

Fundraising News

We are delighted to announce that our fundraising Summer Picnic raised an impressive £800. Thankyou, once again to your family and friends, that helped to make this happen and we hope you all enjoyed yourself, even in that heat!

Marathon News

James Gillard, Addy's uncle, has generously chosen our Charity to represent in the upcoming Marathon This Sunday! 2nd October. This is fantastic, and we have added his Go Fund Me page to the facebook group, so that we can all support him, here is the link below.

Please share the Go Fund Me page on social media if you can.

We would just like to send a heartwarming thankyou and Good Luck! to James on behalf of all of us.

<https://gofund.me/edd1de89>

Christmas Gift Call

Mel has kindly agreed for the Charity to have a stall at Marjorie McClure's Christmas Fair, on the 3rd December. This is a gift and wrapping service for children to purchase presents for their parents, Nans and Granddad's and their siblings, with all the proceeds solely for the charity and our families. So again, another call out for new, unused gifts that we can use, even wrapping paper will be gratefully received.

West Wickham Panto information

We are delighted to announce that West Wickham Panto Society have named us, again, as one of their chosen Charity's.

This time we can use a code on any of their show dates, which makes this more accessible for our families.

Go onto to their website, access Group booking and use code A4V1G2E8V3. tickets are £10 only.

<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/wwps/>

The Down Syndrome Act 2022 - We Need You!

We're sure you were as delighted as we were that the Down Syndrome Act received Royal assent on 1st April. The Act will ensure that people with DS at every life stage receive all the services they need, appropriately tailored.

However, the strength of the Act will be in the detailed guidance and this is where we need you.

There is currently a consultation running about what the guidance should cover and what it should require service providers to do. Services covered include education, health, housing, social services, private companies and others - basically every aspect of life in which a person might need support or differentiation. The more people respond to the consultation, the stronger the guidance will be.

You can participate in the consultation here:

<https://consultations.dhsc.gov.uk/62ce-7a276b1bdb64374bef97>

The government really wants to hear from adults with DS themselves about what the Act needs to do for them. The National Down Syndrome Policy Group has an Advisory Group for people with DS over the age of 18. The Advisory Group is by people with DS for people with DS. If your young person is over 18, please do encourage them to join:

<https://ndspg.org/advisory-group/>





Attention Coffee Afternoons are changing!

After 25 years of the group meeting during the week, we are changing our day and times at the Phoenix Centre, to Last Sunday of every month.

Our first session will be Sunday 30th
October
2-4 pm

**This will be great opportunity
for all our parents and children
to now come together!**

Groups and clubs in the area

Please sign up to Pel's mailing list, or email peilin.ahmet@bromley.gov.uk so you can receive the relevant information on exciting things going on in the Borough!

Remix Theatre Arts have sessions for all ages young and old, in Bromley and over 18's in Petts Wood. Please visit their website for more details. <https://www.remixtheatrearts.com/weekly-drama-classes>

Mytime are offering some great family activities, These are weekly sessions including Ten Pin Bowling, family Splash and Softplay and Teen Circuits check their website for details, prices and specific dates. there is also myclub adults for the over 18's www.mytimeactive.co.uk/myclubjunior

Our Families News

We were thrilled to hear about the new activities Zoe has been trying out. Zoe started Teen Circuits last year and she is thoroughly enjoying her exercise routine !



Well
done
Zoe!



Zoe also signed up for the photoshoot with Richard Bailey and there was some brilliant photos that we were sent!

If you have a story you would like to share with us please let us know at bromleydssg@gmail.com

Resources Update!

Special Iapps have now launched their new membership programme, where you can access all their software in one place. if you would like to see this in action, please get in contact with us to arrange. <https://www.specialiapps.org/en>

Try before you buy!

Maths for Life

DESIGNED for schools and colleges; parents and home educators; charities and support groups; and other educational professionals who support students with additional learning needs.

OFFERING a continually evolving, differentiated maths learning programme, that lays down solid foundations, is framed in practical understanding, and delivers the essential maths needed for life.

ALIGNED with the national curriculum content however prioritises the 'readiness to progress' on attainment of skill rather than time passing. please visit <https://www.mathsforlife.com>

What's next for the BDSSG?

We are still in the process of co-producing a Down Syndrome Pathway to benefit all children and adults with DS in the Borough. Thank you to our members who offered their insights and experiences during the initial process. The Local Authority has formed a Task and Finish group to work on finalising and implementing the Pathway for education, health and care. Liz is co-chair of the group, and we are ensuring that our members' voices are heard during the process. There are monthly meetings to track progress and we will keep you informed.

The Inclusive Education Pilot Campaign

This year Down Syndrome International are researching how the model of inclusive education is implemented in the U.K Their findings will inform a campaign advocating for raised awareness of the right for all learners to be included in mainstream classrooms.

If you would like to be part of this important campaign please take a closer look on the website www.ds-int.org/inclusive-education-a-pilot-study-in-the-uk