

# News from Serennu

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## A Well Deserved Recognition

We are delighted to share recent photographs of Dr Sabine Maguire MRCPCH, FRCPI, FRCPCH, receiving her MBE at her recent medal presentation ceremony. Dr Maguire was awarded her Honorary MBE back in 2020 "for services to health and wellbeing of children with disabilities in Wales". Dr Maguire was the driving force behind the creation of Serennu Children's Centre and our Sparkle charity, and continues to be a key figure in the drive to develop further facilities and services across Gwent that will support Children and young people with a range of complex disabilities.

Dr Maguire has dedicated her life to improving outcomes for children and she is considered a world authority on child protection issues. In 2002 she became a Senior Lecturer in Child Health at Cardiff University. Her primary role was to set up and run a program of Systematic Reviews of Physical Child Abuse and Neglect program, this was the first such program worldwide, and involved the development of methodology for child maltreatment reviews. Through her clinical and research work, Dr Maguire has improved the care given to children with complex needs and disabilities and she has been at the forefront of international research in child abuse and led the establishment of guidelines and formal training in child protection for paediatricians. Dr Maguire retired from Cardiff University in 2016, retaining an Honorary Contract as Senior Research Fellow, however, her voluntary work with Sparkle continues.



From all the staff and families accessing Serennu Children's Centre, Nevill Hall Children's Centre and Caerphilly Children's Centre, we would like to say a massive congratulations on the receipt of this wonderful accolade, which is very well deserved. Dr Maguire is a truly amazing and inspiring lady and through her dedication, admirable and tireless work she has helped to improve the lives of so many vulnerable children around the world.

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: [Family.Liaison.ABB@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Family.Liaison.ABB@wales.nhs.uk) or call: 01633 748013 to be included on the contact mailing list.



## Sign of the Month Arwydd y Mis

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**'Dad' - 'Tad'**

Make letter shape "F" twice.

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.

## Hello and Welcome

We would like to give a big welcome to Dave Jones who has recently joined the team at Serennu Children's Centre. Dave has taken on the caretaker role which has various tasks and responsibilities, but predominately he will be helping to keep our centre and grounds well maintained and looked after. Dave is also keen to help staff whenever he can, and this includes setting up rooms for meetings and events.



## Future Dates at Serennu

### Friday 9th June

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

### Saturday 10th June

Serennu Dad's Group for parents/grandparents/male carers to get together for a chat and a coffee  
10am-12pm

### Wednesday 14th June

NYAS Drop in Session  
10am-12pm

### Thursday 15th June

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

### Tuesday 20th June

SNAP Cymru  
Drop in Session  
10am-12pm

### Wednesday 21st June

Helping Hands Parent Virtual workshop  
'Transitions' To share ideas around supporting children with transition and separation  
10am-12pm

### Wednesday 21st June

Sparkle Coffee and Chat  
A chance to relax and chat to other parents and carers.  
Children welcome.  
5pm-7pm

The Newport Disabled Children's Team recently supported Newport Youth Service to hold a celebration evening at Serennu, for a group of young women who had attended a two night stay in Blackpool to take part in International Women's Day events. Some of the young women who attended are supported, or have been supported by the Disabled Children's Team and they enjoyed the opportunity to be part of such a brilliant project. The young women took part in workshops prior to the trip, looking at who were their



inspirations in life, as well as completing art work around inspirational words and women. During the trip to Blackpool the young women met with other organisations from across the UK and had the opportunity to get to know other young females who were attending. As well as taking part in the events, the young women also had the chance to visit Blackpool Tower with a special visit to the ballroom used for Strictly Come Dancing, Madame Tussauds and also not forgetting the Fish and Chips.

Thank you Newport Youth Services for supporting our young women to be part of these events.

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