

Early Days

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May 2012



Meet the Luton Family Information Service

From the 1 April Luton Children and Families Information Service changed its name to Luton Family Information Service (FIS).

Luton FIS will still provide free information, advice and guidance for families with children and young people, and continue to offer information for those who are looking to work with children.

It can be difficult to know where to turn for advice to make sure your child gets the best start in life. The Family Information Service can help by providing up-to-date information on local nurseries, pre-schools, help towards the costs of childcare, parent and toddler groups, local holiday activities, support organisations and much more.

Luton FIS can help by giving advice and information until the child's 19th birthday therefore its worth getting in touch and finding out more. With parents having busy lifestyles, the service has also



Left to right: Laura Armstrong (back), Poonam Patel, Simon Stothard (back), Sarah Goldsmith

introduced an online form, so if you don't have time to call during service hours you can fill out an online enquiry form.

You will also be able to find the Family Information Service at this year's Picnic in the Park event at Wardown Park on 27 June 2012 between 10am-2pm. This year we are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics so it's worth

coming down to see what the stall holders have in store.

Cllr Tahir Khan, Executive Member with responsibility for children's services said: "Luton Family Information Service has many benefits for all families. The service not only provides support for the community but also helps to encourage local residents getting back into work by offering information

on Working Tax Credits and information for those looking to open their own business as a childminder or setting up their own nursery."

If you are interested in finding out more call: 01582 548888 or visit: www.luton.gov.uk/fis



Editors Letter Welcome to the latest edition of the Early Days magazine!

With summer on the horizon we have lots going on this year to keep the people of Luton entertained.

As you can see from the front cover Children and Families Information Service have now officially changed their name to Family Information Service. However they still provide the same level of service.

So let's look at this month's edition. We have an interesting interview from our local torchbearer Simon Stothard and two enthralling articles on Marsh Farm and Chaul End Children's Centres achieving top marks.

We also have Signpost newsletter reporting in this edition with the changes to the local Children's Centres structure and information from one of our sponsors for Picnic in the Park - Kumon.

So without further ado I give you the May edition of Early Days!

Enjoy.
Best wishes,
Poonam

Get set for the... Olympics at Rothesay!

Rothesay Nursery School and Children's Centre is starting the search for a future gold medallist by introducing children at the school to a variety of Olympic sports.

To celebrate this year's games, the children have been taking part in sports including rhythmic gymnastics, miniature weightlifting, basketball and cycling. The school has enlisted the help of parents and local athletes to help the children learn about the sports, while also teaching the Olympic values of respect, excellence and friendship.

The children have also made their very own Rothesay Nursery Olympic Torch. They took this to Hart Hill Adventure Playground where they participated in their own 'Pentathlon' which included taking part in challenging activities and games.

Janet Brownjohn, Headteacher at the school said: "The pupils here at Rothesay are all really



excited for the Olympics and are enjoying learning about and taking part in the sports. We have been very lucky to have support from parents and local athletes from the community and have much more planned in the run up to the London Olympics."

CLr Tahir Khan, Executive Member with responsibility for children's services said: "Getting involved in sport at a young age has huge benefits for children. With the Olympics coming to London this summer, it is a great opportunity for young people to discover a variety of sport."

Working together in the environment

Bizzie Bees Pre-school and Nursery in Sundon Park Luton teamed up with Lealands High School and Sainsburys in Bramingham Luton to plant 29 trees. The trees were donated by The Woodlands Trust through the Sainsbury's voucher Active Kids scheme. They were planted at Lealands High School's new eco-garden where children from the nursery and pre-school can visit and continue to contribute to the project.

This was an excellent opportunity for the children to take part in working together in the local area whilst keeping active and becoming more aware of their surroundings in their local community.

If you would like any further information contact Sue Smith on: 01582 583790.

Eco School Green Flag Award

Rothesay Nursery School and Children's Centre have been awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag award in recognition of the work they have undertaken on environmental issues.

