information in the comfort of your own home, then click on <http://ferryfieldplaygroup.tripod.com>.

The site contains information for parents and carers, application forms for Wraparound Care, fees and opening times, downloadable

posters and leaflets, and current news and events.

You may also have noticed the occasional contribution to the "Cupar News" section of the *Fife Herald*. It is hoped that by regularly keeping the public informed of new projects we will reach a wider audience and generate greater interest in the Playgroup.



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## Fundraising Events

The week of the 31st October saw children attending playgroup reciting or singing nursery rhymes. These were Hickory Dickory Dock, Baa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, and Incy Wincy Spider. Sponsorships forms were sent home with all parents, and we would like to thank you for taking the time to get these filled by generous donors. We raised an outstanding total of £371.

November 17th saw us occupying the Theatre Block for an activity-packed day. We had cakes and tea being sold, Tempest had their photograph booth set up, Hot-plates had a paint-your-own ceramics stall, Phoenix cards were there as was Usborne Publishing, and there were other independent stalls selling everything from painted vases to pens. Ferryfield bought in some delicious shortbread and fudge with the logo on it. This venture brought in £92.

Our 30th Anniversary Ceilidh that was due to take place in the Corn Exchange on December 8th had to be cancelled due to the small number of tickets sold.

The staff and Committee of the Playgroup would like to remind all parents and carers that Ferryfield cannot run without monies coming in regularly from fundraising. Finding enough money for staff and other running costs is a constant struggle which everyone is responsible for, and we

would welcome proactive participation and individual sponsored events that would help keep this fund topped up. Contributions/sponsors from the industrial or commercial sectors are always welcome, and we would ask that anyone with connections please get involved and help fundraise. This can take as little or as much time as you can fit in— all efforts would be appreciated. As our Chairperson mentioned in her letter in November, cash-flow problems occur regularly, as we are all very keen to avoid this problem again in future.

### Vacancies: Chairperson required

It is with regret that we have received the resignation of Jamie Drew, who felt that she could no longer fulfil the duties of this volunteer post. Jamie has been a dynamic and enthusiastic member of the Committee, and we will miss her guidance. We would welcome enquiries from all interested parties to fill this vacancy.

### Committee (con't)

#### Co-opted Member: Claire Purvis

Hi, my role within the Committee is Co-Opted Member, but I have the task of organising the fundraising side of things. My son Kyle, who has been at the Playgroup for 6 months, is 3.5 years old and will be 4 in January. He is a smashing wee thing and I wouldn't change him for anything - well,



maybe for a few boxes of crisps, yum! (Only joking really, love him to bits)!!

I work at St. Andrews Police Station as an Enquiry Office Assistant and I am also a Special Constable, which I have done now for the past 11.5 years. I have been married to Alastair for 7.5 years and he also works for the Police in the Traffic Department, so all you potential 'girl racers' out there better watch yourselves! Me included!

#### Treasurer: Sara Campbell

I'm Juliette's mum, and also have a boy Findlay, whom you usually see abandoned outside playgroup in his pram while I rush in to get Juliette sorted. I think he's gotten used to it though, being a second child!

I am the Committee Treasurer, which sounds quite fancy and important— however, it just means lovely Gill does all the numbers and I just sign on the dotted line.

I do like being on the Committee though, being a part of what goes on at the playgroup and trying to think of dynamic ways of fundraising and keeping parents involved.

#### REMINDER:

Parents are encouraged to attend all Committee meetings