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helping special children shine

July - Gorffennaf 2024

Dear Sparkle families,

The sun is starting to shine and we are thrilled to unveil some of the exciting things that have been going on with Sparkle.

Events and Fundraising: We've been out and about, spreading awareness and raising funds for Sparkle... and we have more in the works so keep your eyes peeled for updates!

Community Connections: External coffee groups and community events means more ways to support you.

Shout out to our volunteers: We expressed our thanks to our volunteers during Volunteers Week. Your hard work brings so much joy to our children and young people... thank you all!

Thank you to everyone who's continued to show interest in fundraising for Sparkle. Keep an eye on our social media channels for upcoming incentives and events - we'd love your support!

Team Sparkle

EXCITING NEWS!

You can now support the Sparkle every time you shop online! But we need your help!

We've teamed up with **easyfundraising**, allowing you to raise free donations from over 8000 retailers.

Whether you're doing your weekly food shop, renewing your car insurance or booking a weekend get away - every shop can be a donation for us!

PLUS, From the 8th July for 2 weeks, we'll get a £1 bonus donation for every person that signs up to our page!

It's quick and easy just follow this link:
bit.ly/EasyFundSparkle



Save the date...

Fri 5th Jul
Coffee support
@ SCC

Mon 8th Jul
CCP: Sleep
(Workshop)

Sat 13th Jul
Coffee support
@ CCC

Mon 18th Jul
ADHD support
@ SCC

Sat 27th Jul
Dad's Group
(Online)

Sun 7th Jul
Belle Vue market
(Supporting Sparkle)

Tues 9th Jul
SNAP Cymru
@ NHCC

Sat 13th Jul
Dad's Group
@ SCC

Sun 21st Jul
Summer funday
@ SCC

If you would like more information on any upcoming events or if you would like any further support, please get in touch with our Family Liaison Officers...

SCC
family.liaison.abb@wales.nhs.uk

NHCC -
abb.familyliaisonnorth@wales.nhs.uk

CCC
abb.familyliaisonwest@wales.nhs.uk

MEET OUR FUNDRAISING FAMILY

We are excited to introduce our new Sparkle Family Fundraising Volunteers led by parents and carers of Sparkle children and young people.

The Fundraising Volunteer Group will play a crucial role in supporting our charity, by helping us build valuable connections within the community.

Join us in making a positive impact for Sparkle children and young people.

Whether you can spare an hour here or there, or want to volunteer regularly, we're looking for support with roles such as:

- **Collection tin collection**
- **Attending events on our behalf**
- **Collecting cheques and donations from local businesses & organisations**

The group meets every other month at Sparkle and on Teams, and we would love to see you at the next catch-up!

For more information on how to get involved, please contact Tracey Holloway, Sparkle Fundraising Officer on **01633 748041** or email fundraising@sparkleappeal.org



SPARKLE ATTENDS BACD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

This month, Sparkle's Research and Development Officer attended the British Academy of Childhood Disability (BACD) Annual Scientific Meeting in Sheffield.

The BACD brings together childhood disability professionals from various sectors across the UK, aiming to support those working with children and young people with disabilities, and their families, to provide the best quality care and support possible.

The conference focused on "Current evidence and management challenges in Cerebral Palsy," featuring talks and poster presentations on medical interventions and support services for children and young people with Cerebral Palsy.

Sparkle presented findings from an evaluation on specialist leisure as respite for family-carers of children with disabilities.

Our Research Officer was able to talk to various researchers and health professionals about the impact of our specialist leisure clubs and the need for holistic, whole-family approaches to care and support.

We thank the Waterloo Foundation, which is supporting Sparkle again this year to share our research findings with a small dissemination grant.

You can find out more about our research on our website or by contacting our Research Officer on research@sparkleappeal.org

Are you interested in fundraising for Sparkle?

Email
fundraising@sparkleappeal.org

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Call
01633 748041

to learn more or get started.

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ISCAN Updates

We are delighted to introduce Emily Marshall, our new ISCAN Family Support Worker at Caerphilly Children's Centre.

Emily brings a wealth of experience from her previous role with Barnardo's, where she worked closely with children and families. She will be available Wednesday, Thursday & Friday to provide essential support to our community.

In addition, we extend our warmest congratulations to Gia Burgess.

Formerly an ISCAN Family Support Worker at Nevill Hall Children's Centre, Gia has been promoted to the role of ISCAN Care Co-ordinator at Caerphilly Children's Centre.

Her dedication and commitment have earned her this well-deserved opportunity.

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