The school has taken part in a number of initiatives as part of the award. The children have been learning about recycling and have been reusing household rubbish such as boxes and plastic bottles for their junk modelling. They collected unwanted textiles to raise funds to buy new equipment for the garden. The children have also been looking after their nursery, both inside and outside, and take part in 'Tidy Fridays', which involves picking up litter and tidying away resources ready for the new week. The school also took part in 'Switch Off Fortnight' which is a national campaign designed to get the whole school interested in saving energy and cutting carbon emissions.



The children undertook a simple audit of lights left on in unused rooms and were keen to remind adults to turn off unused electrical equipment.

The school grounds have recently been upgraded and as part of this redevelopment the children are busy collecting plastic bottles for a bottle greenhouse which will be used to grow vegetables for the children to cook with.

PICNIC IN THE PARK 2012

Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics at this year's Picnic in the Park



Luton's ever-popular family fun day, Picnic in the Park, returns to Wardown Park, Old Bedford Road, on Wednesday 27 June from 10am until 2pm.

Co-hosted by the Luton Borough Council Family Information Service and Pre-School Learning Alliance, this year the event will focus on celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London Olympics.

Families with young children can enjoy a range of fun activities, visit stalls and learn more about the variety of childcare and family support services that are available in Luton.

Well done Debbie!



Congratulations to Debbie Else who has achieved Early Years Professional Status after a number of years studying with the Open University.

Parents and carers can talk to professionals about childcare, healthy eating, oral health and get tips on child safety in the home.

Storytelling sessions will be hosted by Luton Culture's libraries service, and entertainers will perform throughout the day.

Cllr Tahir Khan, Executive Member with responsibility for children's services said: "As well as being a great chance for Lutonians to show how proud they are of their town and the country, Picnic in the Park is a brilliant family event providing an excellent opportunity for parents and carers of pre-school children to find out what services and information is available in Luton and the surrounding area."

Picnic in the Park is sponsored by Barham Group who are sponsoring the bouncy castle, Kumon Educational UK who will hold an activity stand on the day and Walls ice cream who are providing free water bottles for young children on the day.



Car parking is available on Popes Meadow from 10am to 2pm at a charge of £1 per car. Alternatively, take bus numbers 9, 24 or 25 which either travel down Old Bedford Road or drop off within a five-minute walking distance of Wardown Park. Details of buses are available from www.arrivabus.co.uk.



Memories to last a lifetime

Carrying the Olympic Flame will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The Torchbearers will help to shine a light on the best of their communities, as well as having their own moment to shine...

One of Luton's Olympic Torchbearer's Simon Stothard gives us an insight into what it would be like to carry the torch through the town on Sunday 8 July 2012.

Twenty nine year old Simon was overwhelmed when he had heard he had been nominated to carry the torch for the Olympics. However back in March they officially announced that he will be one of the torchbearers for the town and he was pleased and honoured to be given such a wonderful opportunity!

Simon currently works for Luton Borough Council in the Family Information Service as the Youth Information Officer. The service provides information, advice and guidance on childcare between the ages of 0-19 and those looking to work within childcare. Simon maintains information to help young people write a CV, find their first job, consider their education options and maintain a healthy lifestyle.

Around 10 people nominated Simon for his astonishing achievements throughout the years. He has run five marathons (including London, New York City and Luton); climbed Ben Nevis twice; many cycling conquests incorporating thousands of miles such as cycling from John O'Groats to Lands End and cycling from Dunstable to Porz Am Rhein (the twin town of Dunstable in Germany) and countless half marathons, 10K's and Duathlons. This June he will again be cycling over 1,000 miles in nine days from John O' Groats to Lands End to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and finishes just one week before carrying the Olympic Torch.

All these challenges are to help raise money for his chosen charity Cystic Fibrosis Trust. He has helped raise thousands over the years and will continue to help out as much as he can.

Simon's role model in life is his father John Stothard who has been his strength throughout all the challenges; even though he can't be here anymore his thoughts and motivational words are never forgotten.

On the day of the event Simon is expected



to be wearing the silver and gold Olympic uniform that has been displayed on several media channels a few months ago and is planning to keep the torch so he can give speeches about his experience.

His route is yet to be confirmed; however he will finish his parade at Popes Meadow where the London 2012 team will be hosting a special event to mark the occasion.

