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Editorial

Welcome to the long-awaited Autumn edition of the Middlefield Mirror.

As ever, thanks go to all those who have submitted content and supported the development of this publication. Middlefield Mirror is your magazine and has the potential to be a real voice in your community. This cannot happen though without your input – we need people of all ages to get involved with an editorial team. This may involve attending meetings as and when you are able, getting content for the magazine, taking photographs, submitting articles or creative writing, design and layout of the magazine or any aspect of the editorial you feel comfortable with – any training can be provided.

If you would like to get involved and live in Middlefield, please contact Mary Clare: maryclare@shmu.org.uk or 01224515013

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Arts Development 'Our Story'

Our Story has been a year long intergenerational project involving seven regeneration communities in Aberdeen, funded through Fairer Scotland. The first part of the project was in partnership with Aberdeen International Youth Festival and led to each community taking part in the Tartan Day Parade in summer 2010.

The Our Story Exhibition was recently showcased at Aberdeen Art Gallery highlighting from groups their art work created from September 2010 to March 2011. The communities involved worked with the team to create inspirational work about their creative journey and story.

Arts Development worked with groups in the Middlefield area to create the 'Middlefield Munny Army'. The piece is inspired by Anthony Gormley's Terracotta army, which started out as a community project in St Helens, Merseyside and comprised of 40,000 hand crafted terracotta figures.

Where the two projects differ is that Anthony Gormley's original piece was created in reaction to climate change but the Middlefield Munny Army is instead a response to the changing population and landscape of Middlefield by citizens of the area.

Artists Monica Wisniewski and Joanne Gannon worked with the younger people of the area during holiday play schemes and afterschool clubs to design and decorate their own Munnys. The young people discussed their likes and dislikes and tried to encapsulate these ideas into their designs.

Artist Renee Vincent worked with older residents and the Middlefield Women's group to create the environment for the figures to be placed within; Knitting houses, roads and grass as well as making pom-poms and labels to decorate a tree to represent life, growth and development.

The final creation 'Middlefield (Munny

Army)' displayed the vibrancy and colourful nature of the groups involved and the Middlefield area.

As part of the Our Story Exhibition Programme, families were invited down to the Art Gallery in a Saturday event to create their own Mini Munnys. These workshops were well attended and the feedback from young visitors was positive, the Middlefield (Munny Army) was very popular!

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A Splash Of Colour

Over the summer, Middlefield Community Project has undergone an amazing makeover.

Painters and decorators have been busy over the summer transforming the nursery using bright colours chosen by the children in Ladybirds day nursery and the Busy Bees pre-school nursery. The new colour scheme offers a bright and welcoming environment to all visitors and the children are looking forward to decorating the newly painted walls with their amazing art work.

We hope that everyone enjoys the look of our newly painted fresh and modernised rooms!

Elaine Scott
Senior childcare worker

*It looks lovely! It
got painted when
I was on holiday!*

Shona (age 4)

*I like the pink
room*

Chloe (age 2)

Summer Playdays

Summer play days went really well this year and we were lucky to have sunshine for some of our 9 days of fun! They took place on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10.00am – 1.45pm.

We decided to have our own ice-cream shop for the day! (Freddie's idea) This was enjoyed by all of the children. We went to the shop and bought ice cream and various toppings then back at nursery we helped each other to make ice-cream cones.

The children enjoyed going for walks to the Persley Walled garden where they played games and looked for differ-

ent beasts in the water feature (Te-Jays ides), We also walked to Stewart park and had lots of fun playing in the park and running around the large grassy area.

On the days the weather was not great the children took part in baking activities, and did well to create a variety of cakes and creatively decorated them. They also made masks, wooden spoon puppets and were busy creating their very own master pieces with a wide selection of craft materials.

Busy bee's/Butterflies nurseries
Gemma/Claire/Elaine/Minna



Amazing Accenture

Children and staff would like to thank staff from Accenture for donating their time and efforts to renovating the nurseries front and back gardens. They did an amazing job and worked hard to cut the large grassy area as well as painting the children's picnic tables, shed, planters and other woodwork in the back garden, giving them a lovely fresh look.

Thanks to Accenture the children are enjoying outdoor play in their newly renovated back garden.

Accenture generously offer their time and support 3 times a year to various charities and in the past have supported Middlefield Community Project with various jobs around the nurseries including joinery work. They also donate gifts at Christmas time for the children within the nurseries. The organisation takes the time and effort to fundraise regularly and generously donate a percentage of the money raised to Middlefield Community Project.

