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Activities Newsletter April 2011

Oxenwood Family Residential

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Call now for more info


Football Roadshow
20 & 21 April 2011



TOTTENHAM
HOTSPUR

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YOUNG WRITERS GROUP

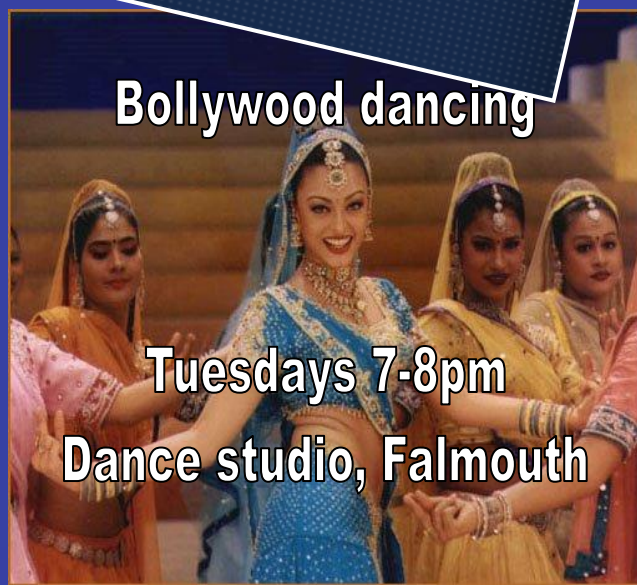


An opportunity for all young writers to share, explore & write!

When: First Wednesday of every month
Where: Art Centre, Old Town, Swindon
Time: 7-9pm

Contact Mrs Hilda Sheehan for any queries: hsheehan@btinternet.com

Swindon Borough Council



Bollywood dancing

Tuesdays 7-8pm

Dance studio, Falmouth



Dear Friends and Neighbours,

It now feels like summer is on its way and we can now spend more time enjoying being outside.

A quick catch-up on what's being happening.... on Red Nose Day we raised more than £1055 for good causes. Well done and thank you to all those who contribute and helped with the fundraising. We have also had seven students gain an A* in their Science exam in Yr 10, a year early, which is absolutely fantastic. Additionally, Aeden Mansfield won the Emnico animation competition & received £500 for the school to spend on ICT equipment.

Our Yr 11 students are preparing for their final GCSE exams which have already begun and we wish them all the best. Their last day will be on the 13th May and they will be missed.

Finally, I would like to wish you & your families a Happy Easter

Yours sincerely



Mrs M. Mercer
Extended Services Co-ordinator

April 2011

<p>Free Adult Literacy course: In partnership with one of our local primary schools, Drove Primary School, we are able to offer you an Adult Literacy course. There is no cost to you, and a crèche is available. The Literacy course will run for 12 weeks from the Drove People's Centre. You can choose what you want to learn e.g.: Improve: Reading and understanding of text; Writing – grammar and punctuation; Speaking and listening skills. Learn: Literacy methods used at school & how children are graded; How to make homework fun; How to write a great CV; Most effective application forms. You can also get a formal qualification, but only if <u>you</u> want one. Contact Jacqui Herrington on 01793 818600 to book your place.</p>	Mondays	4 th April 2011 weekly	1.30-3.00pm
<p>Bollywood Dancing: Being held weekly in the Dance Studio at Churchfields School, Falmouth Grove, from 7-8.00pm. Only £3.00 per session. Contact Jai – Mobile 07821288594 or by email jaiminim@gmail.com if you have any queries.</p>	Tuesdays	Started 2 nd November 2010	7.00-8.00pm
<p>Pilates: Pilate's classes are held every week at Lawn Primary School from 9.15 in the morning.</p>	Thursdays	Ongoing	9.15-10.15am
<p>Young Writers Group: From 7pm to 9pm. An opportunity for all young writers between the age of 10 and 20, to share, explore and write! Classes hosted by Hilda Sheehan who can be emailed at hsheehan@btinternet.com or 01793 614837. These monthly sessions are held at the Swindon Arts Centre (Studio) 6 Devizes Road, Old Town, Swindon SN1 and are free to students.</p>	Wednesday	6 th April 2011 and monthly thereafter	7-9pm
<p>Community Choir: Every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 11pm in the Parks Library, Cavendish Square.</p>	Wednesday	6 & 20 th April 2011	11-12.30pm
<p>Eggs Extravaganza: An Easter Fayre with a variety of stalls both private and charity, plus some activities for children at Ellendune Community Centre, Wroughton. Contact details: Gill Robinson 07729051297</p>	Saturday	9 th April 2011	11-3pm
<p>Social Bike Rides: The first of our social bike rides is on Sunday 10th April with</p>	Sunday	10 th April 2011	2-4pm