Simon says: "It's going to be a great day and a chance for everyone from all parts of the community to get involved in something positive that isn't about politics, protests, differences. This will be one day where we can all do something and achieve together. I feel very proud and humbled and this will be the proudest day of mine and my family's life. Thank you

to all the people that have supported me through the years. It will also be a chance for me to do something as a thank you to the residents of Luton for supporting me through the years."

When asked: What are your plans for the future? Simon replied that it would be resting in the short term! In the long term he will be training for some Triathlons and eventually an Ultra Marathon (52 miles).

If you would like to get in touch then email simonstothard@live.co.uk, Twitter [@simonstothard](https://twitter.com/simonstothard) or 'Like' on Facebook '2012 for Cystic Fibrosis' or donate to the cause online by going to www.justgiving.com/endtoend2012

Luton Children's Centres Update

“Luton Children's Centres are here to stay!...”

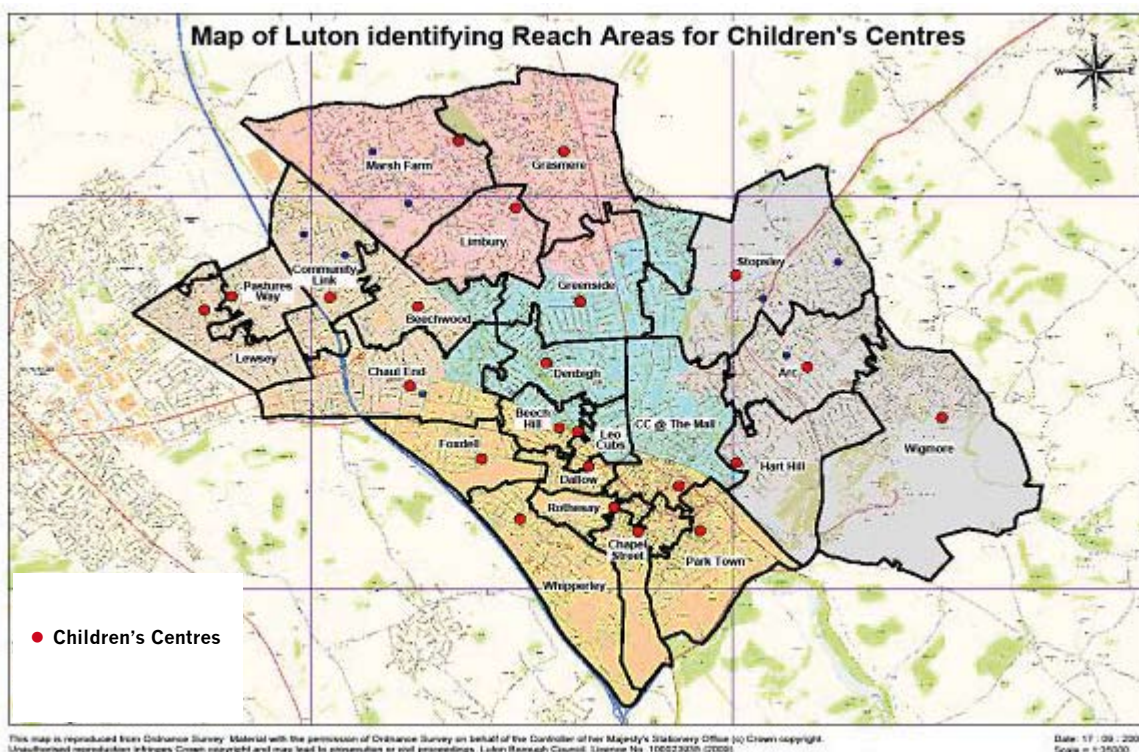


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Sure Start Children's Centres

