



## Ready, Steady, Grow...

**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 which teaches children about science and nature, as well as the work of Marie Curie. Over 3,000 schools and youth organisations took part in 2012, raising almost £300,000 for Marie Curie Nurses.

Every child taking part will receive their own plant pot and daffodil bulb to plant in the autumn term. The children then care for their flowers over the winter months, to reflect the work of the charity's nurses who provide free care to patients with terminal cancer and other illnesses in their own homes or in one of nine Marie Curie hospices.

In the spring, children celebrate their daffodils in bloom by holding a Mini Pots of Care Fundraising Day, when they have fun painting their pots, learning about the vital work of Marie Curie Cancer Care and holding special events.

Free detailed lesson plans supporting Key Stages 1 and 2 of the National Curriculum for England and Wales and equivalent for Scotland and Northern Ireland are available online.

Activity resources for youth groups are also available to download from the Marie Curie Cancer Care website.



Register NOW and receive your free planting kit before the end of September.

Please visit [www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare) or call 08700 340 040 to register.

Registration closes on October 4, 2013.

**Notes to Editor:**

**Mini Pots of Care** is a curriculum linked fundraising initiative aimed at children aged between 3 and 11. Schools and groups that sign up receive a free kit including everything they need to take part. Children plant the daffodil bulbs during the autumn term, and then paint their daffodil pot wrappers as part of Mini Pots of Care day in the spring term.

**Marie Curie Cancer Care** is one of the UK's largest charities. Employing more than 2,700 nurses, doctors and other healthcare professionals, it expects to provide care to around 29,000 terminally ill patients in the community and in the charity's hospices this year and is the largest provider of hospice beds outside the NHS. The charity is best known for its network of Marie Curie Nurses working in the community to provide free care for patients in their own homes.