the Community Cycling Officers. It is an easy ride with sign up for 1.30pm. The ride will last for 2 hours – from 2-4pm where you will be using the cycle paths going in a south east circular direction departing from Coate Water Cafe. The rides are held monthly. No booking necessary.			
Fishing is Fun: Want to fish with your child, or get them to learn something new? Join Liden Angling Club and have some fun! The Junior fishing section is starting on Monday, 11th April 2011. Meet at Liden Community Centre at 6pm.	Monday	11 th April 2011	6pm
Easter Fun day: An Easter fun day is being held for all the family from 10-3pm at Walcot Dome Buckhurst field. There will be an egg hunt, face painting and more.	Wednesday	13 th April 2011	10-3pm
Tottenham Hotspur Football Roadshow. On the 20 & 21 st April 2011 from 10-4pm at Churchfields School Tottenham Hotspur are providing a Football Roadshow. This is open to all children from 5-15 year olds all under the watchful eye of fully trained Tottenham Hotspur coaching staff. The cost to students will be £40 for 2 days. All Tottenham Hotspur Roadshows will have Spurs Academy coaches delivering the latest in technical and skill based drills; the Clubs scouting network will also be in place at every venue to assess all the players. Every player will be taught "Ball Mastery" techniques as part of their training programme as well as all the other parts of the game, which include: technique, speed cage, target and accuracy, goalkeeper powersave, 5-a-side pitch. To book your child's place call Paul Griffiths on 020 8365 5173 /5049 or by email at: paul.griffiths@tottenhamhotspur.com . Or check the website for details: http://www.tottenhamhotspur.com/soccerschools/roadshows.html#Swindon	Wednesday & Thursday Half Term	20 & 21 st April 2011	10-4pm
Easter Egg Hunt: Enjoy Easter Sunday at one of Swindon's favourite town centre parks. Come along to this great family event and enjoy the wonders of Queen's Park whilst searching for the eggs. There will be a chance to speak to local service providers, such as Wiltshire Constabulary and Swindon StreetSmart. Suitable for children of all ages. Run in partnership with Queen's Park Community Council.	Sunday	24 th April 2011	12-3pm

May 2011

Bollywood Dancing: Being held weekly in the Dance Studio at Churchfields School, Falmouth Grove, from 7-8.00pm. Only £3.00 per session. Contact Jai – Mobile 07821288594 or by email jaiminim@gmail.com if you have any queries.		Tuesdays	Started 2 nd November 2010	7.00-8.00pm
Community Choir: Every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 11pm in the Parks Library, Cavendish Square.		Wednesday	4 & 18 th May 2011	11-12.30pm
Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.: Once again, festival frolics will begin at dawn on that beautiful ridge in Lawn Woods, overlooking Swindon, at 5.30am on Spring Bank Holiday Monday, May 2, with the ever-popular Dawn Chorus, where festival-following early-birds will gather with spring songs, sunrise stories, verbal and physical acrobatics, music, Maypole dancing, hot breakfasts, plus a good deal of other early-morning merriment and mischief! During the subsequent 12 days, authors and speakers appearing at venues in town will include established names not only from the world of Literature, including novelists and poets, but also from politics, science, sport, philosophy, and comedy.		Daily	2-14 th May 2011	
Health, Beauty & Wellbeing Day: At Drove Primary School a variety of therapists and beauty specialists will be available for taster sessions. Treatments may vary but may include: Reiki, Crystal Therapy, Indian Head Massage, Neck and Back Massage, Kinesiology, Shiatsu Massage, Seated Accupressure, Reflexology, Face Massage, Thai Foot Massage, Shoulder Massage, Hopi Ear Candles, Hypnotherapy, Phobia Cure, I Lahinoor, Sound Healing, Kinesiology, Facial Reflexology. Plus Manicures, Pedicures, Facials, Eyebrow, Threading, Tinting, Plucking and Tarot Card Reading. Also Crystals, Organic Skin Care and Jewellery for Sale. Proceeds from Door Entry, Raffle and Refreshments in aid of: Rotary Club of Swindon Epilepsy 3-Year Project.		Saturday	14 th May 2011	12-5pm

