

News From Nevill Hall Children's Centre September 2022



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Summer fun with a touch of Sparkle at our recent fun day events!

This month Sparkle hosted a double bill of events, supporting our families across the North and South of Gwent with our annual Summer Fun Days! These free events held at Serennu Children's Centre and Tredegar Leisure Centre, brought members of the local community and users of our centres, together for two full days of accessible activities, sports, crafts and games bringing "all the fun of the fair". With activities and stalls by a diverse range of partners and local organisations such as the Gwent Dragons, Blaenau Gwent RAF Cadets, Welsh Scouting, Newport County Football Club, Newport Live, Aneurin Leisure, The National Autistic Society, MediCinema, 02e, Gwent Police, The Welsh Ambulance Service, Treasured Memories and Make A Smile to name but a few. This Sparkle hosted event was supported as part of the Welsh Government's Summer of Fun, alongside donations from Recresco and Amazon Logistics.

A huge thank you for the kind generosity of our Sparkle volunteers and trustees time and most importantly YOU! We're so glad you could join the fun!



Sparkle's Outdoor Area at Serennu

You may have noticed how fantastic the outdoor area at Serennu Children's Centre is looking that **all our families from across Gwent can access** and it is a pleasure to see so many families making good use of it and enjoying the facilities. **We would like to say a big thank you to the ABUHB Regional Partnership Board, who provided funding from the Integrated Care Fund which was utilised towards the fencing that has been installed, the new woodland walk and the new colourful sensory path that runs through the sensory garden.** We would also like to thank Paul from Paul Sanders Properties for his assistance in completing the work in such a short time scale and Justin Jones from ABUHB works and estates, who ensured the scheme was managed.

Donna Colwill, our Children's Centre Manager said "We want to go beyond providing treatment for the child and so aim to provide family centred services to accommodate the needs of parents and siblings too. Our onsite play and leisure facilities offer families using the centre, and those who live nearby, the opportunity to socialise in a safe and supportive environment. Families use the playground in the evenings and weekends and before or after medical treatment, which often allows a medical appointment to be a positive experience for the child. Allowing families and children to use the space when the centre is closed means they can make full use of the facilities, in a place where they feel comfortable and know well".



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

SCHOOL



As in: School

Working flat hand (palm back, pointing up) makes vertical inward circle in front of chin. Do not conceal mouth.

Diagram and Description from

Signalong

Goodbye and Good Luck



Everyone at Sparkle and Nevill Hall Children's Centre are wishing Gemma from our Helping Hands team the best of luck in her new adventures.

Thank you so much for all your support you have given our families during your time with Helping Hands.

Dates for your Diary at Nevill Hall Children's Centre

Helping Hands Introduction to Sensory Processing Workshop
(virtual)

Wednesday 28th September
1pm-3pm

Nevill Hall Coffee Morning
Monday 12th September
9.30am-11am

SNAP Cymru Drop in Session
Tuesday 27th September
10am-12.30pm

NAS Blaenau Gwent Branch Clinic
Tuesday 4th October
10am-12pm

Dates for your Diary at Serennu Children's Centre*

T:21 Dragons Support group
Support group for parents/ carers of children with Down Syndrome

Tuesday 6th September
10am-12.30pm

National Youth Advocacy Drop In Session NYAS

Wednesday 7th September
10am-12pm

Gwent Dad's Group
for parents/grandparents/male carers to get together for a chat and a coffee

Saturday 10th September
10am-12pm

ADHD+ Parent Support Group
Thursday 15th September
10am-12pm

***All Families from across Gwent are able to attend these groups at Serennu.**

Well Done Marnie!

We would like to say a big **Thank You** to our friend Marnie who has been doing incredible fundraising throughout the summer months. "Marnie's Miles" campaign has kept Marnie active because she has been walking in many different areas across Wales, and her amazing efforts have raised £1087 so far!

Thank you Marnie, you are truly a Sparkle Superstar.



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Helping Hands Workshop

Wednesday 28th September: 1pm-3pm

The Helping Hands Psychology team will deliver a virtual interactive workshop about

'Introduction to Sensory Processing'

Working alongside our Occupational Therapist colleagues we will share information about our 8 senses, how we process this information, tips for each sensory system and helpful psychological processes.

Spaces are limited so booking is on a first come, first served basis.

To book your place please email:

ABB.HelpingHandsTeam@wales.nhs.uk by

Book by Friday 23rd September



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