

Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 1st May 2023

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the Halton Local Offer page online or contact the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities team too.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have lots of activities and events planned across May, including their parent drop-in session at St. Berteline's Runcorn, and the parent carer forum Q&A both on Thursday 4th May

Plus, don't forget the next Zoom meetings with professionals:

- Mental Health support with Peter Styzaker
 - Thursday 11th May 2023 7:30pm
- Autism and Puberty with Emma Eager
 - Thursday 18th May 2023 7:30pm
- Living in a Neurodiverse World with Woodview
 - Wednesday 24th May 12noon

You can also visit **their Facebook page** or website: **haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk** to access the Zoom information. They have also announced their May activities and events calendar:

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

Cheshire Autism Practical Support - ChAPs



<u>Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS)</u> is a registered charity who offer practical advice, support and services across Cheshire for families of young people with Autism Spectrum Condition or Asperger's Syndrome whether diagnosed or not.

They run monthly parents meetings, positive parenting courses helping with behaviour, anxiety etc., activities for children, young people and adults on the spectrum, and lots more.

You can read their regular newsletters which include details and information on all their activities. A copy of the May newsletter is attached to this email.

For more information on ChAPS you can **check out their website here**, or **call 0344 850 8607**, or drop them an email at **info@cheshireautism.org.uk**.

You can also request to **join their Facebook page** where you'll find support, advice and signposting – please note this a private group and only parents will be given access once you are a ChAPS member; no professionals will be admitted.

Eurovision-themed hair and beauty sessions



Brook Community Training are offering FREE Hair and Beauty sessions starting **Wednesday 3rd May 4pm-6pm** for young people ages 10-18 and up to 25 years old for SEND.

These sessions will teach young people how to create Eurovision hairstyles throughout the decades as well as Eurovision-themed nail art!

This community project is funded by Liverpool City Council National Lottery Heritage Fund to support community organisations and to deliver sessions to local young people. Click here to visit their Facebook page and find out more.

Please note: consent is mandatory for young people to be involved in videography and photography for the local and national media and television channels.

Celebrate Eurovision with Inclusivitee



Join the team from Inclusivitee on **Saturday 20th May 12.30pm-4.30pm** to celebrate Eurovision coming to Liverpool! Come along and have some fun at Moon Meadow Scout Hut, Farnworth St. Widnes, the 'all needs met' inclusive session is open to all children and young people aged 10-19.

Spaces are limited so register for a place by emailing <u>inclusivitee@gmail.com</u> or check out their Facebook page for more details.

Vibe Outdoors Pond Dipping and Bug Hunts



This month the Vibe Outdoors Juniors and Seniors Club will be holding Pond Dipping, Bug Hunts, and Orienteering **on Wednesday 31**st **May**. The Juniors session will run 9.30am to 12.30pm with the Seniors in the afternoon 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

As always the pick-up points will be at the Old Police station in Mersey Road Runcorn, and at McDonalds Moor Lane Widnes.

To register scan the QR codes in the posters or <u>click here for the Juniors session</u> and <u>click here for the Seniors</u>.



£8 children's tickets at Gulliver's World on Monday 8th May



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There's a limited number of £8 children's theme park tickets available for 8th May! Use discount code: GW8MAY

A king-sized offer to celebrate the Coronation Weekend. Hurry, this must be booked online by Midnight 4th May, or before limited special price children's tickets sell out, whichever is soonest! Only valid when booking with at least one full paying adult.

To celebrate the Coronation weekend there are a limited number of £8 children's tickets available for Gulliver's World Warrington.

You will need to use discount code GW8MAY when making your booking online – **click here to book**.

Hurry, the offer must be booked before midnight on 4th May or before limited special price tickets sell out!

Weetabix Wildcats Girls' Football at Brookvale Recreation Centre



Halton Sports Development have launched their new #WeetabixWildcats centre at Brookvale Recreation Centre. These indoor sessions aimed at girls aged 7-11 years old will run every Thursday at 4.30pm, at Brookvale. With entry at just £1, these fun sessions are an ideal intro to football or an additional session if your girl already plays.

For additional information please email **colin.powell@halton.gov.uk** or register via **the link here**.

Junior Athletics at Frank Myler Pavillion Widnes



Are you looking for activites to help get your children active? Halton Sports Development have launched thier junior Athletics sessions which will run **every Thursday at Frank Myler Pavilion in Widnes between 5-6pm and it's only £2**. The sessions are aimed at 7-11 year olds and will cover the basic running, jumping and throwing which are the fundamentals for almost any sport and promote the key physical characteristics of agility, balance, coordination and speed.

Book on now via **Colin.powell@halton.gov.uk** or check out their **Facebook page for more information**.

MAX cards



As the weather hopefully starts to improve don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the <u>MAX Card website</u> for further details or check out <u>the Local Offer</u>. Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email <u>AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk</u> or call 0151 511 6560 for more details

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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