Elaine Scott
Senior childcare worker



Thank you!

A big thank you to the young people that helped to decorate the computer room over the summer holidays. The young people helped to choose the colour scheme and went shopping to B&Q to purchase the paint. Some of the young people gave up their free time to get the room looking good and finished in time for opening.

Cooking

Cooking continues at the flat on a weekly basis. Recently the young people made some African puff puff with our student Vivienne from Nigeria. Puff puff would be equivalent to our doughnuts. We also tasted curried porridge! It actually tastes better than it sounds. It is made with spices, palm oil and yam. It is almost like curried potatoes. Very tasty and spicy!



P7s Moving Up

Twins Josh and Connor Mcload both said they are excited about moving into 1st year, but also admitted to being a bit nervous too! Good luck boys, and to all the other first year movers too!



Car Boot Sale

The young people organised and planned a car boot sale for the 10th of September and it was held at the Henry Rae. The youths made and distributed posters about the sale and put them up around the community and in local shops. Over the week the young people made tablet and sold it on the day. It was certainly a learning curve as each batch turned out differently when we made it. Due to our lovely Scottish weather the sale was held in doors. The young people did exceptionally well with their selling skills and enjoyed themselves. A big thank you to David who provided the tables.



Shannon (11) told us "I liked everything" and Lana (11) revealed "The best thing I liked about it was that every body took part and had a great day, I enjoyed the whole day although I was a bit shy at first. It was cool".



QUOTES

Summer Trips at the Youth Flat

Dundee trip: I liked the flumes. Michal 13

Dundee trip: It was ace swimming at Dundee because of the flumes. Callum 13

Dundee trip: I liked Dundee because it was fun and i went on the Cannonball for the 1st time. Josh 12

Dundee trip: I loved Dundee because I achieved diving off the second board. Conner 12

All trips: I like all the trips, I really liked Dundee swimming because of the flumes they were good. Fiona 13

Primary Sevens Thoughts on the Youth Flat

I've been going to the youth flat since April. I think it is good and I like playing the wii as I am very competitive. David p7

I like to play pool and the xbox. I also enjoyed the trip to Stoneheaven were we went swimming, although I but didn't like the salty water. I come to the flat as its fun and everyone is very friendly. First Years thoughts

Two girls who attend the Youth Flat and who are going into 1st year at the end of summer said, 'We like the pool table, the computers and also having toast at the flat. It is a good place to socialise and make friends. It also keeps us off the streets; the flat is a good influence.'

Flat Opening Times

If you stay in the Middlefield area pop in and see what goes on at the flat, you will certainly be made welcome.

Sunday 2.00pm-6.00pm, 7.00pm- 9.45pm

Monday 2.00pm-6.00pm, 7.00pm-9.45pm

Tuesday 2.00pm -6.00pm, 7.00pm-9.45pm

Wednesday 2.00pm-6.00pm, 7.00pm-9.45pm

Thursday closed

Friday 2.00pm – 6.00pm, 7.00pm-9.45pm

Primary 7's have their own session time at 3.15pm to 4.30pm and then 7.00pm till 8.15pm although the evening is a mixed session. S1-S4 session times are 4.45pm till 6.00pm and 7.00pm till 8.15pm. 15 -25 years session times are 2.00pm-3.00pm and then 8.30pm-9.45pm.

Summer Trips

The trips consisted of Dundee swimming, always a popular choice with the youths. Strawberry picking at Charlton fruit farm and this year the young people made strawberry jam, which turned out great. The weather didn't let us down for Fraserburgh beach, it was a beautiful sunny hot day where we spent playing various games and messing about in the water. The young people also went ice-skating, bowling and swimming at the beach leisure centre. All the young people had to decide where to go and work out the costs and stick to their budget.



Middlefield Community Project Primary 1-7 Summer Playscheme

For this year's play-scheme we have been on trips to Blair Drummond Safari Park and Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre. Both the children and volunteers really enjoyed both trips; being able to see the animals, especially being able to hold a baby chick in your hands and see eggs with chicks getting ready to hatch. They enjoyed playing in the parks and all the other activities. Sadly our trip to Montrose was rained off and volunteers bravely were in the water for 4 hours as they took 65 children swimming in small groups the other volunteers were at the centre doing activities with the children. On the Fridays we went to parks, swimming at Northfield Pool, the Beach Leisure Centre, Aberdeen Beach and Fraserburgh beach.

