

# Grindleford and Eyam Playgroup

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We would like to start by saying a huge thank you to Grindleford Carnival committee for their generous donation of £250. We used the money to purchase new equipment, including a set of magnetic numbers and letters.

As we approach the end of the academic year the sets have provided children who will be making the move up to school with the opportunity to develop their writing skills.



This term (finally!) provided us with some nice weather, and we took full advantage! Our forest schoolers enjoyed taking part in mini beast hunts, den building, mud painting and clay-work. At the allotment we've planted potatoes, turnips and carrots. On Tuesday mornings we head there to tend, water and check in on them ready for an Autumn harvest.



Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to find out more about the wonderful adventures the children have each day.

In May we held our second 'Party at the Pavilion'. The weather was kind to us, and families gathered on the field to enjoy food, drink, live jazz music and family games. We raised a brilliant £350 for playgroup. Thanks to 'The Ginger Butcher' of Bakewell, Eyam Brewery, Peak District Dairy and Omega Jazz for their support.



Back in March a team from GEP headed out onto the moors to help marshal the Grindleford Gallop. The weather was challenging with high winds and horizontal rain; however, this didn't put off any of the runners as a record number braved the cold to take part. The lure of freshly made soup and cake providing plenty of incentive!

Playgroup would like to say a huge thank you to the Gallop committee for their generous donation of £1000. This will allow us to buy some new equipment including a new easel and wooden construction vehicles.

**Just one date for your diary – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**The Grindleford Goat including the new Gruff Gravel, Track Stars and Sir William Hill Climb** Together for the first time – a celebration of cycling in all its wonderful forms. A brilliant opportunity for everyone to participate or support these great events which raise much needed funds for the shop and playgroup.

The grass track is mown ready for the time trial and we hope to see lots of eager youngsters taking part. Registration opens at 2pm and entry costs just £3. Prizes will be presented on the field and there is a medal for every entrant.

We would love to see more local riders taking part in the hill climb this year and we have some great prize categories including fastest 50+ man and woman, fastest local man and woman, and a prize for the best effort (slowest rider!). Registration opens at 4.30pm with the first rider off at 5pm. Or join us at the Hill Climb festival for BBQ and live music.

I had to include a photo of this year's t-shirts, fantastic design once again. One of our bears wants to help us this year! Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest news and adventures.

