



Ralston Out of School Care Newsletter

February 2009

Welcome

Welcome to the Ralston Out of School Care newsletter. With the start of a new year we at ROSC are busy planning a great year for the children. This year we are looking at bringing the World Wide Web to ROSC, producing a new summer show and looking at some new activities and trips. As usual we will also be running an Easter and Summer playscheme. If you want to keep up to date then check out our new ROSC website:

www.rosc.org.uk

Grace Berry



Easter Holidays

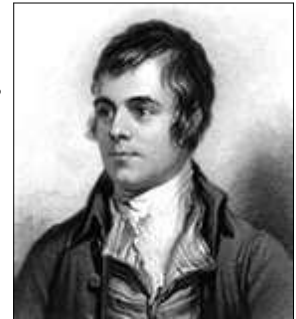
ROSC will be closed on the **16th and 17th of February** for a public holiday and an in-service day

Over the Easter Holidays we will be running an Easter playscheme. This will run from 6th April to 9th April and the 14th April to the 17th April. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact ROSC as soon as possible.

We will be closed on the **10th, 13th and 20th of April** due to public holidays and an in-service day.

A Little Bit of Culture

We had our very own "Burns Snack" at ROSC on Burns day. We had shortbread, oatcakes and the Bards favourite drink Irn-Bru! We also celebrated Chinese New Year by having fortune cookies and lucky coins. It is part of our programme at ROSC to introduce children not just to our own history and culture but those of other nationalities as well. We hope to introduce other cultures to children in a fun and interesting way throughout this year.



Care Commission Report

It is time for our annual Care Commission visit and report. The Care Commission is very interested in what parents think of ROSC and will be sending questionnaires to the service for parents to fill in and return in confidence. If you would like to see our previous care commission reports please visit our website for details.

How to contact us

In order to make it easier to contact us at ROSC we now have three mobile phones. The numbers below are the best way to contact us during out of school care hours.

Mobile 1 07969277543
Mobile 2 07969279233
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ROSC office with answer machine: 0141 882 5230
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Who's Who?

Just so you know who's who!

Grace Berry	Manager
Lynne Fulton	Deputy Manager
Jacqueline Allison	Senior childcare worker
Liz McCloy	Childcare worker
Amanda Clark	Childcare worker
Stephen Caveney	Childcare worker
George Kenny	Childcare worker
Jacqui Bell	Childcare worker
Allan Berry	Volunteer



Fundraising



Last year we successfully raised all the money for our Christmas trip to the pantomime; The Wizard of Never Woz. A big thank you to all the parents, workers and volunteers who helped on the night and to those who helped raise the funds. As the children had such a great time we are planning on going to the pantomime again this year. We have secured funding for this years Summer show but we still need some extra money for costumes. In order to go ahead with the trip and the show we will need to raise in excess of £1000. We are looking to do a number of events including a sponsored walk and a fundraising night. If anyone wants to help or has any good ideas please contact Grace Berry at ROSC.



ROSC Children's Council

An exciting development for us is the Children's Council. We have a child from each primary who's role is to ask everyone in their primary what their ideas are for the Out of School Care. These children were chosen and voted in by their peers. The children then meet once a week with staff to raise any issues or ideas. We have been delighted with the quality of ideas coming from the children. We presumed it would be a list of new toys or activities but they have been discussing the rules, health and safety and the staff mix! The council want to buy T- shirts for the Summer playscheme so that they can be easily identified and are looking at ways to raise funds. They also raised the issue that they would like more male workers in the ROSC if possible. The council is a great way for all the children to put their ideas across and is a greatly beneficial for the children who take part. We have also started a suggestion box for the children and parents, which is available on the signing out desk, and it is proving very successful .

Committee

The committee are responsible for supporting the manager in the operation of the service. They are:

Chairperson: Stephen Davidson

Vice Chair: Pauline Dolan **Treasurer:** Stephen Giles

Secretary: Fergal McCauley

Committee members: Jock Everett, Irene Carswell, Caroline Wilcock, Angela Booth.