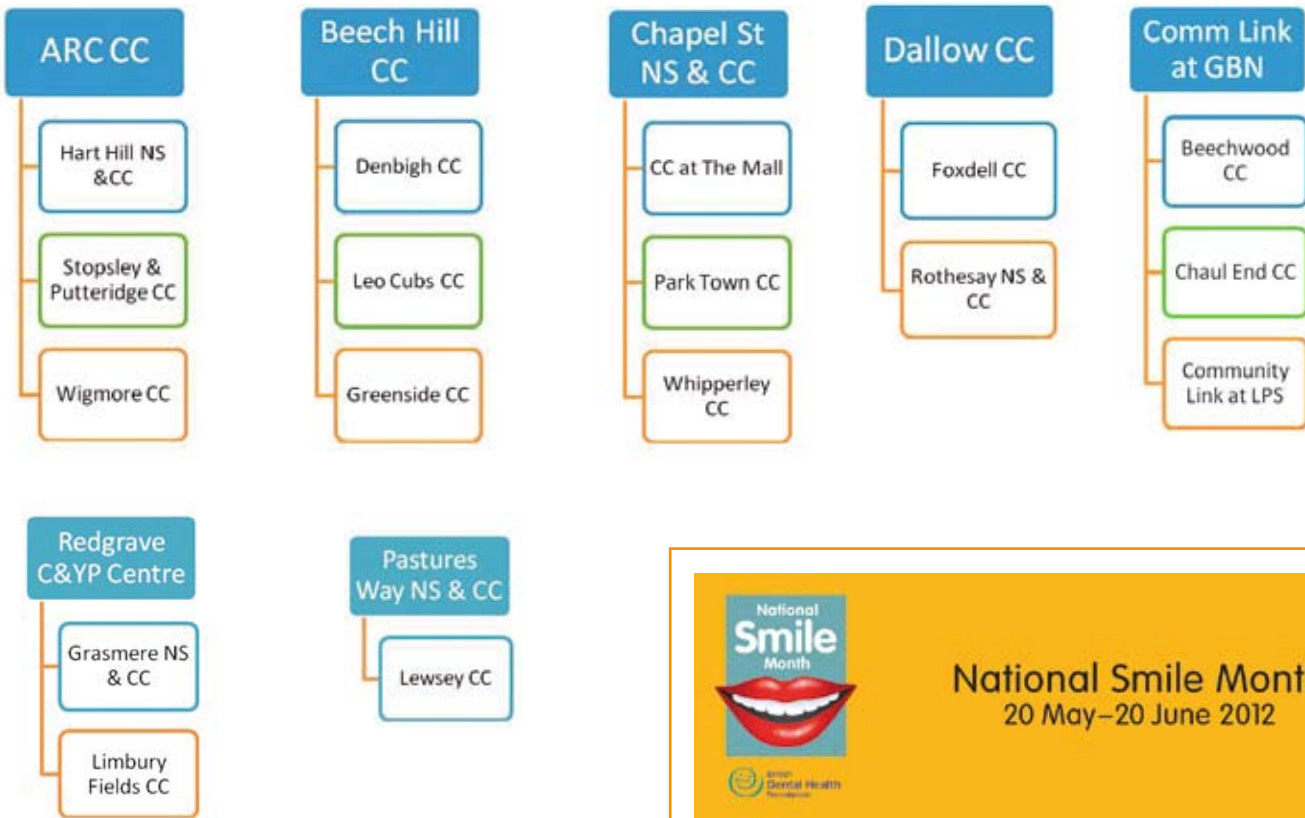
As we enter the 'new merged model' of Luton Children's Centres we would like to keep you updated on the new developments and the exciting times ahead. I'm sure you will all be extremely pleased to hear that activities will continue to run from all 23 Children's Centre sites across Luton, with the overall management of the Centres coming from the following seven hub sites:

- ▶ **ARC Children's Centre**
- ▶ **Beech Hill Children's Centre**
- ▶ **Chapel Street Nursery School & Children's Centre**
- ▶ **Dallow Children's Centre**
- ▶ **Community Link at Gill Blowers Nursery School**
- ▶ **Pastures Way Nursery School & Children's Centre**
- ▶ **Redgrave Children & Young People's Centre (formerly Marsh Farm Children's Centre)**



Map of the new Children's Centres merged models

► From the 1 April 2012, the new models will look like this



We are pleased to announce that the seven Children's Centre Hub Managers will be in post by the end of April 2012, there will be some new faces to Luton, but lots of familiar faces too. All Centre staff will be here to continue to help and support the young children and families of Luton.