Helen, Donna, Andy and Mina took twenty-two Primary 4-6 children to Cromdale Outdoor centre on Monday the 18th of July to Wednesday the 20th July. On the way up they went swimming and shopping for food before heading up to the centre. On the Tuesday it was raining heavily so Andy and Minna thought it would be a good idea to get

everybody kitted out with water proofs and boots and we then went for a walk around Loch Morlich which they all enjoyed. They were very good and when we came back the weather was slightly better and the children got out to play in the park for a while then came in and played games like table football, table tennis, board games and the Wii. The children were treated to pizza & burgers the first night and home cooked meals of mince & tatties and macaroni & cheese for their tea the second night.

Helen, Charlene, Lynne, Carolann, and Lee took nineteen P1-P3 children to Cromdale Outdoor Centre on Monday the 1st August to Wednesday the 3rd August. We stopped at Huntly on the way up to Cromdale to let the children have their pack lunches and play in the park. Then we stopped at Aberlour so the kids could have a run about and play in the park as it was such a nice day. When we arrived at Cromdale the children unpacked then went to play in the park while two of the volunteers cooked supper. The next day the children had their breakfast and we



headed up to Landmark. It was light raining for some of the day but we never let it spoil our fun. We all went into Bamboozeleum the magical world of illusions, puzzles and special effects, we walked along the Tree Top Trail, all the girls and boys and some of the staff and volunteers climbed up the Fire Tower however other preferred to keep their feet on the ground. Three of the volunteers offered to take the smaller children onto the roller coaster and water slides I don't know who had the most fun. When we got back to Cromdale the children were treated to home cooked meals of Macaroni & Cheese and Pasta Bolognese most of them had seconds and even thirds. Children then played games had a shower then settled into there beds. Next day we all packed up and tidied up ready to go home. The kids enjoyed a plate of soup & a roll before we headed off home. We all had a good time away.

Written by volunteers Lynn and Lee Brown

Please Note:

We are looking for new volunteers to help out with our October Playscheme. If you are interested, please contact Helen at the project on: 01224 697000

Primary 1-3's club starts up again on Monday from 3.15pm to 4.45pm at the Henry Rae Centre and there is an entry fee of 50 pence.

Primary 4-6's club starts up again on Thursday from 3.30pm to 5pm at the Henry Rae Centre and there is an entry fee of 50 pence.

Both clubs to a variety of different activities which includes playing computer games, Wii , painting, arts & crafts, board games, toys, baking, trips and games in the big hall.



Operation Trinity in Aberdeen

Grampian Police launched an intelligence-led operation on 12 June 2011, in response to the annual problem of motorcycle nuisance, which is often highlighted to the police by residents.

Operation Trinity consists of a dedicated team of officers, supported by Roads Policing officers and City Wardens. The purpose of the operation is to target those causing a nuisance by riding motorcycles in an illegal, and often, highly dangerous way.

Inspector Stuart Ord, who is overseeing the operation told the Mirror "Our 'Local Policing Closer To You' model ensures that communities are better served in relation to the concerns they have. The antisocial use of motorcycles is a problem for many residents and this operation focuses on those involved."

"While there is a majority of law-abiding motorcyclists, there is also a minority who bring attention to their behaviour. Riding motorcycles in a manner that includes speeding, riding over footpaths and across open land without documentation or suitable protective equipment carries a huge risk to the public, as well as the riders themselves."

"Operation Trinity Officers are using all means at their disposal, including the seizure of uninsured motorcycles, to combat these type of riders."

Operation Trinity has three strands. These are, Disruption, Detection and Diversion. "We encourage the residents of the affected communities to work with us to disrupt those involved in this behaviour by telling us who they are, and where they are keeping their bikes. We will then be able to provide greater patrols in the affected areas, detect the offenders and bring them to justice. Finally, we will work towards diverting offenders away from this behaviour by helping them make alternative choices."

During the first seven weeks of Operation Trinity, 55 people were reported to either the Procurator Fiscal or the Children's Reporter in connection with Road Traffic Offences and the initiative has also led to 20 motorbikes being seized. The diversion scheme piloted during Operation Trinity is the Rural Urban Training Scheme (RUTS), which aims to stimulate positive life choices and reduce offending activities and risk-taking. Using motorcycles as a focus, RUTS provides alternative education and training to young people through a practical programme of activities.

