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## Newsletter - Summer 2010

A charity for the benefit of children with cerebral palsy and other motor disorders

### News...News...News...News...



Whoopsadaisy was selected as one of the three charities to benefit from the Paddle Round the Pier event, which took place on the 3rd and 4th of July. Paddle Round the Pier is Europe's biggest free beach and water sports festival.



Carys and Joe from School for Parents with a collection bucket.

With thanks to the organisers, Dave Samuel and Virginia Barnacle for involving us in this unique and exciting event. A big thank you also to everyone at Whoopsadaisy for being there and helping out on the day.

A great time was had by all! We have raised a considerable amount of funds via this event. Go to [www.paddleroundthepier.com](http://www.paddleroundthepier.com) for more information and pictures of the event.



Whoopsadaisy Chair Jon Orrell taking part in the Unusual Floats Race with an iceberg and dressed up as penguins.

Photo by Mike Whittingham Photography.



Nina and Caroline with Ronnie Corbett over the weekend.

Photo by Graham Franks Photography.

## Our Services

### School for Parents

We have three leavers in School for Parents: Joe, Lily and Alex, who are going to start junior school in September. They will be greatly missed and we wish good luck to them all in their new schools. We will continue working with these children in our holidays clubs and we hope to see them soon!



Due to these leavers, we now have some spaces in our under-5s classes. If you are a parent/carer with a child with physical disabilities or know of someone who may benefit from our services, please get in touch on 07533 956149 or email [info@whoopsadaisy.org](mailto:info@whoopsadaisy.org).

### Holiday Club

The popularity of our Holiday Clubs is growing rapidly. We now have 30 families on our books, with about 10 children attending each holiday club.

There are two very experienced conductors coming over from Hungary to run the Holiday Club weeks; Szilvia and Aliz. We also enjoy the support of some enthusiastic volunteers.

*One parent told us "Matilda and Tabitha loved all the activities and we had really good fun as a family. As a mum I also got a good refresher on in terms of helping Matilda with some movements. The group was well organised, well structured and paced."*

We have organised the following Holiday Clubs for the summer and the next academic year: 2nd-6th August 2010 at Mile Oak School; 25th-29th October 2010, 11th-15th April 2011; and 1st-5th August 2011 at Somerhill Junior School. Please contact Beata Kusel (07533 956149) for further information.



## NEW ADMINISTRATOR

We now have a new administrator called Caroline Matanle who joined us last month. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact her on 07588 555761 or [caroline@whoopsadaisy.org](mailto:caroline@whoopsadaisy.org). Welcome Caroline!!!



## VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for new volunteers to help in our Holidays Clubs. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know a world-famous, highly successful method and gain hands on experience in how to enable disabled children to gain maximum independence. Whoopsadaisy is the only place in East Sussex that practices Conductive Education. Volunteering is subject to an enhanced CRB police check. Our volunteers can get a nationally recognised certificate for their work. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Beata.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Helen Palmer our top volunteer who has been helping us for a year now. She has made an invaluable contribution in accounts, grants, fundraising and hands-on work with children in School for Parents and Holiday Clubs.



Also a huge thank you to our other committed and enthusiastic volunteers, Tammy Knight, Candice Wrightson, Tim Holt, Cheryl Wiggs, Brian Coomber, and Adam Heppel.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a constant challenge for Whoopsadaisy. To maintain our services and reach more families we need to raise more funds. Any help is greatly appreciated; regular or one-off donations, sponsored physical challenges, events or any other ideas and initiatives will make a huge difference to us.

Thank you very much to the following trusts, organisations and individuals who have all donated to Whoopsadaisy this year: Mrs A Lacy Tate Trust; Boshier-Hinton Trust; J C Robinson Trust No. 4; R S Brownless Charitable Trust; Gurney Charitable Trust; N Smith Charitable Settlement; The Barbara Ward Children's foundation; Aiming High BHCC; The Rotary Club; Carys Whittingham's grandmother Marion Tuddenham and relatives of Carys', George and Christine Day; Stanford Infant School cake stall; Roedean Gala; Christopher Holland's birthday party; Scott Wallace London Marathon runner; Elliot Maurice; Duke Harvey from Dorton Demolition; Brighton Racecourse; and the Brighton marathon runners.

## Supporting Whoopsadaisy

This year has been an exciting but challenging year for Whoopsadaisy. To maintain and further expand our services, we need to raise more funds and so ask if you could support us in some way this year.

