



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT EBULLETIN NO. 24

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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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TELL US ABOUT IT...

Dads in School

Louise Heslop from Aire View Infant School in Silsden helped plan a Dads in School Day to help celebrate Father's Day. Although this is now an annual event for the school, this year they broke their own record and had 157 dads attending from nursery through to year two! The day was amazing and this year the focus was on reading and books. In Louise's own words "All had a fab time!"

Well done Louise and Aire View. If you have had a Dads in School day, we would love to hear about it. Please drop us an email to parental.involvement.team@bradford.gov.uk with a few words a couple of pictures and we will include it in the next bulletin.



‘Successfully Engaging Parents into Secondary Schools’ Pauline Dent

The National Confederation of Parent Teacher Associations (NCPTA)

Pauline Dent from NCPTA is in Queensbury School on 14 July at 10am to give some of her hints and tips on ‘Successfully engaging Parents into the Secondary Schools’. The meeting will last about 1 ½ hours. Nicola Toner from Queensbury School who has organised the event commented:

“I am hoping we will be able to share experiences and tap in to her wealth of knowledge to support us in getting parents involved in Secondary School activities and then in turn support their child’s learning and development.”

This is open to anyone from secondary schools who may be interested.

Please contact Nicola directly to confirm attendance, or to discuss more details. Her number is 01274 882214.

Outstanding Recognition from Ofsted!

The school has excellent relations with parents and carers, who are highly supportive of all aspects of its work. The school's work with families is a particular strength, supported especially by the work of the parent support worker, learning mentor and inclusion manager. The breakfast club, set up at parental request, is very popular in combining both a healthy start to the day and extending pupils' learning through structured activity sessions. The school works extremely well with both parents and carers and a wide range of partners to support pupils in their learning. Safeguarding requirements are met and the school demonstrates good practice in this area through its engagement with parents and carers, in providing very effective staff training and in its work with the public services to ensure pupils' safety.

Ofsted Report 2010 – This School scored Outstanding the effectiveness of the school's engagement with parents and carers (Keighley Locality School)

PIW Network Meeting Dates

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

Keighley Area PIW Network Meeting:

Date: Thursday 14th July

Time: 9:30am – 11:30am

Venue: Keighley Localities Office, North Street

Contact Kim Green - Parental Involvement Area Officer- Keighley

Tel: 07582 101388 or Email: kim.green@bradford.gov.uk

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

Please take part in our 15 second survey.

The Parental Involvement Team are looking into designing some exciting new training, specifically for Bradford District, with a focus on training parents to be Parent Peers in a range of different areas. This is following on from the fantastic work of T4P Parent Peers who were trained as part of the Transition 4 Parents Programme work last year. We think parent peers are excellent and can really help a school/setting/community group but we want to know what you think so we have set up an online survey **which will only take you 15 seconds to complete!**

We would like to know how your school/setting/group think Parent Peers would be helpful to you. **YOU MAY SELECT MORE THAN ONE OPTION.** If you have any other suggestions, not listed on the poll, then please do email them to us. We really look forward to hearing your suggestions. The poll can be found at.....

<http://www.yourfreepoll.com/egasolcisp.html>

TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

BASIC AWARENESS IN DRUGS AND ALCOHOL and SCREENING, ASSESSMENT AND REFERRAL

This training will cover how to:

- Identify a range of different substances, understand how they are used and their effects
- Identify and understand the nature of drug problems: physical, psychological and social
- Understand the legal implications of substance use
- Recognise attitudes within society related to substance use including common myths
- Understand the Harm Reduction approach and its application to substance use

COURSE	DATE	VENUE
2011		
BAC	Tuesday 19th July	St Peters House
BAC	Tuesday 13th September	St Peters House
SAR	Monday 10th October	St Peters House
BAC	Tuesday 1st November	St Peters House
BAC	Tuesday 13th December	St Peters House
2012		
BAC	Tuesday 10th January	St Peters House
BAC	Tuesday 14th February	St Peters House
BAC	Tuesday 13th March	St Peters House

For further information please contact Pam Finch on 01274 431574 or pam.finch@bradford.gov.uk

For bookings contact Lottie (Wednesday and Thursday all day and Friday mornings) on 01274 432795 or charlotte.mclaughlan@bradford.gov.uk

