

# News from Serennu

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## Serennu Gardens.

There has been a lot happening in the Serennu gardens recently. Over the last 4 months, Kirsti Hillier and Lynette Kimberley from the Serennu Speech and Language team, have worked on an idea for communication boards to be placed in the playground area. With the help of Sparkle kindly funding this initiative, they have been able to bring this to life and they are now installed and on display. Kirsti says " *we are super excited to see our families using the communication board in the park on a daily basis, families can request a paper A4 copy of the Board if they wish to have their own copy. We have also designed and planned another communication board for the new outdoor play equipment that is coming to Serennu soon !* ". If you would like your own paper copy of the board, please contact Kirsti on: [Kirsty.Hillier@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Kirsty.Hillier@wales.nhs.uk)



If you are visiting the Serennu outdoor area, you may notice our new Bug City Hotel that was donated by the Welsh Water Community Fund. It offers a great opportunity to create a safe habitat for bugs which will bring environmental benefits. Thank you Welsh Water for funding this initiative.

We also have new picnic benches in the gardens. These benches have been designed for the convenience of wheelchair users so they can get up close to the actual table top. Thank you Sparkle for funding these accessible tables.

We hope you like the new items we have in our gardens and you all enjoy using them.



If you would like to be kept up to date with activities, events, forums and support groups being held at Serennu and in the local area please email or call: [Family.liaison.ABB@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Family.liaison.ABB@wales.nhs.uk) or 01633 748013 to be included on the mailing list.



## Sign of the Month



### Halloween

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Open hands (palms back, pointing down) at head height quiver, body lurches forwards to sign "ghost"; then flat hands (palms back, pointing up) held in front and to each side of face, bend towards each other from wrists until hands touch with working hand in front to sign "night".

For more signs, information and resources, please see [www.signalong.org.uk](http://www.signalong.org.uk) or talk to your Speech and Language Therapist.

## A Big Thank You To Our Funders.

At Sparkle, we are grateful for every penny that is donated to us to help provide our vital services for children and families. The last year has been very difficult for us as, like many charities, we haven't been able to hold our usual fundraising events. However, we have been very fortunate to be supported by a number of grants and we'd like to give a shout out to some of the amazing organisations that have helped us fund our services so far this year. A massive THANK YOU to:

WCVA Third Sector Resilience Fund  
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We would like to say a big hello and welcome to two new members of staff at Serennu.

Dominique Crick has joined Sparkle in the role of Research Administrative Assistant and Paul Gray has joined us in a caretaker role.



## Thank You Will.

We recently had a lovely surprise visit from a young man called Will, who came to Serennu to offer us the takings he earned from selling his toys and books. He wanted the money to go to Sparkle so he could help other children. Thank you Will for your kindness, you really are a Sparkle Superstar.



Every month we produce the Serennu Children's Centre newsletter and this is emailed to families and professionals to offer information and updates on what is taking place at Serennu. However, for visitors to Serennu and also for information events in the community, it is helpful to be able to offer a hardcopy of our newsletter. Andy, owner of Honeycomb Print Services, has been a supporter of Sparkle for many years and he very kindly prints and delivers our hardcopy versions each month. We would like to thank Andy for his continued support and we look forward to working closely with him and Honeycomb Print Services in the future.

You can contact Honeycomb Print on 01873 858047 or [info@honeycombprint.com](mailto:info@honeycombprint.com)

Thank You Andy



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