

## Fund Raising

### Bonus Ball:



With the Easter and May Bank Holidays done and dusted, it's time to concentrate on Fund Raising Activities which seem to have taken a back seat over the past few months.

To kick this activity off, Susan Raven very kindly took the helm and resurrected the **Bonus Ball**.

So, parents if you have not already done so, get in there before it's too late: there are still a number of balls going begging. To cut admin of this to a minimum, Susan is collecting 4 weeks payments of £1 p.w. at a time in advance so please ensure you are up to date with your payments: it would be a pity if your number came up and you hadn't subscribed. Should that happen, however, the winnings, remain in the 'pot'.

### Car Boot Sale:



Canolfan Maerdy held its first **Car Boot Sale** on Sunday, 23rd May which was an excellent opportunity to raise some funds for the nursery. In fact, entrance fees, café takings, Bouncy Castle and the Lots of Tots stall combined yielded enough funds to purchase a **Wii** for the After School Club.



As for further **fund raising activities**, please **do** put your thinking caps on. With the warmer weather and lighter evenings, there must be plenty of opportunities that we should not miss out on. Firstly of course, the **Summer Fête** should be uppermost in all our minds!



## Summer Fête Saturday, 17th July 2010



The Amman Valley Trotting Track has very kindly offered us the use of their grounds for this year's Summer Fête which means there will be an abundance of space and we won't be limited to what attractions we can arrange for the day.

We are awaiting confirmation from Pontardawe Fire Station that they will be bringing a fire appliance, which is always a big attraction for the children. They will also demonstrate how to deal with chip pan fires.

Other ideas for attractions include: **Bean Bag Tossing, Bouncy Castle, Car Boot Sale, Crazy Golf, Face Painting, Ice-cream and Candy Floss vans, Teddy Bears Picnic and Teddy Bears Toddle**, and that old favourite, the **Raffle** (which means we need prizes to be donated). More ideas for attractions urgently wanted.

**Note to Parents and Staff:** There is an awful lot to be organised here in a very short time to ensure a successful day. We really do need your input here to organise who does what to make sure we get everything in place and can get our advertising/leafleting etc. out in plenty of time to assure maximum exposure and ultimate attendance.

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June 2010 Newsletter

## Staff News



**Cook:** We are happy to announce our new Cook, **Gwenda Williams**. Gwenda has been with us for several weeks now and within the first few days had already put together a set of new 4-weekly rotating nutritional lunch menus. These are displayed prominently throughout the nursery.



Do let us know what you think, but the fact that lots of **empty** plates are being returned to the kitchen for washing speaks volumes!

**Nursery Manager:** To keep you updated: an active recruitment campaign is ongoing but we have not yet found the perfect candidate to fill these shoes. Will keep you posted on this. Meanwhile, all Nursery staff continue to do sterling work.

## CSSIW Inspection

We are pleased to report that during our recent Inspection, the Inspectorate found the level of childcare was up to its usual high standards so, although we must all agree that the past few months have been difficult, the nursery staff have excelled and not allowed any personal feelings of loss to interfere with their dedication to the children whom you entrust to their care.



## Outdoor Play Area

We are pleased to report that the uneven paving stones leading to the play area have now been properly re-laid, the play equipment cleaned up with the help of the children who are now able to play outside safely. Even the weather has been co-operative and the children are enjoying the outdoors with the sun shining down.

I notice that the children have even been busy putting in tomato plants which we are confident, in the care of these tender young hands, will yield a bumper crop.



**Canolfan Maerdy  
Cycling Club  
(CMCC)**

Want to get fit?  
Want to explore some of the beautiful scenery that we have all around us in the Amman Valley?  
Own a bike but nervous about cycling on your own?  
3 very good reasons for joining.

For those of us who may be wary of venturing out onto the open road, the Amman Valley Trotting Club have very graciously said that we can use their grounds so we can 'practise in safety' and thus build up confidence.

If you are interested, don't delay, summer doesn't last for ever and we should be making the best of the season.  
Put your name down on the list on our main notice board or ring Mel on 01269 826893 or email [admin@canolfanmaerdy.co.uk](mailto:admin@canolfanmaerdy.co.uk)

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