We are looking for people who could carry out their own fundraising ideas this year. There are various ways to do this, for example, through a sponsored event or completing a personal challenge (Justgiving could also help you out with this by setting up your own fundraising page). For fundraising ideas contact Caroline Matanle on 07588 555761.

You can make a secure one-off or regular donation via Justgiving, who process donations and reclaim Gift Aid on our behalf ([www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)).

**Easyfundraising.co.uk** is another simple and effective way of helping us. They provide a FREE fundraising service to the charity of your choice (Whoopsadaisy!!) when you shop online. Choose from over 2000 of the UK's best known retailers, including Amazon, Argos and Next, and when you use the links via their website, they give up to 15% of what you spend to us. You can even get extra discounts for buying online so you can **save money** too!

We are grateful for any donation no matter how big or small.

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### Christopher Holland's 18th Birthday

Christopher is the inspiring figure behind Whoopsadaisy, and currently our Patron. His 18th birthday celebration took place at Stanmer House on the 24th April with many of our other patrons attending. An auction was held in aid of Whoopsadaisy.  
Happy birthday Christopher!



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### Cash in the Attic

Thanks to our patron Carol Harrison Whoopsadaisy is going to appear on TV in the autumn in a special celebrity Cash in the Attic episode. Footage of the work we do with our children will be on the big screen and this will also raise us some funds!

### FRIENDS OF WHOOPSADAISSY EVENING

Friends and supporters got together to celebrate the achievements of Whoopsadaisy at Topolinos in Hove on 25th March 2010. It was a delightful evening hearing about how our numbers of children have significantly increased in the School for Parents and in our Holiday Clubs. We were also proudly presenting our busy events calendar for the season ahead.

We are honoured to have two new patrons; actor Peter Mantle and 13 times world champion stunt-double Eddie Kidd. Thank you to all our supporters and friends for their continued support.



Pic 1



Pic 2



Pic 5

1. Actress Carol Harrison, Patron; Nina Holland, Founder; Ter-rina Steel Committee Member Whoopsadaisy; Gaby Whelan, Friend.

2. Georgina James, President of B&H Rotary Soiree; Feroz Jafferji, Committee Member Whoopsadaisy; Beata Kusel, Head of Conductive Education at Whoopsadaisy.

3. Jon Orrell, Director of Whoopsadaisy is presented with a cheque for £1000 from Mike Whittingham father of Carys and Ferris who attend Whoopsadaisy.

4. Emma Andrews, Committee Member Whoopsadaisy and Feroz Jafferji.



Pic 3



Pic 4



The first Brighton marathon took place on Sunday 18 April in glorious sunshine. Five very generous volunteers ran in aid of Whoopsadaisy and raised a considerable amount of money. Thank you to Mike Thomson and Sandy Ramdas (parents of Daniel, who has been coming to Whoopsadaisy for 1½ years), Ben Jones, Andrew Haslam and Harriet Ball for every mile and every pound; we appreciate your blood, sweat and tears!

#### Sandy's account of the day!

How was it for me..... well in the heat I got off to a cracking start. I was only 30 mins behind Mike at the point where the run passed the end of our road so I took the opportunity to nip home to use the toilet before heading east to Ovingdean. That's where I met "Mr Testicles" running for a male cancer charity. As you can imagine he attracted a lot of attention and encouragement from the crowds. Some people mistook him for either Spongebob or Mr Potato Head (Both of whom were running). Anyway we were pacing each other for 12 miles finishing about 15 minutes apart. I also met a number of other charity runners with amazing stories. Besides Mr Testicles there was another runner who was called Sandy and she kept me company right until we crossed the finish line. So I now have 1 marathon medal, 1 very large blister, a sore knee, sun burnt cheeks a sense of relief and personal achievement and we reached 87% of our aspirational sponsorship target (and money is still coming in) for Whoopsadaisy. I am planning a ceremonial disposal of my trainers as soon as I can walk down the stairs to the seafront!



Mike and Sandy, parents of Daniel, who used to attend our School for Parents.

### **Runners Wanted!**

#### **Brighton Marathon April 10<sup>th</sup> 2011**

We have 20 charity places for the 2011 marathon run and already have some brave runners signed up including Andrew and Mike from the 2010 race.

Standard entries are now sold out so this is a great opportunity to take part in this exciting event whilst raising money for an excellent cause.

Any takers please e-mail us at [info@whoopsadaisy.org](mailto:info@whoopsadaisy.org) or call Caroline on 07588 555761.