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5th July 2022

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Our Voice's Summer Party

On Sunday 3rd July, we were delighted to be able to welcome more than 80 parents and children to the first large party we have held since December 2019!

We would like to say a special thank you to:

- ★ Seema Shah from SEN Services and Mirjan Dharmo, Head of Joint Service for Disabled Children, who both came along to talk to answer questions from parents on an individual basis.
- ★ The Cheviots staff who kindly came along to look after children whilst their parents were talking to Mirjan and Seema, and generally helped out in many ways.
- ★ Sandeep for her wonderful face painting.
- ★ Becky from the Enfield Carers Centre, who came along to talk to parents about the support ECC offers.
- ★ Waverley School for providing a great venue for us.
- ★ Katies Kastles for our bouncy castle and our entertainer Gabi from 'Movers and Shakers'
- ★ And last (but not least), to the members of the Our Voice team who volunteered their time to set up and manage the party.



Feedback from those attending was very positive, and it was clear that you would like us to run more of these events as soon as possible. We are currently discussing dates for our future parties and will be coming back to you with more details as soon as we can.



Summer University – priority booking for young people with SEND until 9th July

The Summer University is a programme of activities for young people aged 11 – 25 (up to 19 if they don't have SEND) running across the summer holiday period.

You can currently access early bird booking for young people with SEND, by filling out the referral form.

Both the referral form and the brochure of activities are available on our website [here](#).

REGISTER NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

TIME TREK

REGISTER NOW IN TIME FOR SUMMER

Summer Uni 2022 is back bigger and better

We have over 80+ free activities for young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with SEND) to sign up to during the Summer Holidays

Website goes live Fri 8 Jul!
Register now!

Facebook: Youth Enfield Instagram: @Youth_Enfield #youthenfield
Email: SUregistration@enfield.gov.uk
Register now: www.youthenfield.taptub.co.uk/register



SEND Youth Club

Come and join us...

SEND Youth Centre

- Healthy relationship workshops
- Personal safety
- Support to develop life skills
- Sports sessions

We welcome children and young people with a wide range of differences and we typically have a staff to young person ratio of 1:5

BELL LANE YOUTH CENTRE, EN3 5PA

EVERY TUESDAY
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Sign up online today
to register your interest please see website below
www.youthenfield.taptub.co.uk

ENFIELD Council

The SEND Youth Club at Bell Lane Youth Centre (Enfield EN3 5PA) is a free Youth Club, exclusively for young people with SEND aged 11 and over. It runs from 6.30 to 8.30 pm every Tuesday evening.

There are a range of fun activities, sports and workshops covering topics like personal safety and healthy relationships as well as developing life skills.

To book a place go to the Youth Enfield website [here](#) and on the 'filter by activities' select SEND – you will then see the booking link for this club.



Autism conference on 12th and 13th July

The London Borough of Haringey SEND Service has been funded by NHS England to hold an online virtual London Autistic Conference, with a focus on 'creating enabling environments' on Tuesday 12 July and Weds 13 July.

The Conference will include Autistic people sharing their research, knowledge and/or lived experiences and relevant researchers discussing their research.



The aim will be for everyone attending to:

- raise the awareness and acceptance of neurodiversity
- develop an understanding of a range of Autistic people's experiences.
- improve the mental health and wellbeing of Autistic people, by facilitating a conference to share first-hand lived autistic experiences as well as providing information about evidence-based supports to enhance the lives of Autistic people.

The sessions are for Autistic people of all ages, family members of Autistic people, education, health, leisure and social care sectors and the wider community – EVERYONE!

To register interest in attending the online event/ and or to add comments about the conference please complete the form below and you will be sent a Zoom registration link on Friday 8th July

<https://forms.office.com/r/qfG8nCeR07>

Autism and Girls webinar 12th July

Witherslack Group will be running a webinar on Autism and Girls on Tuesday 12th July 10 am to 11 am, offering practical advice to parents on supporting Autistic girls and those with associated needs. This is the second part of the webinar – if you missed the first part you can catch up on this [here](#). Register for the event [here](#). The session will be recorded, so if you are unable to attend on the day you should register to be sent a copy of the recording.



