

Wolves Bucket Collection

A great big thanks goes to, staff, trustee volunteers, home visit volunteers and their friends and family, who supported us at the Warrington Wolves bucket collection in June. We raised £417.89, thanks to the generosity of the fans at the game.

Big Hopes Big Future

On 20th June, Eva Ross, Family Support Co-ordinator, delivered our Big Hopes Big Future course to targeted families, in partnership with Meadowside Primary School, Longford, Warrington. The course, unique to Home-Start, is aimed at enabling parents to get their child school ready, covering sessions such as routines, attachment & bonding, literacy, games and activities.

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SUPPORTING PARENTS AND THEIR
CHILDREN TO BE 'READY FOR SCHOOL'



Underwater Street Family Trip

On 1st August, we went to Liverpool's Underwater Street, now named, Imagine That! Thanks goes to Bolton Steel Structures, who funded the trip. The families and children had a great time with activities, play, art & fun for all ages. The families enjoyed lunch together too. Thanks also to the volunteers who supported their (Home-Start) families on the day.

Family Fun Day

On 8th August, we held a Family Fun Day at Smile Centre. Jan Ratcliffe from Caterpillar Music, entertained the children for an hour and then the children were then visited by Wolfie and Ben Westwood, who is a patron of Home-Start Warrington. DJ, Dr Beats provided the music in the playground, whilst the families enjoyed games, ice cream, candy floss and pop corn, face painting etc. The children all bought lunch and had a teddy bears picnic.

Kate Griffiths, Scheme Manager, is pictured with Wolfie, Ben Westwood and Rob Griffiths, patron.





Children's Adventure Farm Trust

On 22nd August, we visited our friends at the Children's Adventure Farm Trust near Lymm. Again travel was funded by Bolton Steel Structures. The families and children enjoyed, play, activities, petting the animals and lunch was provided. Great big thanks to our friends there; they always look after us!

English Half Marathon & 10k

On Sunday 16th September, 6 people ran either the Half Marathon or the 10k and raised funds for us. Pictured are (left to right) Andrew Emmerson, Nicola Chiappa and Steph, Dave & Becky Scully. Between them, to date, they have raised £1817.50 (with gift aid) Very well done. See you next year 😊



Families Together

Following the success of the Boost course, we followed on with a Families Together course for the same families that had attended Boost. The children were cared for in a crèche area whilst the parents attended the course. Families Together encourages parents to think about their own memories, their emotions and to work on their aims and goals to enable them to improve their parenting skills.

Volunteer Support Group

On 20th September, Kate, our Scheme Manager facilitated the support group to home visit volunteers. The topic was "Every Child a Talker" and the toy sacks were also relaunched. We encourage our volunteers to use the lovely resources with the families that they support.



Donations

Many thanks for all our donations! We are always grateful!

The Volunteer donations since 1/4/18 - a massive £521.27

Other donations since our last Newsletter: -

Gentleman's book society - FDR Law - £100

Bolton Steel Structures - £300

Andrew Emmerson - £250

Paul Hatton - £50

Round pounds - £13

Leanne's leaving lunch celebration

On 20th September, the staff and trustees joined Leanne for lunch, as she left us for 12 months maternity leave. We collected for Leanne and she was presented with our gift of a baby monitor. At time of typing, Leanne has not yet had her baby, so we will report the good news on our Facebook page and then the Winter Newsletter.

Best of luck to Leanne, partner Matthew and big brother Joe.



Welcome to Laura Wilcock

On 1st October, Laura became our Finance Admin Assistant, covering for Leanne for her 12 month maternity leave. Laura is working 12 hours Monday to Thursday in the office and she is also a home visit volunteer, supporting 2 families at present. What a busy lady! Welcome Laura to the team.

Partnership working with Meadowside Primary School

In October, we are starting 2 new groups, funded by Meadowside Primary School, Longford. One is a Toddler group, covering topics such as attachment & bonding, play, meal times, reading stories and increasing children's confidence. The other is to parents at Meadowside, whereby English is not their first language. These groups will run every Tuesday for 10 weeks. The "English breakfast" group is facilitated by Tara Shaikh, our Family Support Co-ordinator who is also a qualified teacher and SENCO and already delivers an English class in the community.

