

HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter
April 2011

A big **hello** and welcome to the April edition of Hand In Hand. What a great time of the year Spring is – the sun peeps out occasionally and lots more events are 'springing up.' We have a range of events planned for the coming months— everything from Horse Riding to Fishing. So please remember to share your experiences with us and your fellow Befrienders.

The BAC Office will be closed on Friday, April 29th. Volunteers can contact the coordinators via their mobiles in case of an emergency however.

Good News!

Volunteer expense allowances are increasing from **Friday, 1st April** – Befrienders can now claim **£20 per outing** plus **30p per mile** for travel

Saturday Group Sessions With Bev

Apr 2nd: Mother's Day Cakes and hat making for parade

May 7th: Games Day and mask making for parade

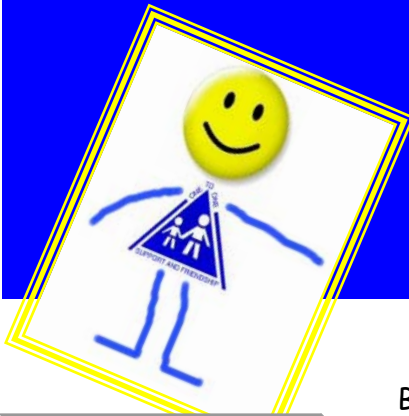
May 28th: Smoothie making and mask making for parade



Aberdeen FC Manager Craig Brown has chosen Kuddles the Kangaroo as the new BAC mascot. Craig dropped into the Befriend a Child office to choose the winning design from our recent Mascot Competition with Ellie McGowan of Kingswells proving to be the lucky winner! Her design will now be made into the charity's permanent mascot and will represent BAC at a number of events to help raise our profile.

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DISNEY ON ICE!
Brrrrrrrilliant
Comments!!!

'L and I would like to thank Befriend a Child for the Disney on Ice tickets. L was a bit unsure about going to see Mickey Mouse, but at the end of the day he did enjoy

himself.....it is always good to get the opportunity to go do things that perhaps you might not otherwise do.'

Fab show which was enjoyed by all.

Another Befriender and her child joined us too and the girls actually sent me a text to say "thanx and how much they enjoyed themselves".

Good day!

It was really good - S and I loved it :) thanks for the tickets!

New Minute Secretary

Befriend a Child require a new Minute Secretary to join the Management Committee immediately. The job description is quite simple - to attend committee meetings, 5:45pm in the Office on last Monday of every month. Meetings last about 90 minutes and then expectation is that the secretary will take notes, type them up and have them emailed back to the office within 10 days of the meeting.

We are also on the lookout for befriender representatives on the committee. We are looking for 2 volunteers to join the committee— expectations are that you only need to attend committee meetings once a quarter when it is the work of the volunteers being discussed.

If you are interested in either position, please contact Karen on 01224 210060.

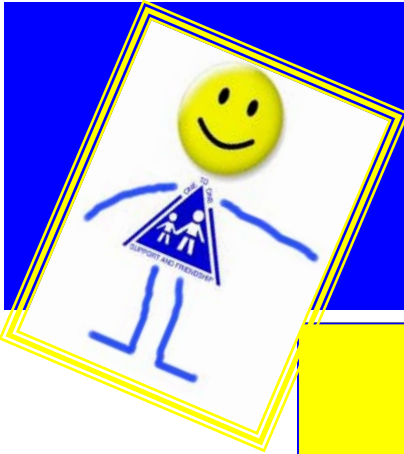


Happy Birthday to the following Staff/Volunteers who celebrate an April birthday:

Stephen R	-	1st
Layla N	-	5th
Craig D	-	6th
Marjorie C	-	9th
Jennifer H	-	10th
Louise R	-	13th
Jane M	-	18th
Deborah E	-	19th
Jess A	-	21st
Catherine S	-	22nd
Duncan P	-	27th
Arlene M	-	28th
Gillian U	-	29th

Hello to

Morven
Kirsty
Alisdair
Sarah Jane
Carol
Amber
Katie
Basil
Simona
Lily



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April – What's On?

The BAC Base unit will close on the following holiday weekends:

Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th April

Saturday 30th April and Sunday 1st May.

We have arranged for continuing

sessions at I Heart Art in the Galleria after the popularity of the sessions.

The maximum limit volunteers can spend is £20 — Any expenses over this will have to be pay personally.

Chocolate making sessions with Cocoa Ooze will be held at BAC on:

Sat 9th April 11am to 1pm

Sunday 10th April 1am to 3pm

Saturday 14th May 1pm to 3pm

Sunday 11th Sept 1pm to 3pm

Saturday 8th Oct 11am to 1pm

Sunday 9th Oct 1pm to 3pm

Throughout April – Wasted: the Trouble with Rubbish @ Satrosphere Science Centre. An interactive exhibition which looks at what happens to waste when it leaves the home. Includes demonstrations, exhibits, a quiz and a landfill game.

Saturday, April 2nd – Space Quaddity @ Beach Leisure Centre. Support the Granite City Roller Girls in their match versus the Auld Reekie Roller Girls. Doors open at 2.30pm with free entry for under 14s. Visit <http://www.granitecityrollergirls.org/events/space-quaddity> for more details

From Saturday 2nd to Monday 25th – Easter Holiday Children's Wildlife Quiz at Drum Castle. Collect a quiz from the castle and find out more about the wildlife on the castle grounds. Quizzes cost £1 (Open between 11am and 4pm)

Thursday 7th – Folding Theatre presents The Snow Queen @ The Lemon Tree. The classic tale recreated by amazing puppets and engaging story telling. Suitable for ages 5 - 11, the show starts at 2pm with entry at £6.