The Centres will be continuing to support and promote awareness events such as the forthcoming [National Smile Month 2012](#).

The Children's Centres can help you find a local dentist surgery for you and your family to register with and they will be supporting the campaign through various ways, promoting healthy snacks and lunches, fun activities, competitions and much, much more.



The preparations for the UK's biggest oral health campaign – National Smile Month 2012 – are officially underway. The new look campaign is being kick-started with a free giveaway of 10,000 'smileys' – the official symbol of the 2012 campaign – and a new website:

www.nationalsmilemonth.org

The first 2,000 eligible organisations will be able to register online for their five free 'smileys' and get a sneak preview of the UK's most successful oral health campaign which has been re-branded and overhauled for 2012.

The campaign – sponsored by Oral-B, Wrigley and Listerine – is also heading into the high street in a major way. Aldi, Argos, Wilkinson and Lloyds Pharmacies are supporting the campaign and helping to promote the campaigns key messages for great oral health:

- **Brush for two minutes twice a day with a fluoride toothpaste;**
- **Cut down on how often you eat sugary foods and drinks;**
- **Visit the dentist regularly, as often as they recommend.**

Top marks for Marsh Farm Children's Centre

It's official! Marsh Farm Children's Centre is delivering outstanding service to children and families in Luton.

Government inspectors Ofsted carried out an assessment of the services the centre provides in February and judged them to be outstanding quality in meeting the needs of and improving outcomes for families who live in the Marsh Farm area as well as a significant number who use the centre's facilities but live outside the area.

Cllr Tahir Khan, Executive Member with responsibility for children's services said: "The Marsh Farm Children's Centre has gone from strength to strength and achieving the highest grade Ofsted can give is a testament to the hard work and commitment of the centre's staff and the partner organisations they work with. The centre is having a significant positive impact on their local community and all involved should be proud of what they have achieved."

Inspectors acknowledged that there was an exceptionally strong professional relationship between the centre leaders with a wide range of community support organisations such as the health service, schools, childminders and adult education providers, which resulted in staff being highly pro-active and having the ability to intervene with early support to families including expectant mums.

They also revealed that Marsh Farm Children's Centre has a good success rate in improving the health of adults and children in its reach area. The services delivered are having a significant impact on community health, with activities that focus on healthy eating and nutrition which are helping to dramatically reduce child obesity in the area when across the borough it is increasing.

Support provided to new mums has also yielded positive results with a high percentage of new mums continuing to breastfeed beyond eight weeks.

Children attending the centre enjoy learning and are making excellent progress including those with a disability and with special educational needs and children who speak English as an additional language. Inspectors found that the proportion of children reaching the levels nationally expected for their age is steadily increasing year-on-year and is now close to the national average.

Inspectors also discovered that Marsh Farm Children's Centre achieved high level of success in improving the life chances of adults through courses to help improve their skills and qualifications such as literacy, numeracy, parenting skills and raising awareness in nutrition and in some cases this has led directly to employment. As well as providing support to unemployed adults by giving them the opportunities to drop-in to consult with a representative from the Jobcentre or to have a more structured meeting.

Evidence of outstanding leadership and management were also recognised and Ofsted acknowledged that the centre's leaders and staff had a strong commitment to supporting the community they serve.

Rigorous assessment of users' needs is undertaken which are regularly reviewed with partner agencies so staff can adapt support plans accordingly resulting in targeted and very effective support from providers delivering professional services.

The centre also has an advisory board consisting of parents, professionals from partner agencies, stakeholders and managers from the nurseries. The inspectors found board members were fully committed and involved in the work of the centre including carefully monitoring performance and setting challenging targets for staff to reach.

To improve further Ofsted has recommended that the centre managers should ensure data is organised more effectively so they can easily use it to prioritise the areas of greatest need



and to locate services within the area where they are most needed.

Denise Poore, Marsh Farm Children's Centre Manager said: "I'm proud that the services we are delivering are having such a positive impact on children and families in this area and beyond. Without the commitment and enthusiasm of staff and support of the advisory board, parents and partner organisations we would not be able to provide the high quality services and activities that our local community deserves.