As part of RUTS' MotoLearn project, 14 to 19 year olds can get their hands dirty covering such subjects as health and safety, motorcycle mechanics, first aid, road safety, motorcycles and society as well as issues such as employability and routes to further learning. The RUTS programme in Aberdeen was run from Monday 8

to Friday 12 August 2011 at Northfield Academy and saw six young lads from across the city taking part.

Iain Bell, RUTS Assistant Manager, said "We use motorcycles and motorcycle related skills and issues to act as a focus in providing support and direction to young people. We promote building pathways to social inclusion."

"When Grampian Police contacted us, we were very keen to come on board to work with the young people in Aberdeen. The youngsters involved have been extremely positive, with 100% attendance from the first day, and from a RUTS perspective meeting the local youth and delivering the programme in Aberdeen has been a great experience!" The MotoLearn programme is predominantly delivered in a garage/workshop environment but elements are also provided in an off road setting which is being hosted by the Forestry Commission at Fetteresso.

Inspector Ord concluded "Operation Trinity demonstrates that we listen to what our communities tell us and respond to the issues raised!"

"I urge people to call us on **0845 6005 700**, or Crimestoppers on **0800 555111** to report any incidents of this type. With the information we can actively target this behaviour and see that those offending face consequences for their actions."

Councillor Gordon Graham



Like lot of people I was glad to hear that the court ruling threw out a legal challenge to the multi-million pound project, clearing the way for work to

begin. A couple of months ago I attended a meeting with Middlefield residents to discuss the Haudagain Roundabout and the fact that this has been held up due to a Scottish Government decision not to commence works until after the Western Peripheral Route has been built.

This plight of residents has been made worse by a decision by Aberdeen City Council to suspend the housing modernisation works in the Middlefield area impacted by the proposed Haudagain junction improvements

The majority of people there were frustrated at the delay and I share the frustrations. To try and help the residents of Middlefield (and car drivers who suffer the hold ups) I have once again called on Aberdeen City Council that following the identification of the Haudagain roundabout as the worst in Europe that as a matter of urgency this council calls on the Scottish Government (1) to identify its option for the Haudagain Roundabout; and (2) brings forward the time period for the works at the roundabout to begin; and that this Council also writes to NESTRANS and Aberdeenshire Council asking them to write to the Scottish Government in support of Aberdeen City Council

This will be debated at the Enterprise, Planning and Infrastructure Committee on 13th September 2011. I would urge you to contact other Councillors that represent the area to support me in my endeavours.

I trust this meets with your satisfaction if you would like to discuss this or any other issue then please get in touch.

Councillor Gordon Graham



Councillor Jackie Dunbar

I have been contacted a few times recently regarding repairs that are required to tenants properties in the Middlefield area. Folk have have been told by

others in the area that all repairs have been stopped until a decision regarding the Haudigan proposal can be made. There is absolutely NO truth to this rumour, if you are a tenant of Aberdeen City Council, you are entitled, just like every other tenant in the City, to have your repairs seen to in a timely manner. If you currently have a problem that needs repair and have not informed the council because of the rumour circulating, then please call **08456 080929** with the details so that it can be dealt with.

A few months ago, I was contacted by the local Policing team and some residents asking if I could help them. Local residents were being plagued once again with the nuisance of motorbikes, one of the problems that the police faced was the "culprits" using a footpath that joined Strachan Place and Provost Rust Drive. Joint working between Mastrick Housing Office, the Northfield Police team and myself resulted in bollards being installed which has stopped this footpath being used as a through-way for vehicles. Thank you to everyone who helped with this.

I have also been approached by folks who have a garden waste bin and would like to start recycling their food waste but do not have a kitchen caddy. If you would like to start recycling your kitchen waste then please contact the waste aware team at wasteaware@aberdeencity.gov.uk or Tel: **08456 08 09 19** for your kitchen caddy.

Since receiving my own caddy I have found that it has actually saved me money! Through using it I realised just how much food I was actually throwing away and so I now buy less food, so it does have a hidden benefit.

Councillor Jackie Dunbar



Middlefield Parish Church News

Every autumn Middlefield Church had a host of different activities and services planned. See below for some of our recent activities and contact us to find out about up and coming events.

