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Newsletter - October 2009

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

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Saturday School starts!

New Saturday School

We have designed the Saturday School for children who attend mainstream school during the week and who would benefit from our input to further develop their physical skills and independence. We had a very successful first Saturday on 3rd October. 5 children enrolled for the term and we already have 3 more children who are waiting for a place.

Apart from the hard work on physical tasks, the children and parents all enjoyed making new friends and had lots of fun stuffing a scarecrow and harvesting indoors! We also have a wonderful nursery nurse, Sarah, helping our work on Saturdays. We all look forward to the next session on the 7th of November.

Whoopsadaisy has a new Administrator!



Lesley Dickson joined us in July. If you need any help or information about Whoopsadaisy, please give her a call on 07588 555761.

NEW PREMISES

Due to the continued success of our classes, we are currently looking for new premises for our sessions.

We need a hall or large room with good sized storage for our furniture and equipment plus tea/coffee making and toilet facilities (all with disabled access). If you know of anywhere you think may be suitable, please give Lesley a call on 07588 555761. Thanks!

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!!

www.whoopsadaisy.org

We are currently updating our website, so remember to check it out regularly for news, updates and events.

Our Contact Details:

Office address: HOP House, 41 Church Road,
Hove BN3 2BE tel: 07588 555761
Sessions Venue: Vallance Community Centre,
Sackville Road, Hove, BN3 3WR
Beata Kusel: 07533 956149

Volunteers wanted for Holiday Club

Enthusiastic and hands on
to help make sessions lively and fun!
CRB check essential
Please call 07533 956149

Mayor's Visit

The Mayor of Brighton and Hove, Cllr Ann Norman, visited Whoopsadaisy on the 5th October, to see in action one of our Conductive Education classes.

Conductive Education is a system of learning that helps children maximise their independence in their everyday lives and also shows parents/ carers how to help their children at home.



Nina Holland, Cllr Ann Norman

Cllr Norman was so impressed with the children and their obvious physical improvements that she wants to come back and visit again. In fact, she's already got our Christmas Party in her diary!



Dr Feroz Jafferji, Nina Holland, Beata Kusel, Cllr Ann Norman, Marion Whittingham, Children - Ferris and Garys Whittingham

Amaze Information event

Friday 6th November 10.30am- 12.30pm
at Bright helm, North Road, Brighton



Amaze is hosting an Information Event in November to provide families with disabled children or children with special needs information and advice about the services available to them in the City.

Whoopsadaisy is running a stall, so come along - it will be a good place to meet professionals and other parents/ carers. Hope to see you there!

Holiday Club for 2010

After the success of our Holiday Club, held during the last summer holidays (see below for some of the comments from parents of children who attended), we are pleased to announce the dates for 2010.

February Half Term:
15th- 19th February

May Half Term:
31st May- 4th June

Summer Holidays:
2nd- 6th August



Parents' Comments about our Holiday Club:

"Brandon really enjoyed the holiday club and was very quick to settle in. He took part and enjoyed the craft activities, which I was surprised at because Brandon will normally lose interest quickly.

I chose to send Brandon because Conductive Education works for him. He found it great fun and couldn't wait for the next day to go again. This summer has put a sparkle back into Brandon and we can't wait for the next holiday club." Doris Cooper

"Eloise enjoyed the sessions very much. It was an excellent, well planned holiday club. We were very satisfied with the service we received."
Lesley Foley

"Joss said he loved everything! I enjoyed having some time off and being able to leave Joss in safe hands."
Sandra Chitty

"Thank you so much for running the summer club in August. Alex benefited so much and made noticeable leaps in his walking, balancing, fine motor skills and attention span. It was lovely to meet all the other children and their parents too!"
Julia Cotton

Events Calendar

Whoopsadaisy Christmas Party

The invitation is for all children and their families who are part of Whoopsadaisy.

Monday 14th December 11.00am-1.00pm

at Vallance Community Centre, Sackville Road, Hove

The Mayor, Cllr Ann Norman, is joining us, as well as someone from the local library who will read sensory Christmas stories to the children. Not to mention Santa!!



Scope School for Parents

Whole day Cerebral Palsy training with

Dr Charlie Fairhurst, Consultant Paediatrician

19th March 2010 at Scope, 6 Market Road, London N7

Cost: £10 parents / £50 professionals

Contact Whoopsadaisy if you would like to book a place.



Our Services

- Update -

School for Parents

We now have 8 children coming to our classes on a Monday - both the groups are full but we are ready to expand on demand.

Saturday School

5 children have started our new Saturday School with 3 on the waiting list. We will expand our Saturday School in the near future to accommodate all who would like to join.

Holiday Club

7 children attended our Summer 09 club and we have lots of interest for 2010 (see page 3 for dates).

Outreach service (for children already involved in Whoopsadaisy)

We liaise with the children's mainstream settings to give them ideas on how to enable the child and achieve independence in their everyday school activities.

Fundraising

Your support is always welcome!

We rely solely on donations and fundraising - we don't receive any Government funding for our services. It would be really great if you or someone you know could raise money for us, maybe doing something challenging or just for fun!

Some ideas might be:

- Get fit with a sponsored bike ride, walk or run.
- With Christmas on its way, ask for donations to Whoopsadaisy instead of a gift (good for avoiding those unwanted ones!)
- Have a party for friends and hold a raffle (where the price of the raffle ticket is considerably more than the prize!)
- Have a day out with friends, say at the races, where a proportion (or better still all) of the winnings are donated to Whoopsadaisy.

Please contact the Whoopsadaisy office if you need any help with an idea you may have - tel: 07588 555761 - thanks.

University of Brighton choose Whoopsadaisy!

The University of Brighton have chosen Whoopsadaisy to be one of their local Receive and Give (RAG) charities for 2009/10. The students will be holding lots of different events throughout the year, for example band nights, sports days and quizzes. Many thanks to the RAG committee for giving Whoopsadaisy the opportunity to benefit. We'll keep you updated with their activities and progress.



'Share Your World' EU Project

We've got involved with an EU project which takes place in Hungary in late October. The project is open to participants aged between 16 and 25, with or without physical disabilities, from the European Union.

It is an exciting opportunity for youngsters to spend a week in Budapest together, where they will study the city and complete a project on how people can share the world better in an environmentally friendly way. Support is being given by Peto Institute conductor students and the EU is funding nearly all of the costs. The Peto Institute in Hungary is the birthplace of Conductive Education, and where our Head of Conductive Education, Beata Kusel, was trained.

Adam Heppell, who comes to our Holiday Club and Saturday School, is going along with a friend. We're sure he will have a fantastic time and hopefully he'll report back for us in the next newsletter.