

Nevill Hall Children Centre/Canolfan Blant Nevill Hall

January Newsletter/ Cylchlythyr Ionawr



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Thank you for your support!

As the festive season comes to it's end, everybody at Sparkle would like to sincerely thank you for supporting us this year.

In 2023, we continued to see an increase in the number of children with disabilities and/or developmental difficulties accessing Nevill Hall, Serennu and Caerphilly Children's Centres. Whilst we are delighted to share that we have supported 1000 parents/carers through our Family Liaison Service, and 200 children a week through our regular clubs, swimming, MediCinema and children's parties, we have also faced a huge rise in costs, and a significant fall in trust income in the second half of this year.

Many believe we are largely funded from statutory sources yet the opposite is true. We rely on the receipt of charitable trust grants as well as donations and fundraised income.

We are doing all we can to protect our vital services but live with the prospect we may face very hard choices about which services we can continue to deliver, but although we are facing a tough 2024, we had some incredible highlights in 2023!

Four Family Events

We hosted four closed events throughout the year in each of our three Gwent regions – Easter Fun Day, Summer Fun Day, Halloween and Christmas. Each event provided the opportunity for children and young people with complex needs and their families to relax and enjoy themselves among friends.

Summer Residential

We were delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for 22 young people aged 12+ to experience a one night residential experience at Hilston Park, Monmouth in August. Five of these young people had never spent a night away from their families before!

New Chair and Trustees

Existing Trustee Janet Kelly was appointed Chair mid-year, taking over the role from our founder Dr Sabine Maguire who will continue to her share experience as a Trustee.

Tracey Pead and Stacey Hawdon Trustees joined the Board to bring it up to a full complement. Tracey has recently helped South and Mid Wales regions prepare for the rollout of new Welsh Government additional learning needs reforms; Stacey brings 14 years of third sector experience, specialising in corporate partnerships and fundraising.

New Website Launch

Our bright new website (www.sparkleappeal.org) is designed to enhance the online experience for parents, supporters and donors. Navigation options on both mobile and desktop devices now make it easier and quicker to find information, while sharing many more images of the children and young people we support.

Our Waiting List Continues to Grow

While we have much to celebrate this year our waiting list is growing. In challenging circumstances, we are doing all we can to continue our services that support children and young people across our three Gwent regions (South, West and North). The accelerating demand shows how much these services are needed.

Thank you

We greatly appreciate your support this year which enabled us to continue our vital services for Gwent children and young people with complex needs, and their families. If you are able, we would love if you could help us continue our vital services by going to [Donate | Sparkle, helping special children shine \(sparkleappeal.org\)](http://Donate | Sparkle, helping special children shine (sparkleappeal.org)) phoning 01633 748 041 or emailing fundraising@sparkleappeal.org to chat with one of the team. Thank you again from Sparkle children, young people, their families, Sparkle Trustees and staff. We look forward to seeing everyone at our Children's Centres in 2024, and we wish you all a very Happy New Year! Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!



If you would like to be kept up to date with activities, events, forums and support groups being held at Nevill Hall and in the local area please email: ABB.FamilyLiaisonNorth@wales.nhs.uk or call: 01873 732712 to be included on the mailing list.



Sign of the Month Arwydd y Mis

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SNOW – EIRA

Working cupped hand (palm down, pointing forward/in); supporting cupped hand (palm up, pointing forward/in) beneath; palms come together, separate and change places coming together again.

For more signs, information and resources, please see www.signalong.org.uk or talk to your

New Year Greetings

2023 has been another busy year at Nevill Hall Children's Centre. I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers for their continued hard work to ensure that our children, young people and families are at the heart of everything we do. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our children, young people and families for the support that you give to Nevill Hall Children's Centre and Sparkle with your fundraising, feedback, attendance at events, and much more. I look forward to everything that is coming up in 2024 and I would like to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Claire Flagg,
Children's Centre Team Lead

Happy New Year!
Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th January National Youth Advocacy

Drop In Session

NYAS can provide independent professional advocacy for children and young people involved with children's services.
10am-12pm

Friday 12th January Sparkle Coffee Morning

@ Serennu

A chance to relax and chat to other parents and carers. Children welcome.
10am-12pm

Saturday 13th January Dad's Group Gwent @ Serennu

For parents/grandparents/male carers to get together for a chat and a coffee
10am-12pm

Saturday 13th January Sparkle Coffee Morning @ Caerphilly Children's Centre

A chance to relax and chat to other parents and carers. Children welcome.
10am-11:30am

Tuesday 16th January Snap Cymru Drop in Session

Nevill Hall Children's Centre
Appointment only
10am-12:00pm

Tuesday 16th January Sparkle Coffee Morning @ Blaina ICC

A chance to relax and chat to other parents and carers. Children welcome.
5:15pm-6:45pm

Thursday 18th January ADHD Parent Support Group @ Serennu

For parents/carers affected by ADHD
10am-12pm

Friday 19th January Introduction to Sleep Virtual workshop 10am-12pm

Monday 22nd January Evening Session ADHD Parent Support Group @ Serennu

For parents/carers affected by ADHD

Tuesday 23rd January Snap Cymru Drop in Session Serennu Children's Centre Appointment only 10am-12:30pm

Saturday 27th January Dad's Group Gwent (Online) For parents/grandparents/male carers to get together for a chat and a coffee **1pm-3pm**

Christmas at Nevill Hall Children's Centre

At Nevill Hall Children's Centre we had so much fun raising money for Sparkle and getting into the Christmas spirit in December.



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