



# PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT EBULLETIN NO. 25

## THURSDAY 21<sup>st</sup> July 2011

*The Parental Involvement Team is here to support all schools, settings and organisations district-wide in their work with parents. We welcome contact from any organisation wishing to develop their links with parents, carers and families..*

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For further information about anything in the bulletin, or to submit information, please contact the PI Team. Email: [parental.involvement.team@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:parental.involvement.team@bradford.gov.uk) Tel: 01274 437813

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## TELL US ABOUT IT...

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### Dads Event

Zulekha Pandor from Marshfeild Primary School supported the school to organise a Dads Event and linked it to the Father Story Telling week. Dads were invited in schools over 3 days to come into school to read, bake and make paper aeroplanes with their children. The finale event was on Saturday 18th June at Hope Avenue site. Dads, along with their families, enjoyed a fun filled day with activities including football, cricket, relay races, the paper aeroplane 'flyoff', a BBQ and much more. Everyone had a fantastic, enjoyable day and asked if we could do this again soon!



## PIW Network Meeting Dates

These meetings are open to all Parental Involvement Staff or staff working in a similar role (unless otherwise stated).

### **Shipley PIW Area Network Meeting:**

**Date:** Wednesday 21st September 2011

**Time:** 9.30 am to 11.30 am

**Venue:** Saltaire Primary School

Contact Samina Ali to confirm attendance. Email: [samina.ali@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:samina.ali@bradford.gov.uk)

## The Handy Archery

Dear ALL

I am a mobile archery instructor, based in Baildon, West Yorkshire. I provide archery for all types of events, including corporate entertainment, team building, fundraising and all sorts of parties, all for anyone from 6 years of age. I can bring all the equipment to your venue, set up and show the guests how to shoot. Then I encourage them to use their new skills for team games and/or balloon bursting. Everyone says what a great time they've had, after doing Archery with me!

There's lots more information on my website [www.TheHandyArcher.co.uk](http://www.TheHandyArcher.co.uk).

If you would like to discuss ways in which we could work together, please do not hesitate to contact me. Also, if you know anyone else who might be interested in archery, please pass my details on.

Karen Hardy

The Handy Archer

Mob: 07881540585

[www.TheHandyArcher.co.uk](http://www.TheHandyArcher.co.uk)

## Goodbye

### **Goodbye & good Luck!!!!**

Nazish Ahmed - PIW at Lillycroft Primary School is leaving us for pastures new after 3 years of great work in West. She would like to thank all her colleagues in the PI programme across the district for their help and support and will miss you all.

I would like to say a big thank you to Nazish for all her hard work and great enthusiasm; I wish her the best of luck as she moves on to her new role in Thackley PRU (pupil referral unit)

Thanks again Nazish and keep in touch. Claudia

**Play  
day**   
2011



# Stand Up For Play

## NATIONAL PLAY WEEK

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Clayton Park BD14 6AR

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug Idle Rec. Ground BD10 9RU

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August National Play Day

Baildon Recreation Centre BD17 5JH

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Aug Lund Park, Keighley BD21 2RF

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Aug Victoria Park, Oakenshaw BD12 7AT

National Play Day 1pm–4pm

All other days 12pm–4pm

**OPEN ACCESS ACTIVITIES**

**TURN UP AND JOIN IN THE FUN**

For further information or to book National Play Day contact:

Joe on 01274 437166—[joe.steel@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:joe.steel@bradford.gov.uk)

or

Neil on 01274 435298—[neil.barlow@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:neil.barlow@bradford.gov.uk)



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[www.bradford.gov.uk](http://www.bradford.gov.uk)

Sport & Leisure Service

# A range of free taster 2hr workshops for July 2011



Aimed at parents and carers of  
Young children who may want to try a family learning  
workshop before signing up  
For a 10 or 12 hour course!



## THE FOLLOWING FREE WORKSHOPS ARE AVAILABLE:

**Holistic Health** – learn a hand massage and some relaxation techniques. Learn a simple massage with your child.

**Rhythm & Rhyme** – Learn some popular nursery rhymes, make a simple instrument and enjoy a sing along session with your child.

**Numbersacks** – Explore Count Me In sacks, make a simple number game and sing some number songs with your child.

**Story Sacks** – Explore a range of Story Sacks, Work how you would make a sack for your child and take part in a lively and interactive story telling session with your child.



The Bradford Family Learning Service

**PLEASE BOOK USING  
ATTACHED BOOKING FORM.  
DATES AVAILABLE UNTIL 31<sup>ST</sup>  
JULY 2011 ONLY!**

## PLEASE NOTE

- Only a limited number of workshops are available
- Centres will be encouraged to offer learners a longer course starting in August
- No funding is available for crèche or refreshments for the workshop but **IS** available for the longer course.

