

Fancy getting your hands dirty?

Marie Curie Cancer Care is inviting all children aged 3-11 to get their hands dirty this autumn by growing their own daffodils for the charity's *Mini Pots of Care* fundraising activity.

Mini Pots of Care is a creative and educational project for schools and groups where children can learn about science and nature as well as the work of the Marie Curie Nursing service.

Each child will receive their own pot and daffodil bulb to plant in the autumn term. The children will then care for their flower over the winter months to reflect the work of Marie Curie Nurses who provide free care to patients with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes.

In spring, when the daffodils bloom, the children have fun painting their pots before taking them home to someone they care about in return for a small donation to help fund Marie Curie Nurses.



Free detailed lesson plans supporting Key Stages 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum as well as activity resources for youth groups are available to download from the website.

The initiative is supported by Homebase, who donate to the cost of planting materials for the *Mini Pots of Care* kits, and premium express delivery company City Link, who coordinate the distribution and delivery of the kits to schools and groups free of charge.

Register by August 31 and receive your free planting kit before the end of September. Go to www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare or call 08700 340 040 to register. Registrations for 2009/10 close on 2nd October 2009.