

# Let's Play Project Newsletter— October 2013



To find out about information, services & advice for families of disabled children , SEN & additional needs please go to:  
[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/disabilityinformation](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/disabilityinformation)

## **OXFSN & Dimensions—employing staff course (please see attached file)**

Oxfordshire Family Support Network are working in partnership with Dimensions to deliver a series of workshops for people who are employing or thinking about employing their own staff (for their relative) please see flyer attached for more information and get in touch if you want to know more and book a place. Spaces are limited but we've room for a few more.

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## **Family Information Fair (please see attached file)**

The 5th annual family information Fair is taking place as usual at The Kassam Stadium on Saturday the 30th of November from 11am until 3pm. This event is FREE to families.

[www.oxfsn.org.uk](http://www.oxfsn.org.uk)

## **Cloud Nine - North Abingdon Children's Centre — Anna Hinton**

I am working at North Abingdon children's centre and am now running the Cloud nine session for parents of children who have additional needs. The group is every Tuesday 1pm to 2.30pm and we have a range of activities and information for families of children with additional needs. We welcome siblings and also anyone who feels their child would benefit from the quieter activities, for example if they are just beginning the process of assessment, they don't need to have any diagnosis or support in place already. Every other week there is a communication session run by soundabout for families of babies and children under four who have additional needs, the dates for these sessions are as following- 22nd October, 12 and 26th November, 10th December. Contact: 01235 523481.

## **New Learning Disability Sport Workshop**

Mencap Sport will be delivering the workshop at the end of October in Oxfordshire and it will include:

1. What is Learning Disability (including a small section on autism and ADHD)
2. Issues and Barriers to participation
3. Communication
4. Promoting Sport to people with a learning disability
5. Inclusion Spectrum and Adaptations
6. Pathways and classification

If you are interested in attending this workshop please let us know by emailing [jraggs@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:jraggs@oxford.gov.uk) or ring 01865 252661

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## **Parents information evening**

**FREE**

**Are simple daily activities the cause of significant family stress? Do you worry about your child's hand-writing, coordination, self-help and /or social skills? Is sleep, eating or toileting a daily battle?**

Come along to our free taster session where we will explore strategies for you and your family. Hosted by Autism Advisory Teacher Dee Nic Sitric and Children's Occupational Therapist Stephanie Kucan. Dee and Stephanie have significant practical experience and school based expertise in helping families and children develop strategies to cope and engage with the world around them.

**Where:** St Aloysius Primary School Hall, 143 Woodstock road, Oxford OX2 7PH

**Time:** 7.30 – 9.30 pm

**When:** Wednesday 23th October 2013

Please feel free to email if you have any more questions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **Cerebral Palsy Football Taster**

Specialist Chelsea FC coaches will be delivering the Cerebral Palsy football taster session on Oxford City FC's main stadium pitch on Sunday 10th November 2013, alongside the BOBi League fixtures.

The session is completely free of charge and will run from 11am-12.30pm and is open to players aged 5-16 years of all ability levels. Players may use walkers, canes and crutches.

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## **Personal Budget Workshop Thursday 24th October** (please see attached file)

**New Parent/ Carer support group at Abingdon Hub**  
(please see attached file)