# Family Learning

## Course Application Form

### 2010-2011



<b>Centre/Venue:</b>		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>School/Venue Contact Person:</b>		
<b>Contact Person Telephone Numbers:</b>		
<b>Contact Person Email:</b>		
Workshop Choice (make a 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> choice)	Dates available (nb July 2011 dates only)	Times available
<b>Do parents/carers have access to ICT facilities during the sessions?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Are you able to provide a crèche facility for 1.5hrs for the workshop? The children will join for the final half hour of the workshop.</b>		
<b>Is the room suitable for use as a classroom?</b>		
<b>Are you able to provide facilities such as adult classroom furniture, access to toilets, refreshments?</b>		
<i><b>It is a requirement that you provide a member of staff to support the tutor throughout the workshop. This person would also be the point of contact in the event of an accident, emergency or other health and safety issue.</b></i>		
<b>Name of staff member who will be supporting the tutor:</b>		
<b>Please detail the preferred start times of the course should your learners wish to continue in August.</b>		
<b>Signed:</b>	<b>Position:</b>	<b>Date:</b>

Please return application form to the Family Learning Course Coordinator, Education Bradford, Future House, Bolling Road, Bradford BD4 7EB or **Fax: 01274 385695**

**PLEASE RETURN ASAP AS WORKSHOPS WILL BE ALLOCATED VERY QUICKLY.**

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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<b>Family Group Conferencing Service</b>

**Are you interested in learning about how we engage families?**

**Would you like to know more about Family Group Conferencing?**

**Come along and take part in a mock Family Group Conference :**

- **The History**
- **Research & Evidence**
- **How to make a referral**
- **Hear about the outcomes so far for children and their families**
- **How to make a referral**
- **The role of the referrer and what to expect if you were invited to attend an FGC**

**This 1 day course is aimed at all staff working with children, young people and families where social care is involved.**

**Dates: 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011 or 3<sup>th</sup> Nov 2011**

**Times: 9.30 – 4.30 pm**

**Venue: Carlisle Business Centre**

**Bookings: Diane Hardy at Workforce Development**

**01274 434503 or [diane.hardy@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:diane.hardy@bradford.gov.uk)**



**Where:** Brighouse Sixth Form Centre, Mulberry Suite, Parsonage Lane, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, [HD6 1AY](#)

**When:** Tuesday 27 September 2011, 6.45 - 9.00pm

**What's it about?**

This is your chance to meet your NCPTA Adviser Pauline Dent who will facilitate the workshop. The event will concentrate on the specific challenges faced by secondary school PTAs and will provide an opportunity to discuss issues like motivating parents to become involved, working with local businesses and feeder primary schools, fundraising ideas that work within a secondary school and ways to help your school achieve its aims. Plus you'll get the chance to ask questions and pick up some valuable new ideas and strategies to help sustain your PTA.

**Who should attend?**

The event is open to all secondary school PTAs in the region ([non members](#) are very welcome too and secondary schools wishing to [start a PTA](#)). Whether you are a new committee member or more experienced, the event will give you the chance to interact and exchange experiences with other like-minded PTA volunteers, to share and exchange good ideas and to understand what works well and why.

**What's the cost?** The event is absolutely free – this is part of NCPTA's support service for PTAs.

**How do I book?**

Email [pauline.dent@ncpta.org.uk](mailto:pauline.dent@ncpta.org.uk) with the names of the person(s) wishing to attend, plus your school details and NCPTA membership number if applicable. Also quote the date / location of the workshop. Or call Pauline on 01904 737029.

For more information visit the NCPTA [website](#). As this event is open to all PTAs and schools in the region we anticipate a high demand for places, so early registration is advised. I look forward to meeting you.

When contacting NCPTA please quote the following reference number: 46196

The [NCPTA](#) is holding a free fundraising and good practice workshop for secondary school PTAs in your local area.

# Russell Hall School



In the  
of the

**Community**

WEST END, QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD. BD13 2AW

Tel. 01274 882116 (Fax 01274 881707) e-mail [ann.goodwin@russellhall.bradford](mailto:ann.goodwin@russellhall.bradford)

Headteacher – Mrs Christine Nuttall

**Dear**

## **The CACHE level 3 Course in Supporting and Managing Learning**

Thank you for expressing an interest in this course. Below is some more information which I hope will enable you to confirm this is something you are likely to sign up for as a minimum of ten candidates are required.

**The Academy for Teaching Assistants and School Support (ATASS)** ATASS is a private training provider in the Bradford area [www.atassyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.atassyorkshire.co.uk)

For the past two years they have been awarded a grade one by CACHE, the Awarding Body, for exemplary practice

In September they will be running a level 3 Course for teaching assistants at Russell Hall Primary School, Queensbury. You will need to attend for two hours each week on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm-4.30pm

## **The CACHE level 3 Course in Supporting and Managing Learning**

This is a taught course and **no** assessment is carried out in the workplace. The course is made up of 2 units:

- The Role of the Teaching Assistant
- Key Issues in Working in Schools

There are no exams but you will need to attend classes from the end of September 2011 until May 2012 and successfully complete an assignment for both units to achieve the full qualification. Students must be at least 16 years old and you need to be either in paid or voluntary work for a minimum of 120 hours for the duration of the course. This will work out at approximately four hours each week. The hours can be flexible and negotiated with your school. Your placement can be in a school's nursery, a primary or a secondary school.

## **Cost**

The cost of the course is £540. This can be paid in two instalments at the start of each unit.

