

# HAND IN HAND

Befriend a Child's Volunteer Newsletter  
March 2011

A big **hello** and welcome to the March edition of Hand In Hand. We're still on the lookout for stories from your befriending relationships – ideas for outings, funnies or your positive experiences. If you want to share something with your fellow Befrienders, don't be shy—just email [duncan@befriendachild.org.uk](mailto:duncan@befriendachild.org.uk) for inclusion in a future edition.



**Every good charity needs a mascot. And Befriend A Child currently don't have one.....**

**That's where you come in!**

We want you to design our new mascot – it can be as imaginative or as simple as you like. The winning entry will be a focal point for Aberdeen's fastest growing children's charity and will be made into a larger than life mascot for future events and appearances.

**We don't want to stifle your creativity but there are a few simple rules to follow:**

- Entries can be submitted in hard copy or electronically (preferably Jpeg)
- All mascots must have a name – think of something appropriate to the organisation.
- Blue and yellow must be incorporated
- Only one entry per person
- Deadline for submissions is noon on Friday, March 4th

**We look forward to seeing your colourful creations. Don't forget that the winning entry will be produced into a full scale Befriend A Child Mascot!**

There's still time to enter the Befriend a Child mascot competition - we are looking for creativity and a mascot we can be proud of! To download an entry form, visit <http://bit.ly/fiQIwp>. Alternatively email [alan@befriendachild.org.uk](mailto:alan@befriendachild.org.uk).

## Committee News

The Befriend a Child management committee has been extended with the addition of Dennis D'arcy. Dennis has decided to join the committee having provided corporate support for the organisation in recent months and is excited by the possibility of aiding the expansion and development of BAC. In addition, Derek Younie has taken on the role of Director, having been on the committee for a number of months.

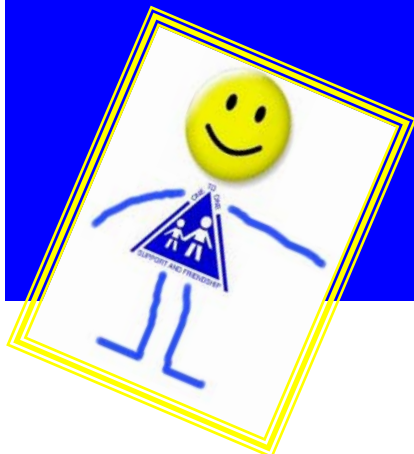
## Cash for Kids Family Day

Saturday, March 26th at Liquid

Northsound Cash For Kids are holding a fun day at Liquid on Bridge Place from 11am-3pm on Saturday, March 26th.

Entry is free - pick up your wristband in advance from Northsound or call 01224 337010. There will be a whole host of activities on the day from bouncy castles and inflatable fun to Paul Lawrie Foundation Professional Golf Tuition and Face Painting.





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On June 11th 2011, the third sector will come together to parade down the city's Union Street, supported by an array of street performers and musical entertainment.



And of course, Befriend a Child will be taking part. We are looking for volunteers and children to come along on the 11<sup>th</sup> June and take part in the parade. We would like the children in brightly coloured clothes, and will be making masks and hats etc as part of Bev's

Sessions throughout the next few months.

There will be so much going on during Celebrate Aberdeen—street performers, colourful costumes, music and much more. If you would like to be a part of it then help Befriend a Child to Celebrate Aberdeen!

The next session with Bev will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March and will be both pizza making, and making masks and hats for the

Celebrate Aberdeen Parade. Call the office to book your place.

Happy Birthday to the following Staff/Volunteers who celebrate a March birthday:

Craig B	-	14th
Donna M	-	28th
Katrina M	-	6th
Chris M	-	6th
Victoria M	-	19th
Anisha S	-	29th
Janette T	-	2nd



**Hello and thank you to:**

Sibille  
Kyle  
Catherine  
Isabella  
Angela  
and  
Duncan

**A Reminder**

The Befriend a Child Financial year end is 31<sup>st</sup> March, so could all volunteers please make sure their expense claims are up to date and submitted asap. Thank You

befriend a child  
turn a frown upside down

## Big Kids Ball

By the time you read this, the Big Kid's Ball will have been and gone. This year was the fourth annual ball and was the biggest yet — over 380 attendees! Such was demand for our flagship corporate fundraiser that we were sold out pre-Christmas and had a waiting list!

That's great news for all the children we support, but bad news if you missed out on your chance to attend. If you and your friends or work colleagues are interested in attending the 2012 event, then please contact the office as soon as possible for details and to note your interest.



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## March – What's On?

### 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

### Throughout March – Kitchen Chemistry Show @ Satrosphere.

Discover some of the amazing science experiments you can do with things you can find in your kitchen in their exciting new weekend show! The show will be running at weekends and school holidays.

### Tuesday 8th to Friday 11th – 'Pimp Your Pancake' @ Giraffe, Union Square.

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday, Giraffe Restaurant in Union Square are challenging customers to Pimp Your Pancake. Additional toppings include everything from marshmallows to maple syrup!

### Sunday 27th – Aberdeen City Beachclean.

Organised by the Marine Conservation Society, all volunteer groups and individuals welcome to come along between 2pm and 4pm to help clean up the beach and improvement the environment. The meeting point is at the North end of the beach esplanade.

Contact Iain House on [ijhouse@btinternet.com](mailto:ijhouse@btinternet.com) for more information.

Befriender 'L' was given the chance to be the Little Gus mascot at Pittodrie at the match between Aberdeen and Motherwell on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. As part of the experience, L was given 4 tickets for the match. His Befrienders asked me, as their Volunteer Co-ordinator, if I would like to accompany them. I was thrilled to be asked to such a special occasion.

We arrived at 6.45pm and L was so excited. He was looking great in the new AFC strip that was most generously donated. We were shown through to the players' lounge and offered refreshments but L was too excited to have anything. He was provided with an Angus the Bull T-Shirt to wear so everyone could see he was the Little Gus mascot. We were then taken through and shown the tunnel and the boot room. Angus the Bull arrived and took L and us through the tunnel onto the pitch.

It was lashing with rain and freezing but to look at L you wouldn't know it. He and Angus the Bull had a good 20 minute kick about on the pitch whilst the players were warming up. When the players went back in we were shown to our seats which were just above the tunnel in the main stand and we had a good view of the match. Unfortunately, Motherwell won 2-1 but that did not spoil it for L. He had a great time and I am sure he will remember the experience for many years to come especially when he looks at the new signed football top he was given as a memento.

## Pittodrie Experience for One Lucky Befriender

By Nicola.

