

The EDUCATION CENTRE for children with down syndrome

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Please visit our website on www.eccds.org.uk

CELEBRATION NIGHT

We were very proud of our celebration night. A good night was had by all and everyone especially enjoyed the performance by our children.



We were delighted to see two of our patrons present – Dame Dela Smith and Margaret Asquith, apologies were given by Eleanor Lister. We thank everyone for their continued support.

SINGING HANDS



Once again Singing Hands were a great success.

All the children absolutely loved them. The professional workshop was attended by over 40 people and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves also.

Thanks to Tracy and Suzanne, we hope they will be able to come again.



WELCOME

This term we welcome four new babies. We hope they will enjoy all our sessions. We also welcome four new volunteers – Pat, Val, Becky and Sharon. We would like to say a big thank you to them for all their skills they bring and their contribution to our sessions.

YOUTH GROUP

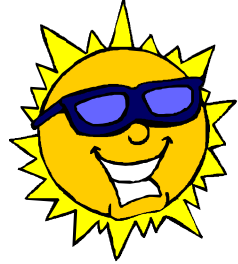
Due to demand we will be shortly commencing a Youth Club, which will focus on social skills and life skills for children with Down Syndrome aged 11 plus. This is an exciting new project for us and we hope it will be very successful. To register your interest, please contact Sue Belton on 07806707466.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUMMER FAIR

Our Summer Fair is going to be held on Saturday 21st June at The Cumby Arms, Heighington. The fair will commence at 1 p.m. with a puppet show at 2 p.m., the children doing a performance at 2.30 p.m. and we will be doing our sponsored balloon race at 3 p.m. There will be numerous stalls and JJ's Kitchen will be serving afternoon tea and Archers 'Jersey Farm' Ice Cream will also be there. Please come along and join in the fun.

For further information, please contact Sue Belton on 07806707466.



CHARITY BALL

We shall be hosting a charity ball in early November, further details will be made available shortly.

INTERESTING ARTICLE

UNIVERSITY OF YORK RESEARCH PROJECTS

The University of York are currently looking at three research projects and are looking for some children to take part in these.

- a) Investigating the relationship between spoken and written language in Down Syndrome – Silvana Mengoni is currently looking for children with Down Syndrome aged between 6 and 11 years old. For more details contact Silvana on 01904 432862 or email sem501@york.ac.uk
- b) Children with Down Syndrome can read, but how well do they understand what they read – Dr Hannah Nash is currently looking for primary school aged children with Down Syndrome who are able to read short passages of text. For more details contact Hannah on 01904 432862 or email h.nash@psych.york.ac.uk
- c) Number skills in children with Down Syndrome – Sophie Brigstocke is looking for children with Down Syndrome who are able to count to ten and do some single digit calculation. For more details contact Sophie on 01904 433136 or email s.brigstocke@psych.york.ac.uk

COLLECTION CANS

We have a number of collection boxes that are just waiting for a good home, if you have any contact with local pubs, shops, etc, please contact Sandy on 01325 464317

DONATIONS, FUNDRAISING AND GIFTS

Our very grateful thanks to everyone who have helped raise money for us.



Thank you for all your support!

MODEL T CHARITY NIGHT

Many thanks to the Model T in Darlington for holding a charity night for us on Saturday 14th June. They raised around £610 through having a raffle and their malt bar. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the committee members and volunteers who turned up were well behaved! Many thanks to all at the Model T for their continued support.

LIBRARY RESOURCES



If you have any lent any of our books, leaflets or dvd's, please return them as soon as possible, so we can update our records.

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