



Ferryfield Newsletter

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Friends of Ferryfield Association

This is an exciting new venture which will involve the parents and carers of children who have attended playgroup over the past 3 years, as well as a number from previous years. We hope to include anyone with a desire to maintain closer links with one of their local pre-school facilities, and would welcome enquiries from interested parties both from Cupar and further afield. The core aim of the Association is to keep people interested in our development and progress, and extend the Ferryfield community beyond our four walls.

For a nominal annual fee it is our intention to maintain links with staff and parents past and present, stimulate interest, enhance our public image, generate news coverage and encourage better relations throughout our community.

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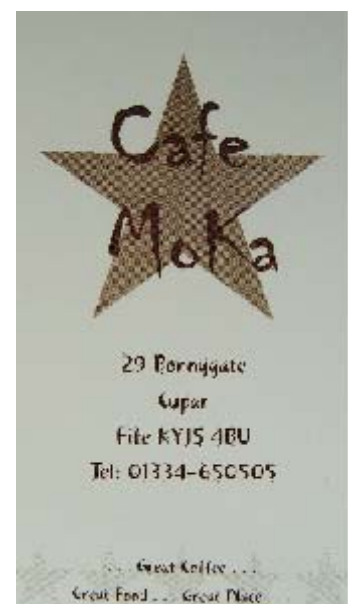
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Remember to buy your raffle tickets-
great prizes to be won!!!!

Committee Report

We are delighted that our current Committee Secretary, Catherine Brown, has agreed to take over as Chair. As you know the position had been vacant since before the holidays, and some effort was required to persuade a candidate to come forward. The Committee has been hard-pressed these past few months to come up with ideas for fundraising; please see page 2 for an update on this progress. We

would like to extend our sincere thanks to Gill Brown, Ferryfield's Manager, for her continuous devotion to our cause. Without her efforts our financial situation would be even more precarious. Our gratitude also goes out to Teresa, Lucy, Fiona and Christine who have worked so diligently throughout. Our key workers and play leaders are what make Ferryfield.



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Fundraising

It was with regret that we cancelled the ceilidh in November, and apologies are extended to all those who bought tickets for the disappointment. Unfortunately the small number of tickets sold did not make holding the ceilidh financially viable.

With the current lack of support we are experiencing, it has been decided, for the short-term at least, to concentrate on smaller fundraising activities that will hopefully prove more successful.

With this in mind, we are selling raffle tickets at 20p each, or a booklet for £1, with a wealth of fantastic prizes on offer, many generously donated from local businesses. These include a beauty treatment from Lush Hair & Beauty and fabulous toys from ToyMaster and Keith Davies Cycles, among others. This raffle was originally intended to be held in January, but was extended to allow us to sell more tickets. The draw is now due to be held in the Castlehill premises after the normal session on Friday, the 30th March. All are very welcome to attend. Remember, the top prize is a DVD player!

We will be supplying all our children with an empty Smarties tube, which we are asking them to fill with any loose change their family and friends can spare. This is an excellent

way to lighten the load in your purse/pocket, while encouraging your child to be involved in his/her educational facility. As well as helping us financially, it will nurture a sense of responsibility within the children.

The Smarties contained within the tubes have been emptied into a jar, and people will have the opportunity to win this chocolate feast by paying a nominal sum and guessing the number. A must for anyone who still remembers to eat the red ones last...

Ferryfield has registered to participate in the Barnardos Big Toddle. This is the largest, national pre-school sponsored event of its kind. Under 5's are asked to walk, trike, run, ride in a buggy, roll or wheel themselves for at least half a mile in order to help vulnerable children throughout the UK. With 75% of the raised funds going towards Barnardos' causes, and 25% to Ferryfield, everyone wins. The Toddle is normally held in June, and we are considering either having it in fancy dress, or finishing it off with a teddy bear's picnic. We'll need all the parental support we can get to make this event as successful as it deserves to be, especially as we would love to take the children to Haugh Park to do it (and therefore need to maintain a 1:2 ratio of

parents/children). If you would like to help out, please let us know. Each participating child will receive a toddle pack which includes a medal, completion sticker and certificate, and sponsorship envelope. Help us to help children in need.

A Casino night is planned for an evening in June. This was a highly successful venture last year, and we hope people will roll in and try their hand at poker, blackjack and other gambling temptations with tongue well in-cheek...

Next
Committee
meeting:

March 29th

All Welcome!