

Menphys Saturday Clubs Newsletter

Summer 2017

Have Fun, Believe, Fly!



Welcome to the first Menphys Saturday Club newsletter. Following our review, we were delighted to welcome our club members back to our new venue at Barley Croft. We have settled in now and are enjoying being together under one roof. We would like to update you on all that we have been up to and share our exciting plans.

At our Open Day in February, the Club Member's voted for new names for the clubs. We are delighted to inform you that our 'new look' clubs are named:

8-16 years: **The Spark Club**

16-25 years: **The Fusion Club**

We are proud to announce that we are now affiliated to **Young Leicestershire**, a network and community of Youth Clubs throughout the County and City. This enables us to gain important information on vital funding opportunities, and to be able to offer new, fun and inspiring activities for our Clubs.

Our Club Members have enjoyed lots of new activities during our first term.

We have celebrated Chinese New Year with games and oriental food tasting, prepared lunch for a member of our family for Mother's day weekend, made Smoothies, created jewellery and experimented with lots of new arts and crafts ideas.



Activities we are planning

This term we are planning exciting activities under the themes of:

- A trip Back in Time
- Around the World
- Discovery Day
- Music Madness



We are also delighted that **Leicester City Football Club Disability Trust** will be joining us throughout the Summer and Autumn term to deliver sessions in football skills, Boccia, New Age Kurling and also FUNdamental games. You will be receiving a registration form for this; it is essential that you complete and return this in order for the club member to take part.

In addition, we also hope to have Soft Touch Arts join us to deliver a creative arts programme.

The staff have been busy too!

We have been completing or updating our training in the following areas:

- Essential safeguarding of children
- Safeguarding of adults
- Moving and Handling
- Level 2 Food Safety and Hygiene
- Paediatric First Aid
- Behaviour which Challenges
- Supporting Young People with a Learning Disability

Can you help?

Did you know that our clubs cost over £20,000 a year to run? We are always looking for ways to keep our costs down and are currently looking for donations of the following:

- Arts and craft materials
- Plant pots, plant labels and seeds
- New or unwanted garden tools
- Sports equipment
- Unwanted iPads or Tablets

Are you able to help, or do you know of anyone who may be able to?



St George's Day dragon puppets!

Save the date – July 8th 2017



The Club Members will be holding a Summer Fete for their Family and Friends to raise money for Menphys. We are looking for donations of the following:

- Raffle prizes
- Home made cakes
- Any small prizes such as small toys, toiletries and sweets.

Please bring the whole family and friends too!

Staff welcome!

In February, we welcomed four new staff members to our team:

Eleanor (Ellie) Grudgings

Janice Billington

Victoria (Vix) Gee

Jennifer Sullivan

Also three volunteers:

James Thorley

Rosie Davies

Rachel Gurney

Staff Goodbyes!

Sadly, we say goodbye this term to Rose Moore but would like to thank her for all of her hard work and wish her well in her new role as a Speech and language Therapist.

CLUB CANCELLATION

Unfortunately, it is necessary to cancel the club on October 14th. This means that the subs for half term Sept 2nd – October 21st will now be £50.