Social Bike Rides: The first of our social bike rides is on Sunday 15 th May with the Community Cycling Officers. It is an easy ride with sign up for 1.30pm. The ride will last for 2 hours – from 2-4pm where you will be using the cycle paths going in a south east circular direction departing from Coate Water Cafe. The rides are held monthly. No booking necessary, just turn up and ride.	Sunday	15 th May 2011	2-4pm
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June 2011

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Community Choir: Every 2 weeks on Wednesdays at 11pm in the Parks Library, Cavendish Square.	Wednesday	1 & 15 th June 2011	11-12.30pm
Sports week with Primary Schools: Different sporting activities on in each of our primary schools. Each school will send out a programme of events.	Week of 21 June	Week of 21 June	9.00-3.00pm
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July 2011

Ladies' Night - The ultimate girls' night out!: One day only at the Theatre (Balcony Restaurant) Theatre Square Swindon SN1. Tel: 01793 524481 to book. Price:£25	Friday	1 st July 2011	8pm
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eXtend Transition Summer Activities: This is a very successful event in school and is for Yr 6 students who will be attending Churchfields School in September. More details are available from Mrs B. Benson on bbenson@churchfields.org . In the past the students have done a range of activities which included movie making, ninjitsu, first aid, arts festival, food from around the world, outdoor challenge, flying the flag.	To be confirmed Monday-Friday 27 June – 1 July 2010 Half Term	TBC 1 week	9.-30-11.30



School Holiday activities

April 2011

Tottenham Hotspur Football Roadshow

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Want to fish with your child, or get them to learn something new? Now that it is getting sunny, come and join Liden Angling Club and have some fun! The Junior fishing section is starting on Monday, 11th April 2011. Meet at the Liden Community Centre at 6.00pm.

You will get help to get started or coached to improve. All ages and abilities welcome. Qualified ADB Level 1 and 2 coaches available. All enquiries to John on 01793 320407.



Free Literacy Course

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Youth Adventure Programme

A group of students from Churchfields School have been given a wonderful opportunity to take part in the Youth Adventure Programme which is a series of residential camps and activities over 3 years. It is an outdoor youth development course that provides young people with a chance to try new things and challenge themselves. Our students will take part from Year 7 through to Year 9 and we aim to provide them with confidence and life skills to meet the challenges in their lives and together build trust and motivation through a journey of experience, adventure and fun.



The programme will enable our students to experience success, learn to go beyond their own expectations and grow in confidence. Through a combination of residential camps and day activities they will learn about team work, communication, social skills and taking responsibility. The Mitchemp Trust provides opportunities that are otherwise unavailable. It helps give a boost to those that need an extra hand in life and we are delighted that our students were offered this opportunity as initiatives like this can have a massive impact on all aspects of a student's life.

MAD "Making A Difference" group



Last year a group of students from Churchfields School filmed a documentary to encourage thought and debate about the richness on family backgrounds and common ground people share shaping the future of our town.

The film called 'Where Do I Belong' was a documentary about the experience of being a refugee or an outsider coming to the UK. This film has now been chosen by the organisers of Swindon Film Festival last week as part of an evening showcasing local film talent.

The Extended Services Co-ordinator, Mrs Mercer said "It has been fantastic to see young people leading the way with their ideas and enthusiasm to shape the films and poster campaigns which will be thought-provoking and informative."

Their video can be viewed on the following link:
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/15249825>

Duke of Edinburgh

Would all students who are doing the Duke of Edinburgh award please ensure you finish your different award sections and register them on the Edofe website. All completed booklets must be returned to Mrs Mercer for submission.