CAF Practitioner Training - Undertaking a Common Assessment

Places available

Target Audience

This course is for practitioners working with children and young people, who may be required to undertake a Common Assessment

Course Overview

By the end of the course you will:

- * Understand the local arrangements for integrated working and the CAF process
- * Understand how the CAF contributes to supporting the needs of children and young people
- * have explored the skills required to undertake an effective Common Assessment

You must complete the Introduction to Integrated Working e-Learning Module before applying for this CAF course

[\(Click here\)](#)

Dates:

13 October
3 November
12 December

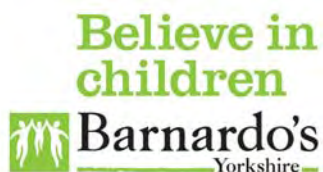
All 9.30 – 1.00 pm

15 February
1 - 4.30 pm

Venue:

St Peter's House

To book please contact: Michaela Hampshire - michaela.hampshire@bradford.gov.uk



CEOP Thinkuknow training (1/2 day)

Aims of the course

The CEOP Thinkuknow training course will enable you to deliver CEOP's Thinkuknow programme for 11 - 16 year olds directly to young people and parents. As well as teaching you how to deliver the resources it we also take you through some of the most popular applications used by young people in the online and mobile environment.

Who should attend?

This course is aimed at professionals whose roles directly or indirectly involve the protection of children and young people:

- Teachers/Learning Mentors
- College/Training organization tutors
- Connexions PA's
- Police Officers
- Social Care Workers (Social Workers, Community Resource Workers, Residential staff etc)
- Youth Workers

Dates

- Thursday 22nd September 2011 – 09.30-12.30 – New Mill, Saltaire
- Wednesday 19th October 2011 – 09.30-12.30 – Carlisle Business Centre

Booking

To book your place, please contact Barnardo's Turnaround on 01274 548379 or e-mail kulsum.bibi@barnardos.org.uk

This course is free of charge.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION



LIDGET GREEN CHILDREN'S CENTRE

VACANCIES

Early Years Practitioners Level 3 and Level 2

The Children's Centre has two vacancies within our crèche provision. Our crèche provides sessional care for children from birth to 5 years old. We are looking to appoint two highly motivated, experienced and committed Early Years workers with the relevant Early Years qualifications.

Early Years Practitioner (Level 3)

Hours: Initially 32.5 hours term time only, we require that the successful candidate has flexible working hours.
Salary: Scale 4 £17,161 - £19,126 pro rata

Early Years Support Worker (Level 2)

Hours: Initially 32.5 hours term time only, we require that the successful candidate has flexible working hours.
Salary: Scale 3 £15,725 - £16,830 pro rata

Both posts are initially funded until March 2012.

Interested applicants should collect an application pack from Lidget Green Primary School and Children's Centre, Birks Fold, Bradford, BD7 2QN or Email sheila.bano@lidgetgreen.com

If you would like an application pack posting to you please send an SAE to the above address.

CLOSING DATE	Monday 25th July 12.00pm
INTERVIEWS	2nd and 3rd August 2011



We have two fantastic opportunities

Youth Bus Project Leader

Salary 19k

Very exciting opportunity for a passionate youth worker to expand and lead our Double Decker youth bus outreach. Taking youth work to new areas of Bradford that has none or little provision. Working with, and empowering communities to be effective at meeting young people at their point of need and transforming their community.

Sports and Community Worker

£12-18k depending on qualifications and experience

Do you love sport and love working with young people? We have an opportunity for someone to use their passions to impact hundreds of local young people in schools and community settings. Be a part of a fantastic team with loads of exciting opportunities.

