



Puddleducks Newsletter

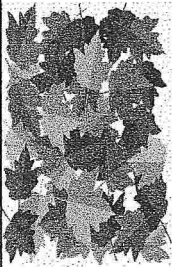
Welcome to the second edition of the Puddleducks Newsletter which we hope will become an important source of information for all our parents. Please pay particular attention to the important dates for your diary as we near the end of the first term, not wanting to mention the 'C' word we're already dreading as it's only a few weeks away we've got lots of exciting activities planned for the children and their families.

November 2011

- **Important dates for your Diary:**
- Next Committee Meeting
10th November
- 11th November Scavenger Hunt Closing Date
- 12th November Working Weekend/ Autumn Clean-up
- 26th November Photographer on site
- 6th December Puddleducks Christmas Party
- Please read the main body articles for more information

Autumn News

Friday 11th November is the closing date for all the **Autumn Scavenger Hunt** entries and sponsor monies to be in by, be sure to get them in on time to collect your treasure.



Saturday 12th November is ear-marked for an **Autumnal Clear-Up/Working Weekend** as there are several little maintenance jobs that need to be done, any parents willing to volunteer their time to help between 10am and 1pm will be rewarded with a well-deserved hot drink and a biscuit or two.

Important Reminder on request of our Treasurer to try to pay your fees on time and by electronic processing using the following Puddleducks bank account details:



Sort Code: 30-91-19 Account No: 00863904

We'd much rather your hard-earned money was not wasted on bank charges incurred from processing cash/cheque transactions unless absolutely necessary.

Committee Updates

We have been working hard on installing a new fire door to the side of the building and new outdoor lighting is being installed which will be essential for After School Club as the nights draw in. We've got a busy parent and toddler group to run on Tuesday mornings, while the pre-school has some full sessions, so it is vital parents get their session request forms in on time because we are up to full numbers in some sessions.

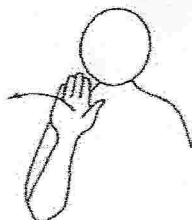
The Puddleducks Mission Statement

Puddleducks Pre-School is committed to offering a high quality provision to the community which is open and inclusive to all, supporting children's individual needs and allowing freedom of choice and growth within a safe and happy environment.

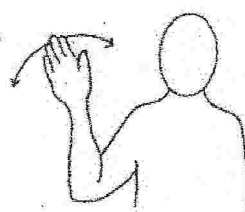
We believe in developing the holistic child through nurturing their development and learning. We celebrate a child's uniqueness and encourage respect and social interaction.

Makaton Sign Language

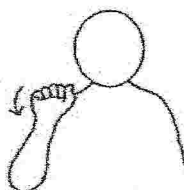
Circle Time this term involves the children learning some basic Makaton sign language. To encourage your involvement and the children we've included some of them below for you to practise with your child at home!



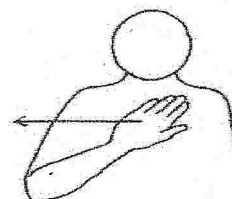
Make sign at shoulder height



Wave hand



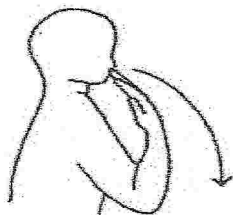
Bend wrist



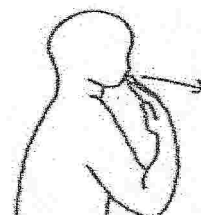
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PLEASE



THANK YOU



James Tennant—Photographer (Saturday 26th November)

If you're starting to think about Christmas (with only a few weeks to go) we thought we would give you an opportunity to get ahead by booking a professional Portrait photographer to visit the Puddleducks setting on Saturday 26th November.

Sittings will be available every 5 minutes between 10am—12 noon (pre-booking essential) for Puddleducks children, siblings and/or family groups. Booking sheets will be put up in the foyer, please make sure you put your name down to avoid disappointment on the day.

Puddleducks Christmas Party

If you are new to Puddleducks this Christmas then we thought you would find it useful to tell you all about the Christmas party. The party is held in Victoria Hall 10-12pm on the 6th December. The children arrive with their parents and the committee fundraise to pay for an entertainer – this year it is the Animal Man. The children then perform a Christmas Song dressed up for parents/carers/grandparents to watch. The children

have a party packed lunch and a drink made for them (including any special dietary requirements) As the children leave they can say hello to father Christmas and receive a gift (siblings included) Brothers and sisters are welcome to attend but not to be left on their own. The party is funded by the scavenger Hunt so keep the money rolling in. We hope that helps new families understand where to go and what to expect.

Tuesday 6th December 2011

10-12 noon



See You There!