

## Some of our treasured moments:



Our lending library has gone well this year. I hope you all take the opportunity to borrow books in the new session. We will also be issuing our story bags for you to share with your child.



In June Mr Boom came all the way from the moon to entertain the children over at the community centre.



This year's fun week at the end of term was enjoyable for all even although the weather was not as it should have been!!



Our parents group –thank you to all who attended our Wednesday group. Parents have enjoyed the varied activities from craft activities to relaxation treatments. Mostly I would like to thank the group for raising in the region of £280 through selling items at Easter and the popular Silent Auction in June. Please look out for next year's programme, **all** parents are welcome to attend.



Thank you to everyone for welcoming me back after my secondment. I really appreciated your very kind comments and have enjoyed being back. Next session is going to be very busy as you can see from the summary. Mostly, I would like to forge a strong partnership with parents, so look out for up and coming events. After all, we are all in the business of making nursery an enjoyable, meaningful and stimulating experience for our little people.

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## Heathrigg Nursery School

### Standards and Quality Report Session 2007-2008

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you probably know, each year the government and the Council publish information designed to show how well schools and local authorities are improving year on year.

In similar fashion, we at Heathrigg Nursery School would like to tell you how we are progressing in our School. This leaflet has been designed to do just that. It is our "Standards and Quality Report" for session 2007/2008.

Inside, you will find a brief description of the main achievements during last session. Whilst we do many things in the course of a year, we have focused on what we consider to be the most important areas. I have outlined the Nursery School's main priorities for next session.

I hope you find the leaflet helpful. If you have any questions about it, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of staff who will be pleased to offer clarification.

*Heather Hush*

Headteacher



## What we achieved in 2007/2008

- Health Promoting Schools – We applied for our Level 1 award and actually managed to achieve Level 2. We achieved this through our healthy eating programme, tooth brushing, energetic activity and staff health promotion. Thank you to all parents who contributed on the day.
- The children have enjoyed increased activities out of doors. Even our youngest children have benefited from the very attractive outdoor space we have at Heathrigg.
- Not to be bothered by the weather, the children have gone out in wellies and raincoats to run about and explore. However, we have been very lucky to have the added resource of the community centre for both groups of children.



### The Rainbow Room

- Staff have been trying out the new 0-3 Experiences profile and planning systems. This has resulted in improved systems of planning next steps for children under the age of three.
- Thank you to all parents who have received the daily diaries with such enthusiasm. Your comments are much appreciated and I trust these logs will remain with you to cherish.
- A programme of visits were organised this year to support children moving to the Sunbeam room. This proved invaluable in settling the children into the routines.



### The Sunbeam Room

- Pre-School children enjoyed visits to their Primary School in June.
- They all experienced a lunch in the dining room
- The friendship squad visited the children from Slamannan Primary School (Hard to believe these children used to be nursery children at Heathrigg!



### Another secondment!

- I am sure we would all like to wish Gemma Fowler well in her recent secondment to the CLASP organisation.

## Our Priorities for 2008/2009

### Parental Partnerships

- We look forward to a stronger partnership with parents in the new session.
- There will be more opportunities to attend open evenings and fun events.
- Our newsletters will increase to monthly (shorter and to the point!)
- Everyone is invited to join our group that meets over at the community centre. Look out for the programme and start date.

### The curriculum

- We will be focusing on literacy and numeracy development through play activities.

### Assessment is for Learning

- Staff will be looking at assessment procedures to improve planning next steps in children's learning
- We will continue to develop use of the Early Years Learning Profile and Early Years Experiences Profile to track children's progress. Please feel free to look at and contribute to the profiles at any time

### Eco Schools

- We hope to become accredited with our first Green Flag this session.
- We will need parents to help us so watch out for an invitation!!

### Child Protection

- All staff will be undertaking an update to their child protection training
- Senior staff will be taking on Level 2 training

### Developing staff teams

- Juel and Dawn will be swapping rooms – Juel will be senior in the Sunbeam Room and Dawn will be the senior in the Rainbow Room. They will continue to deputise for me in my absence. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them well in their new roles.