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS



Lawns, Walcot West and Old Town Neighbourhood Newsletter

February '11 – March '11

Priorities

Our Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) priorities listed below were set via consultation with partner agencies, councillors and residents

Police visibility in the Old Town business area

Concerns have been expressed from the business community that there has been an increase in low level offences and anti-social behaviour in the area. This includes low value thefts, shoplifting, begging, noise, swearing and anti-social behaviour associated with the night time economy and traffic violations. These incidents do have an impact on the community and there is a concern that problems may escalate if not challenged early. Due to this the NPT will be increasing the number of high visibility patrols in the area to reassure the community and to deter and deal with any incidents.

Quarry Road area police visibility

Residents of Quarry Road and the surrounding area have experienced a number of problems including young people gathering at the play park and town gardens, criminal damage, anti-social use of vehicles and anti-social behaviour. The NPT has taken action against some of these issues in the past and we have seen them reduced. In an effort to reassure the residents and to drive down the incidents further the NPT will be increasing the amount of high visibility patrolling we conduct in the area.

Priority Updates

These are some of the actions we have carried out in December and January in relation to the priorities for our area:

An information pack was developed and distributed to shops in Old Town on how we can work with them to tackle shoplifting. We have already seen an improvement in how shoplifting is dealt with and reported. This is deterring prolific criminals from coming to Old Town. We aim to keep them, and the associated problems they bring to the wider community, out of our area.

We called on the assistance of other Swindon officers to help patrol the night time economy in Old Town over the festive and New Year period.

We also continue to work with staff at the pubs and clubs in Old Town to help ensure they provide a responsible and safe environment for socialising and are abiding by their licence conditions.

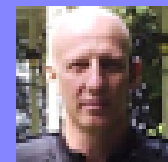
In December 2010 and January 2011 we received a total of 15 complaints associated with the night time economy in Old Town and a total of 14 arrests were made in relation to these incidents. In the previous two months, October and November 2010, we received 32 complaints.

We called on the assistance of our Roads Policing Unit to help enforce the various traffic directions in Old Town. In excess of 50 penalty notices have been issued.

MEET YOUR TEAM

The aim of neighbourhood policing is to have a dedicated policing team in your local community. We will work with you and our partners to tackle local concerns raised by you to improve your quality of life.

Community Beat Manager



PC Tim North

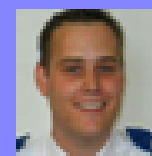
Police Community Support Officers
(PC SO)



PC SO James Addyman



PC SO Lakan John



PC SO Mark Chivers

To contact a member of the team please call 0845 408 7000 or email

LawnsWalcotWestandOldTownNPT@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

In an EMERGENCY dial 999, all NON-EMERGENCY calls 0845 408 7000

(Your call will be recorded)

www.wiltshire.police.uk



It's all go with our charity partners

Need inspiration to get the adults and families you work with up and about and thinking about healthier lifestyles? Check out the plans of our charity partners. They have lots of ideas designed to get people active - why not encourage the people you talk to to also join in?

Splash for cash

Swimathon - to support Marie Curie - 8-10 April

Swimathon is the world's biggest fundraising swim and it's a great way for families to get fit and have fun. Last year over 2,300 people took up swimming for the event, with nearly 5,000 increasing their swimming activity to at least once a week as a result of taking part in Swimathon and raising money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and the Swimathon Foundation in the process. Swimathon 2011 takes place at 580 pools across the UK, 8-10 April



Enter now →



On yer Bike

Team Green Britain Bike Week - 18th - 26th June

Bike Week is the UK's biggest mass participation cycling event. Last year almost half a million people climbed on their bikes at events across the country. The aim is to get more people cycling, more often, and it offers something for everyone - from families, schools and companies, to seasoned cyclists and those who have never cycled before.

In 2011, as well as encouraging everyone to get cycling, Team Green Britain Bike Week is aiming to fix as many bikes as possible in one week, so dig your bike out of the shed and get it (and yourself) fit for the summer. For information on local events visit

www.bikeweek.org.uk →



Walk to school!

Free your feet
April to July 2011

Free Your Feet is a week long walk to school challenge for secondary schools, from national charity Living Streets. The Free Your Feet kit provides everything schools need to get students walking, including a DVD assembly presentation, postcards to record walking, railing banners, posters and a £50 high street voucher prize for one student per school. Register now to get a free kit.

www.walktoschool.org.uk →