

# THE SCOTTISH Farmer

## Bring on the

# kids!

### What's on at Dobbies Children's Discovery Centre?

VISIT THE Dobbies Children's Discovery Centre on Avenue Q, where this year's theme is 'From Past to Present', with activities designed to encourage thinking of farming, food and rural life through the ages.

Bring the kids to enjoy the hands-on educational activities open to the general public throughout the show, run by the Royal Highland Education Trust (RHET) and featuring a variety of activity providers from some of the best educational teams in Scotland.

QMS are sponsoring the **Scotch Beef Children's Cookery Theatre**, giving youngsters an opportunity to discover for themselves how simple (and tasty!) it is to cook with fresh, seasonal produce. Sticking with the theme of food, RHET will be welcoming **The Taste Adventure**

to the 2011 education programme; this simple yet fun activity, run by **Slow Food** and the HGCA, encourages children to think about food through five interactive zones, each with a focus on one of the five senses. The team from **Seafood Scotland** invite you to see – and taste – different fish, and to explain the importance of fish in a healthy diet.

**Dynamic Earth** will lead your children on a trail of ancient beasties, to discover the creatures that roamed around our land long ago. **The Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust** have a display of gamekeeping clothing past and present, with the chance for children to test their knowledge of this old profession. Younger kids can take turns to grind grain into flour in the traditional way using quern stones with **Gorgie City Farm** and, in the dairy parlour, milk 'Mabel', RHET's life-sized fibre-glass cow, to learn the journey of fresh milk 'from cow to carton'. Older children can discover how science is helping feed the world and care for the environment, plus

follow the changes in science over the years with **The James Hutton Institute**.

Budding naturalists are welcome to join the **Little Seedlings Club**, run by Dobbies, in a session



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