

# Let's Play Project Newsletter – February 2015



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## Let's Play Project Celebration & Annual General Meeting

The annual AGM will be taking place on Thursday 19th February 2015 from 10:15 am until 11:15am at Let's Play Project, St Mary's School, School Lane, Banbury, OXON, OX16 2EG

### Programme:

10:15am - Welcome with coffee and cake

10:30 am - 11.15am - AGM

### THE AGENDA:

Report from Chairperson

Report from Core Staff

Finance Report

Election & re-election of Trustees

There will be no childcare services available but your young person will be more than welcome to join you.

RSVP to the office at the Let's Play Hub (Email [info@letsplaybanbury.org](mailto:info@letsplaybanbury.org))

### Oxfordshire Children and Young People's Plan - 2015 - 2018

Oxfordshire are consulting about the Draft Children's Plan, this plan will determine the shape of services for all children and young people in Oxfordshire over the next few years. So it's important that as many people as possible have an opportunity to look at it and make their views known about priorities and needs.

[https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/CYPplan\\_Adults/consultationHome](https://consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consult/ti/CYPplan_Adults/consultationHome)

The Childrens Plan will directly drive the work of the Childrens Trust until 2018.

Lynn Smith, Engagement Officer is seeking the opinions of parent, carers and young people to consult on whether to plan is right.

If you'd like to contact Lynn, her email address is [lynn.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:lynn.smith@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

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### Face 2 Face family group for children with additional needs and their families

Invites you to join us for a short course of free family fun sessions with Oxfordshire family Learning.

Barracks Lane Community Gardens  
Barracks Lane Community Garden, Barracks Lane (off Cumberland Road), Oxford, OX4 2AP

Saturdays 28<sup>th</sup> February, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March

Time 10am to 12pm

Come and relax and enjoy activities together as a family whilst getting to know other families in a lovely, fully accessible setting.

For more information or to book a place please contact:

Anna Hinton

07775926572 or email :

[anna.hinton@scope.org.uk](mailto:anna.hinton@scope.org.uk)

[www.scope.org.uk/face2face](http://www.scope.org.uk/face2face)

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## Holiday Hippos– Free Play Session

Spring Half Term Holiday Hippos - Free play session for children with additional needs (0-14 years) and their families. **Wednesday 18th February 1.30 - 3.00pm – creative dance**

**Where: Marston/Northway Children's Centre, Copse Lane, Oxford, OX3 0AY**

**For more information contact:** Melissa on:  
07950125810  
[melissasheard17@gmail.com](mailto:melissasheard17@gmail.com)

## Contact a Family - information for parent/ carer support groups:

Do you run support groups within your centre?  
Do you know of support groups in your area? If so, please do share the following link in how to join and sign up to the growing Support Group Network: <http://www.cafamily.org.uk/advice-and-support/parent-support-groups/already-running-a-support-group/>

## Workshop about challenging behaviour & strategies

Scope's Face 2 Face befriending service in Oxford and BIBIC are offering a free, one off workshop for any parents of children who have additional needs to learn about challenging behaviour and strategies that can help.

Places are available to parents of children with any disability whether diagnosed or not.  
10am-2.30pm  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at:  
Kings centre,  
Osney Mead,  
Botley,  
OX2 0ES

To book a place please contact me using the details below:  
[anna.hinton@scope.org.uk](mailto:anna.hinton@scope.org.uk)  
07775926572

Anna works  
Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30-2.30 and Thursdays 9.30-5.30

## The Science Museum—Early Birds

Booking for the next Early Birds event will open on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** at 8:45am.

The next Early Birds is on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March**. The Science Museum will be open from 8:30am for families with children who have an Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) to come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public. Early Birds is completely free and suitable for families with children under the age of 14. You can find more details on our website: <http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/earlybirds>  
It is necessary to register for your free place in advance.

You can register by ringing our bookings team on **020 7942 4777**. They are likely to be busy when booking opens so please bear with us if you can't get through immediately.

If you would like to discuss any specific concerns that you may have about the event then please feel free to contact us.

You have received this e-mail because you are currently on the Early Birds mailing list. If you would prefer not to receive further information about our Early Birds Program please let me know and I will remove your contact details.

Thank you,  
Anna

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## Wallingford Toy Library for Children with Special Needs & their Families

Wallingford Toy Library has been running for 40 years. We support local families who have a child or children with special needs.

**We meet on the first Saturday of the month  
10.30am-12noon  
Day Centre Room, Wallingford Community Hospital**

We have sole use of the room and enclosed courtyard garden. We have a selection of indoor and outdoor toys which can be played with at the session, or taken home on loan. We offer a non-judgemental environment and want all children to feel free to play individually, together, with siblings or parents.

If you would like to join us, please pop in between 1030am -1230pm on the first Saturday of the month. We would be pleased to see you.

Alternatively, you are welcome to make contact with us beforehand, so we have a chance to introduce ourselves before you come along to the session.

**Email: [wallingfordtoylibrary@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:wallingfordtoylibrary@hotmail.co.uk) Tel: Pamela Lee 07717 280995 (Secretary)**

## Practical Activities for understanding and coping with a child's Sensory Processing Difficulties

Topics covered include: child development; sensory integration; sensory disorders; understanding a child's sensory profile.

**Children with sensory processing difficulties can find the world an overwhelming place, or may be hard to reach. Children with a typical nervous system learn coping strategies as they develop but for some children sensory information can be overwhelming or confusing, and can make it difficult for them to engage fully with everyday life.**

- Each participant will receive OT approved resources, including a fidget bag.
- Led by Occupational Therapist, Stephanie Kucan.

When: 9.30am until 12.30pm

Date: Monday 23rd March.

Where: Oxfordshire Association for the Blind, Bradbury Lodge, Gordon Woodward Way, Oxford. OX1 4XL.

Price: £75 per person

### **Booking form attached.**

Please complete and return the booking form **by Tuesday 10 March, 2015** to:

Nicola Lathey, SLT, The Owl Centre, 210 Abingdon Road, Oxford. OX1 4SP.

Or email to: [info@theowltherapycentre.co.uk](mailto:info@theowltherapycentre.co.uk)