Please email or return this slip by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July for the Att'n of Ann Goodwin.

I will definitely enrol on the CACHE level 3 course in September 2011

I would like to sign up for this, but have funding and/or placement to arrange as yet

## Solution Focused Approaches – Introduction (Please see further down for Level 2)

Places available

### Target Audience

This course is aimed at practitioners who wish to develop their understanding of Solution Focused Approaches and learn how to embed the approach in their own working practices.

The course will be of particular interest to practitioners who undertake Common Assessments or who manage those who undertake them.

### Course Overview

By the end of the course you will understand:

- \* The assumptions that underpin the Solution Focused Approach.
  - \* How to identify strengths and resources.
- \* How to apply methods like the miracle Question to find out what the child / young person wants.
- \* How the principles of Scaling support the framework of the Solution Focused Approach.

### Dates :

**11 January 2012**  
**21 February 2012**

**All 9.30 - 4.30 pm**

**Venue:**  
**St Peter's House**

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**POSITIVE  
BRADFORD**  
Speaking up for the city we love

# A Day To Celebrate All That Is Great About Bradford

28th September  
Centenary Square, Bradford  
12pm-7pm

Centenary Square will be filled with displays, music and dancing performed by groups who promote Bradford's cultural strength at home and overseas.

For more information  
please contact Jane Vincent  
on **01274 727 617**

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### Positive Bradford? What's that?

Positive Bradford has been formed by local people, communities, businesses and other organisations who are fed up of seeing their city unfairly criticised. We include volunteers from the arts, business, communities and education who want to change perceptions of Bradford and highlight positive aspects of the area.

# Bradford Families Information Service



- ❖ **Families Information Service? Who?**
- ❖ **What do they do?**
- ❖ **How can they help me and the families I work with?**
- ❖ **How can I contact them?**

These questions and many more will be answered at our Families Information Service awareness days.

These will take place in Keighley on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and in Bradford on 5<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 2pm.

We would like to invite one representative of your organisation to attend this event. To express your interest and be put on the mailing list for this event, either:

- ❖ e-mail us at [childcare@bradford.gov.uk](mailto:childcare@bradford.gov.uk) with your name, organisation, contact details and the location of the event you would like to attend
- ❖ or return the reply slip below to Bradford Families Information Service, Room 21, City Hall, Channing Way, Bradford, BD1 1HY

by 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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I will be attending the FIS Awareness Event on the:

3<sup>rd</sup> October in Keighley

5<sup>th</sup> October in Bradford

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

# Happy Summer from Let's Get Healthy

**Hello to our regular Newsletter readers...  
Have a happy Summer and get ready for September with...  
AAA (Awesome, Autumn Activities).**

**Launch a highly visible event to help your employees kick start their resilience and energy levels for the winter.**

## **AAA includes:**

- > 1 day's use of the Mobile Health Studio to engage everybody
- > 1 day of accredited Mind Matters Training – support your line managers on how to confidently support employees who may be suffering from stress and anxiety at work
- > 1 day of seminars delivered on the studio for all employees on subjects such as “Building Resilience, increasing energy levels and healthy eating”
- > Costs from £4,200 +VAT

Please email [training@letsgethealthy.co.uk](mailto:training@letsgethealthy.co.uk) or call 0845 11 22 777 for more information

## **Be safe... here are our top hints to help you stay healthy this Summer**

- > Make sure your sunscreen product is not past its expiry date. Most sunscreens have a shelf life of two to three years
- > Hay fever sufferers - smear Vaseline inside your nostrils. This acts as a filter for the pollen
- > Drinking really cold liquids when feeling hot may lead to a slight constriction of the blood vessels in the skin and decrease heat loss
- > If you have been stung by an insect and there is a sting left in your skin, remove it by scraping it off using a hard blunt surface, like the edge of a credit card. Don't try to pinch the sting out using your fingers or tweezers as this risks spreading venom
- > A good way of knowing whether you are drinking enough water is by the colour of your urine. It should be a pale straw colour - any darker than this and you need to drink more!
- > If you're having a BBQ, the safest option is to cook food indoors using your oven; you can then put the cooked food outside on the barbecue for flavour.

For more summer tips, visit the NHS Choices webpage at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Summerhealth/Pages/Summerhealthhome.aspx>



0845 11 22 555 [info@letsgethealthy.co.uk](mailto:info@letsgethealthy.co.uk)

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## PRINT & DISPLAY

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This was passed on to us by Linda West, a PIW from Hothfield Junior School and Eastburn Junior and Infants. Sadly, Linda is retiring this week and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her all the best for the future and to say a massive thank you, on behalf of the PI team, her colleagues and the families she has worked with, for all of her hard work over the years. Linda, you will be missed by us all!



### Unity

By Cleo V. Swarat

I dreamed I stood in a studio  
And watched two sculptors there.  
The clay they used was a young child's mind,  
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher:  
The tools she used were books and music and art;  
One was a parent:  
With a guiding hand and gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done,  
They were proud of what they had wrought.  
For the things they had worked into the child  
Could never be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed  
if they had worked alone.  
For behind the parent stood the school,  
and behind the teacher stood the home.