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Parents Newsletter – March 2007

Dear Parents,

It is so lovely to see the daffodils popping out...the children planted them late last year and they are coming up in the most 'special' places.

In-service day

On our in-service day we covered the following areas –

1. Baby Massage
2. Why we have routine experiences in the centre
3. Assessment is for Learning (presentation)

If you would like any further information on any of the above please ask at reception.

We also used part of the day to re-organise our spaces. Thank you for all your positive comments.

The next in-service day (22nd May) will focus on our development plan.

Eco-Schools Scotland – Making it Happen for Pre-5's

We were invited to give a presentation (21/0/2/07) to other practitioners about our eco-development. This went very well.

Following on from our talk we welcomed visitors from Norway who share our vision to inspire, motivate and support work in sustainable development and implement creative ways to meet environmental



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challenges. It is wonderful to make cultural links with others – we learn so much.

Later this month members from the Sala Infantil team are hoping to visit the 'outdoor nursery' in Fife. The outdoor nursery plans for a full and balanced curriculum outdoors. We are hoping to learn from their journey and share their experience.

Froebel Graduate

I am out of the centre on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th. I am off to the Froebel Institute, Roehampton University, in London to attend my graduation.

Garden Update - Resources

We are hoping to have a carved timber mushroom table and four mushroom seats added to our garden furniture. This furniture is carved from single pieces of durable timber and has a sanded top, in natural finish, no oils or varnish. It is ideal for outdoor classrooms, quiet areas and imaginative play. Jane suggested that the tables would be an ideal place for individual or small group work with children. The timber is sourced from yards maintaining an FSC chain of custody.

On order is a greenhouse for the children to 'potter' around in. It will be situated on the terrace. It is hoped that this will be an on-going experience for the children.

Dates to remember: March 18th Mother's Day.

Warmest wishes

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