We're planning to have lots of fun at this year's Holiday Club. It's called the Middlefield Olympics Holiday Club and it runs through October in the mornings. There were loads of fun, games, painting, stories and other activities at the continents corners in the hall. The Olympic games and Christian themes parallel each other such as swimming mirrors baptism; wrestling mirrors wrestling with temptation; weight lifting shows God is our strength illustrated by the strength of Samson; while marathon shows the Christian race and how we should run it by fixing our eyes on Jesus and lastly the relay mirrors the Great commission given to us by Jesus to share our faith by passing the baton to others just as he passed it to us.

It was great fun and there were lots of medals won too! We thought it was a great opportunity for parents and grandparents to see how talented the Middlefield kids are!

We also had a family meal as at Middlefield Church on the 16th October after the service which went very well.

Sunday 20 November

On Sunday 20 November at 7.00pm we have a special service where we remember those who have passed

away. The time before Christmas can be hard especially for those who have lost someone they love and will be dearly missed at the Christmas table. In a special service we will remember them and if you wish there is during the service the opportunity to light a candle for them. Everyone is warmly invited to attend the service.

Tuesdays 9.30am- 11.30am

Did you know that the Church will be open every Tuesday morning from 9.30 to 11.30? Parents with their toddlers are very welcome but so are others who would like a chat or just drink a cup of coffee. The minister and an elder will be present to welcome you.

Friendship Group 1.00pm to 3.00pm

There is also the Friendship Group for the 50+ that meets every Tuesday afternoon from 1.00pm to 3.00pm.

Sunday Service and Sunday Club

And of course there is the weekly worship service at 11.00am with the Sunday Club for primary school kids during the Sunday services. We would love to welcome you!

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Station House Media Unit (shmu) is situated just off Great Northern Road in the old Station House Community Centre, Woodside. We offer free access to, and training in, video and radio production and magazine and online publications to residents of all ages living in Seaton, Woodside, Middlefield, Tillydrone, Torry, Northfield and Cummings Park.

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Fancy getting involved in the **Tilly Tattle**? The editorial team are on the look-out for volunteers to take part. This is your chance to gain new skills, meet new friends and a chance to make a **difference in your community**. You don't need experience to be part of the **editorial team**, **SHMU** will give you all the support and help you need. So If you are interested call **Mary Clare** at **SHMU** on **515013** or email maryclare@shmu.org.uk

Improve your WORD POWER

SHMU is running a six week journalism course in January. The course will run for two hours a day and will give the participants an exciting opportunity to gain an understanding of the basics of journalism.

Topics covered in the course will include: What makes a good story, **news and feature writing**, sourcing content, **style guides**, interview techniques, research skills, writing workshops and create **engaging, lively copy**.

SHMU is always hunting for fresh volunteers... Why not sign up? You could put your newly aquired **writing prowess** to the test by writing an article for the **Tilly Tattle**! If you are interested please contact **Stevie** on **01224 515013** or email steven@shmu.org.uk



shmuTRAIN

shmuTRAIN delivers employability & skills development courses to support people into work, education or training using digital media, including radio and film making to help develop core skills.

Employability training supports people to **produce a CV**, develop job search and interview skills, meet with local employers, **increasing motivation** and the chances of sustaining either **work, training or education**.



positiveTRANSITIONS is a 12 week course including radio & video training for **16-19 year olds** who are not in education, employment or training. The next course begins on 9th January 2012.

shmuWORKS is a 6 week course including radio training for **18-25 year olds** who are not in education, employment or training.

If you are interested in any of our courses please contact **Chrissie Simpson**, on **01224 515013**, or email chrissie@shmu.org.uk



New in Manor Park

Allotments

Have you ever fancied growing your own tatties or saving money on fresh salads?

Thanks to a grant from the Climate Challenge Fund, an area of Manor Park has been earmarked to create allotments which will be available to people living in Middlefield.

There will be a range of plot sizes, from full size ones down to 'microplots' of a few square metres for folk who haven't tried growing veg before and would like to give it a try on a small patch to begin with.

The allotment site is being prepared this summer and plots will be ready by the autumn. If you are interested in trying one out, call 07526 668758 or email healthy-rootsaberdeen@yahoo.co.uk.

Mural Gets A New Look

The mural on the fence in Manor Park's Parent and Toddler play park is being given a new lick of paint by a local artist. The mural was created by local mums from

the Middlefield Community Project when the play park opened in 2004, but the original design was beginning to fade and flake off.