Closing date: 22nd July 2011

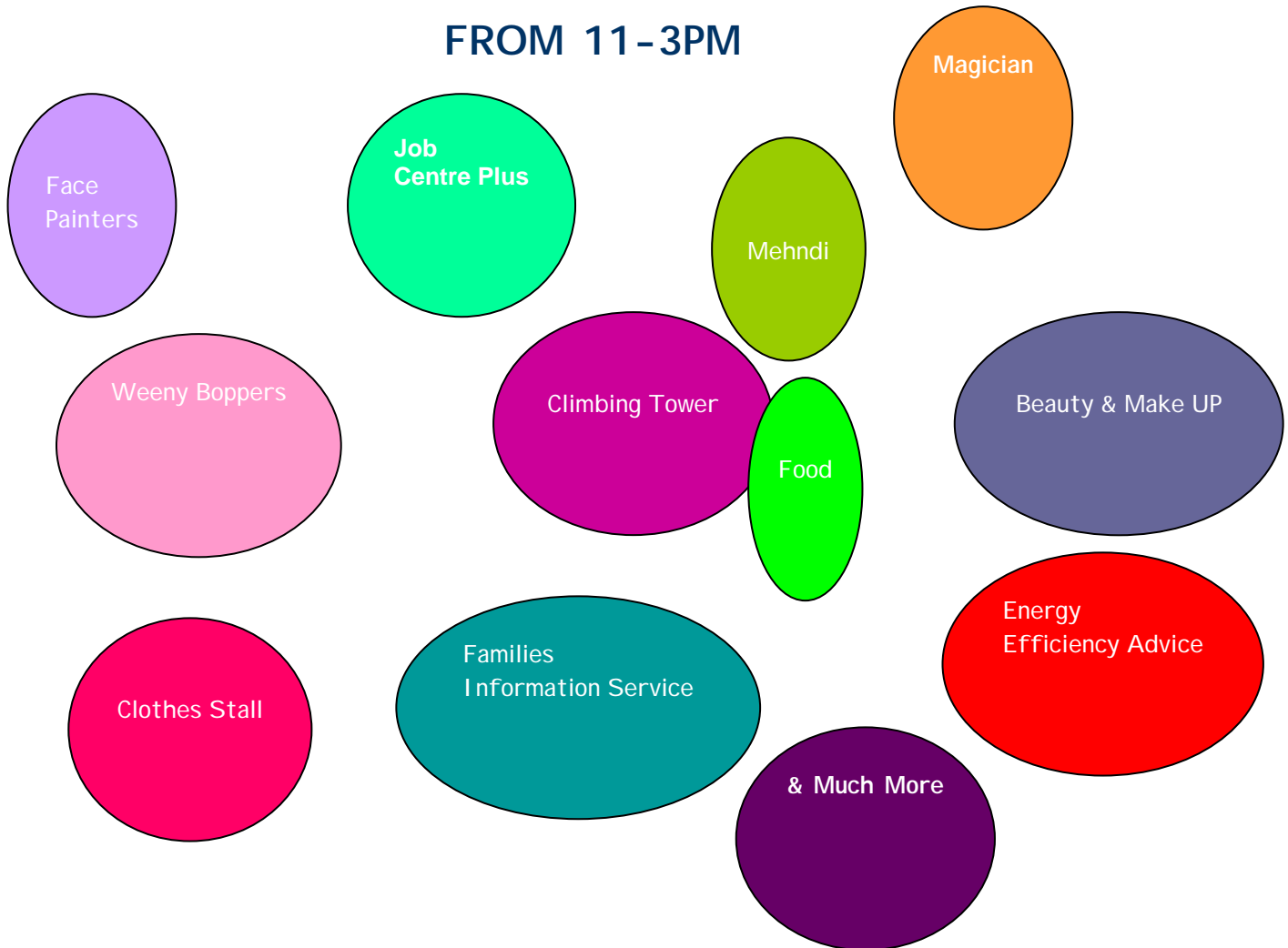
e:merge is a Community Interest Company operating in Bradford, West Yorkshire. We work with young people between the ages of 11-19 through general youth work activities, training & employment programmes, sport development and a youth congregation. Presently we have the following job available. If after considering this post and looking at our website you are still interested in working with us, then please do make contact with us.

For full job descriptions, application forms and more information then call or e-mail Bailey Warner on 01274 660244, baileyw@emergeonline.org.uk.

Visit our web-site at www.emergeonline.org.uk

'Inspiring young people to improve their lives'

FUN DAY AT MIDLAND ROAD NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE ON TUESDAY THE 26TH OF JULY FROM 11-3PM



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!!!

For further details please contact the Family Support Team on 01274 494912

Event Address:

Midland Road Nursery School and Children's Centre, Bateman Street, Bradford, BD8 7DJ

Telephone Number: 01274 546492

Summer 2011

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Rock School 2011

Wannabe' young rock stars are being offered the chance to take their first steps into the music business at a unique summer school in the city.

Rock School 2011 is a series of five-day long sessions run by professional musicians at the Factory Street recording studios. They will cover everything from forming a band and developing musical skills to recording a CD and finding out more about the music business.