Virtual ADHD Conference 13th July



Virtual ADHD Conference for parents & carers!

On Wednesday 13th of July we will be hosting our next virtual conference on ADHD. Our speakers will focus on developing positive and nurturing environments for families to thrive and succeed together. Sounds good, right? To find out more and register for FREE hit the button!

Register for FREE

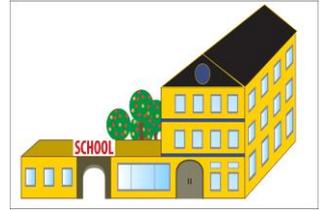
The graphic features a photo of a woman and a young girl smiling, framed by a purple border with geometric shapes. Below the photo is a purple button with the text "Register for FREE".

Witherslack group are running a free virtual conference on ADHD on Wednesday 13th July, 10 am - 3.30 pm. For more information and to register see [here](#).

The event will be recorded so you can register to be sent a link to the recordings.

Reminder: Choosing a secondary school: workshop on 12th July

We are holding an important Zoom session jointly with SENDIASS and the Enfield SEN team, looking at the transfer to Secondary school next year. The session will aim to help you to think about how to choose a Secondary school for your child with additional needs, how to get the right information to help you make that decision and how the application process will work. It is aimed mainly at parents of children currently in year 6 but may also be of interest to many parents of children in year 5 or below, who are starting to think about their child's Secondary School options.



The session will be held on: Tuesday 12th July 10 am – 12 noon. Book your place on Eventbrite [here](#).

'Tech for all' – free iPads for visually impaired children and young people



'[Guide Dogs](#)' have launched their 'Tech for all' project to provide assistive technology for children and young people aged 3-18 with vision impairment.

For children with a vision impairment, technology is vital. It develops learning, creativity, life skills, and ultimately, confidence and independence.

Guide Dogs' Tech for All service offers a free Apple iPad to children and young people (aged 3-18) with visual impairments, to use outside of school.

For more information and to apply for a free iPad if your child is eligible, see [here](#).

Money matters – council tax rebate and help with rising energy costs

As you are probably aware the government have given a rebate to everyone who lives in a property in Council Tax bands A to D. This has been directly paid into bank accounts to those who pay their Council Tax by Direct Debit.

If you don't pay by Direct Debit, you need to apply so that the rebate can be paid to you as soon as possible. For those that don't apply, they will eventually be given a Post Office voucher, but this will be the last stage and may take a while to process, so you are encouraged to apply directly. Full details and the application link are on the Local Authority website [here](#) and the closing date has been extended to **this Friday 8th July**.



This rebate is part of a wider package of support intended to help support families with rising energy costs and other cost of living increases. The package also includes:

- Across the UK, a **£150 disability cost of living payment** made to individuals who are in receipt of certain qualifying disability benefits, which include:
 - Disability Living Allowance.
 - Personal Independence Payment.
 - Child Disability Payment or the Adult Disability Payment in Scotland.

To be eligible for the £150 payment, you must have been getting the qualifying disability benefit on 25th May (or have begun a claim by that date which is later successful). The expectation is that this payment will arrive from September 2022.

- A **grant towards domestic electricity bills worth £400 per household**. This does not need to be repaid. This will be credited to your energy bill by your supplier over a 6-month period starting in October 2022.
- Across the UK, households who are on certain means tested benefits or tax credits will receive a **£650 cost-of-living payment**. To be eligible, you must be on one of the following benefits:
 - Universal Credit.
 - Income Support.
 - Income-based Job Seekers Allowance.
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
 - Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit.
 - Pension Credit.

It does not apply to those who only get Housing Benefit and/or a council tax reduction. To qualify you must have been getting one of the relevant benefits on 25 May 2022 (or have begun a claim by that date which is later successful).

The cost-of-living payment will come in two lump sums directly into the claimant's bank account. The DWP will make the first payment from July 2022 and the second in the autumn. Payments from HMRC to those on tax credits only will follow shortly after that. This is to avoid the risk of a household receiving duplicate payments by both DWP and HMRC.

For more information on these measures, and other financial help, see Contact's website [here](#).

We hope that you have found our newsletter useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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