This year the park received a grant from Marks and Spencer's Greener Living Spaces fund for some much-needed maintenance and as part of this the fence has been renewed. The original design has been kept but given a fresh new video-game-inspired look.

Other art in the park

If you look carefully, you will find other artworks around Manor Park. Bronze discs cast by local kids have been sunk into wood and even stone all over the park. You'll have to look carefully to find them all.

Manor Park is a community-run park off Manor Walk. Manor Park is now on Facebook. Look us up at: www.facebook.com/pages/Manor-Park/150453127275



Supporting Women to Breastfeed

The health benefits of breastfeeding for Mothers and babies has been well researched; benefits include reduced risk of allergies for children, reduced risk of certain cancers for women who breastfeed and the promotion of positive attachment between mother and baby. Despite these facts, breastfeeding rates are still low across Scotland.

In an effort to offer women support should they choose to breastfeed, NHS Grampian are coordinating a 12 month pilot project focusing on one area in the City. We are looking to recruit women who are enthusiastic about breastfeeding and supporting other Mums, and who have breastfed their own children for at least 6 weeks in the past as volunteers to offer breastfeeding support to new Mums.

Volunteers would receive 20 hours of FREE training from the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) and 6 follow up sessions which would lead to the volunteers gaining a recognised qualification as well as being reimbursed for

expenses incurred. Following training, volunteers would then be expected to make a commitment to offer breastfeeding support to Mums who are referred by health visitors and community midwives for the duration of the project (12 months).

If you think you can:

- Attend 20 hours of training over 8 weeks
- Make a commitment for 12 months to offer support
- Work with health professionals
- Attend breastfeeding workshops, visit women in their homes or offer advice over the phone

Or, if you would just like some more information about this opportunity, please contact: Joanne Riach, NHS breastfeeding coordinator at joanne.riach@nhs.net or **01224 558 670**.

THE HEALTHY HOOSE

The Healthy Hoose has had its door open to residents of Smithfield and Middlefield since August 1999. We at the Healthy Hoose offer a wide range of locally-based health-care services. We are here to help with many of your health queries and concerns, saving an unnecessary journey to your surgery. Your GP knows we are here and is happy for us to help you if we can.

We provide a service for babies, toddlers, young people and adults, with all contacts being confidential. Our opening hours are Monday – Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 10am-5pm and closed between 1-2pm for lunch.

The Healthy Hoose team comprises of:

Pamela Coutts, Receptionist
Dorothy Christie and Audrey Scott, Nurse Practitioners
Janet Crichton, Counsellor

Our pharmacist Kathleen left the team on 29th July, we

would like to thank her for nine years of service at the Healthy Hoose. We also have a range of visiting services including podiatry, health visitors, credit union and benefits advisors.

If you live within the Middlefield or Smithfield areas we are here to help you. Please feel free to call Tel: 01224 661500 for advice or pop in on your way past to collect a leaflet.

Middlefield Community Health

The Healthy Hoose

2B LOGIE PLACE, MIDDLEFIELD

Tel: 01224 661500





The Ladybird's Day Nursery

Are you working? Are you thinking of going back to work? Are you in collage or thinking about applying for a collage placement? If you answer yes to any of these questions then the Ladybirds day nursery is the ideal environment for your child.

WHY? We provide challenging opportunities for a broad and progressive curriculum where your child is motivated and actively involved in their own learning. Parents, Staff and children work together to achieve our common vision so every child reaches their full potential. We promote a caring, positive ethos where each person is valued, respected and included. We work with parents/carer's, other agencies and the wider community to meet the needs of the whole child. We promote the outdoor environment as a space for learning and respect our world and we provide a positive environment to promote Health and wellbeing.

Our staff are fully qualified and fully committed to ensuring your child receives the best possible quality care.

The Ladybirds Day nursery is open 50 weeks of the year (only

closing for the Christmas break) and are open from 8.00am until 5.45pm. We have recently reduced the entrance age to 18 months.

HMIE and the Care Commission recently inspected the Middlefield Community Project Nurseries.

Our strengths include:

- Welcoming, positive and inclusive ethos within the centre
- Well-behaved children who enjoy learning through play
- Caring, sensitive staff supporting children and families
- Working partnerships with community members and other agencies in supporting children's learning

If you have any questions relating to our Ladybirds Day Nursery, please contact myself - Donna Rennie at Middlefield Community Project on 789934.