Thanks to funding from Incommunities Foundation up to eight FREE places per session are being offered to young people living in rented homes with the housing group. The normal cost of a place at one of the Rock School sessions is £199 which includes all teaching and refreshments.

Bookings are now been taken for all four sessions of Rock School. These are:-

Monday, 1st August – Friday, 5th August **(for young people aged 13 – 18)**

Monday, 8th August – Friday, 12th August **(aged 13 – 18)**

Monday, 22nd August – Friday, 26th August **(aged 9-12)**

Monday, 29th August – Friday, 2nd September **(aged 13 – 18)**

At the end of each session, the young participants are given the chance to perform a gig to their families and friends. Last year, 43 young people and adults took part in Rock School. One of the big successes was rock band 'Thirteen16' who were formed at one of the sessions. The Bradford teenagers regularly perform across the district and are lined up to appear at Bingley Music Live in September.

To book your place at Rock School 2011 ring Amy ASAP on 01274 682125.



Summer events 2011

MONDAY 25TH JULY Bolton Abbey

Meet us there at 10:30 <http://www.boltonabbey.com/>

£6.00 per car {this is not our cost but the parking for the day}

The toy library will provide games/and light refreshments. Please bring your own packed lunch.

WEDNESDAY 27TH JULY Nell Bank - Booking essential

£5 per family. Transport provided. Meet at the hospital 9.15

Bring your own packed lunch and suitable clothing for wet outdoor activities Return 4pm

WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST Hemsworth Water Park- Booking essential

£5 per family. Transport provided. Meet at the hospital 9.15

Bring your own packed lunch and a towel for the kids.

The toy library will provide games/and light refreshments. Return 4pm

<http://www.hemsworthcouncil.co.uk/waterpark.shtml>

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST Lightwater Valley

£5 PER PERSON. Please contact Michelle Emma for more details ASAP

MONDAY 8TH AUGUST ST Ives, Bingley - Meet us there at 10.30

<http://www.visitbradford.com/thedms.asp?dms=13&feature=1&venue=2180211>

The toy library will provide games/and light refreshments. Please bring your own packed lunch.

WEDNESDAY 10TH AUGUST Local play gym and party Booking essential

£5 per family. Meet at the hospital 10.00

WEDNESDAY 17TH AUGUST Ponderosa and end of scheme party Booking essential

£5 per family. Meet at the hospital 9.15. Return 4pm

CIRCUS STARS

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

www.circus-stars.org.uk

At Bradford Libraries

Events for children from 4 to 12 years
Throughout July and August 2011

All our libraries will be involved in the summer reading challenge. Everyone who joins "Circus Stars" will receive a Circus Stars Stage on which to record details of books read during the summer. There are also lots of stickers, Circus Stars bookmarks, wristbands and yoyos to collect. Every child who reads at least 6 books will receive a certificate and a medal.

"Circus Stars" will highlight books and reading via the fun and razzmatazz of the circus. Young readers will not only develop the joy and fun of reading books but also discover new skills and tricks. Many of our libraries will be hosting special events and activities with the circus central to their theme.



We have...

ZooLab

Where the animals demonstrate that they are natural performers – watch the snake demonstrate his contortionist skills, see the tree frog climb like an acrobat and watch the rat show her balancing skills. Spaces are limited for this event. Please contact the library in advance for place availability and booking.

Circus Skills Workshop by Blooming Circus.

Come along and learn circus skills and magic tricks. Skills include balancing, juggling, diabolo, flower sticks, plate spinning and more. Suitable from 5 years old. Spaces are limited for this event.

Please contact the library in advance for place availability and booking.

Merlin's Magic Show sponsored by Clayton parish council. Face Painting at

Silsden Library courtesy of Daisy Chain Children's Centre

For further information contact your local library.

All our summer activities are very popular and many of our events require pre-booking therefore it is advisable to contact the library in advance before making a special journey. Some of our events will be unsuitable for organised groups please check in advance with the library concerned if you want to bring a group of children.

*NB All Circus Skills Workshops MUST be pre-booked.

PRINT & DISPLAY

I'm Bored...!!!! The dreaded summer holiday call...

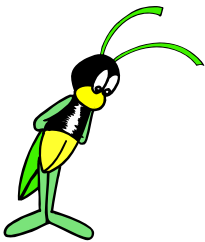
Not everything needs to cost a lot - and having fun is priceless!

Parents sometimes underestimate the importance of kids being able to keep themselves busy. Spending time on their own encourages self-initiated play, is good for their mental health and is a must for success at school. If you are your child's home entertainment machine then think again, avoid rushing in when children seem bored, suggest ideas rather than provide entertainment.

Some ideas to help you along the way:

Bike ride: Organise a bike ride for your child and yourself or let your child organise one on their own. You can plan where you are going by studying a map- available from the nearest library. You may like to plan a route visiting friends (collect them on the way!) You could take a picnic too.

You will probably come across some interesting things, so take something to carry any exciting finds in. You will see a lot more by bike than in the car. Look out for interesting wild flowers, birds or animals; you may discover new play areas or parks as you go. **Don't forget-** Helmets, sun protection or waterproof clothing depending on the weather, money, a drink, map if necessary, mobile phone and possibly camera and notebook.



Bug Hunting: This is always a hit. Get your child to search for bugs in ponds, gardens, paths, in the soil or even grass. They will find many discoveries & bugs they have never seen before!! A magnifying glass and insects guarantee high levels of interest, which may even lead to further investigation in books. Reading will give you some much needed moments of peace and quiet - & that's a bonus.

Safety First- A quick safety talk on taking care is probably a good idea before heading to the garden or local parks: Water is dangerous, so if going near a pond or stream, ensure they are safe with adult supervision. Older Children should always tell an adult where they are going, and agree a time of arrival back at home.

Treasure hunts: Call some friends round and organise a treasure hunt indoors, outdoors or a bit of both. Simple clues are the best & it's a good idea to set a time limit. Clues can be based on straightforward observations noted down on a piece of paper. Who lives at No 11 Garden Road? What special offer is in the corner shop window?

Variation: Use a coloured paper to make the letters that spell out the location of the treasure (e.g. under the stairs) the kids need to find the letters then unscramble the word to find figure out where the treasure is, or you could draw a map for them to follow.



Variation: Write up a list of common objects and have the children find every item. If there's lots of children, divide them into teams, and then give each team a list. The team that finds all the items wins the treasure.

Safety first: Older children may be allowed to go further afield- but they should ALWAYS say where they are going, for younger children limit the area covered by the treasure hunt, for example within a boundary of safe roads nearby - play along yourself & join in the fun. Once they have done a treasure hunt or two the children will probably enjoy devising their own - they're great fun.

Making things!!!

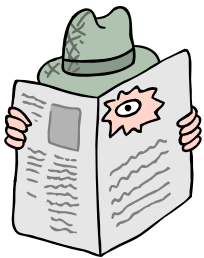


Making things needn't cost a lot of money. You can have loads of fun making things from stuff just lying around the house. Socks to toilet rolls - it can all be used to make something! Just use your imagination...

Design your own newspaper

Get your child to do their own newspaper. It could have news of their school or it could be news in your community. It's fun to write newspapers you can include the weather, contents, pictures, make up headlines, reviews about cafes and shops in the area and many other things. Have a 'What's on' column, you could draw pictures or even take photos of local events. To give your child a basic idea look at some local newspapers and think what would appeal to young people.

Tip: Keep it Good News- we get enough bad!



Secret SPY letters

One child writes a secret message with a white wax crayon on white paper, another child paints over with thin paint. The writing will remain invisible until the paper is painted over- the message appears by magic

Sock puppets: You will need:

- A sock - clean preferably!
- Two buttons for eyes
- Colourful ribbon or knitting wool
- Glue



Method:

Put the sock on your hand (or your child's hand), and make a "mouth" by tucking part of the sock between thumb and palm.

Stick the eyes in place where you or your child's knuckles are (you can always sew them on if you want). Glue on the strips of ribbon or wool to make hair. You could also stick a piece of pink or red ribbon cut into the shape of a tongue onto the mouth area. Now make up stories and plays for your puppet to act in



Make your own instruments

Search the house for potential music-making material and spend an hour or two putting a set of instruments together. Plastic bottles or jars with lentils or peas make great maracas. Toilet rolls, tin foil and cotton wool can be used for microphones, and wooden spoons with saucepans or plastic tubs are ideal for drums. Why not form a band and have a sing-along? Maybe sing nursery rhymes or a favourite CD. Or even have your own version of the X-Factor!