"Safeguarding children is our number one priority and I'm really pleased that Ofsted recognised this to be outstanding and that we have the necessary arrangements in place to keep all our users safe."

Marsh Farm Children's Centre is based within the new Redgrave Children and Young People's Centre situated on the Lea Manor High School site. The site also accommodates the Edwin Lobo Child Development Unit providing family and health services for children with developmental, physical and learning disabilities and Butterflies Nursery.

To view the full report visit the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/21939



New Kumon study centre open in Leagrave

Kumon is the UK's leading supplementary education provider, with over four million students worldwide and a record of excellence in maths and English. Whatever your child's age or ability, Kumon can help them to excel academically, develop their capacity for learning independently and boost their confidence in all areas of life. The new Luton Leagrave Study Centre is located at the Hockwell Ring Community Centre on Mayne Avenue and is run by Instructor Abisola Kukoyi.

Kumon's unique method of learning focuses on each child as an individual, providing them with transferable study skills and ensuring they progress at a level that is right for them. Students attend the centre once or twice a week for around half an hour and have daily worksheets

to complete at home. The new Luton Leagrave Study Centre is open on Mondays and Thursdays from 4pm to 6pm and on Saturdays from 9.30am until 12pm.

Before enrolling, your child will benefit from a free assessment. This will determine where on the programmes they will begin and will ensure that your child's Kumon study is individualised to their needs from the outset. Once enrolled your child will start on the programmes at a level they are comfortable with. This ensures that they establish a daily study habit and that there are no gaps in their understanding of the subject before moving on. By completing easier work in the initial stages of study your child will also experience success from the start, building confidence from a solid foundation.

Once they have mastered the topic, the Instructor will set new and eventually unfamiliar work, challenging the student to learn for themselves. It is through this ongoing experience that the seeds of self-confidence are sown and children feel able to discover and succeed by themselves.

Kumon focuses on long-term learning and achievement and ensures each student realises their potential both at school and beyond. Abisola is thrilled to have opened the new Luton Leagrave Study Centre and she looks forward to helping many local children realise their potential through the Kumon method.

To take advantage of a free assessment, contact Abisola on 01442 219 632 or email lutonleagrave@kumoncentre.co.uk.

Chaul End Children's Centre celebrates 'good' Ofsted rating

The Chaul End Children's Centre has been judged as delivering a good service to children and families by government inspectors Ofsted, and their report described the centre as having a warm, welcoming inclusive environment.

The inspectors acknowledged that nursery staff supervised the children, ranging from babies to the age of five years, with great care and that the outstanding partnerships with parents and carers ensured the needs of children are successfully met. This supports the children to make good progress within the Early Years Foundation Stage.

The centre manager, Shagufta Anwar, was praised for being ambitious and having a vision for the nursery which she is successfully driving forward as well as providing outstanding leadership. Nursery staff were also seen as having a clear knowledge and understanding of safeguarding issues and are aware of their role and responsibility in keeping children safe from harm.

To celebrate their 'good' rating the centre hosted a garden party on Friday 30 March for families, staff and partner organisations. Shagufta Anwar, Chaul End Children's Centre Manager said: "Over the past six years we have continually developed services to meet the growing needs of the local community we serve and it's fantastic to see our hard efforts, commitment and enthusiasm have been recognised by Ofsted.

"We have brilliant parents who are always willing to try new things, from activities targeting Dads giving them the opportunity to play with their children to everyone learning sign language



to improve communication skills. We also have a fantastic group of children who certainly keep us on our toes. We felt it was necessary to have a garden party to thank our parents and our partners who help deliver the much needed services in this area because we would not be as successful as we are without their support."

To view the full Ofsted report visit www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY317340

New Bookstart packs

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Call Sharon Flenley on 01582 547418 for more information or visit

www.lutonlibraries.co.uk

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St George's Square, Luton, LU1 2NG

* You will need to bring in your child's red health record book



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Kumon's **maths and English** study programmes work to build your child's confidence and inspire a passion for learning.

Contact your local Instructor for a Free Assessment:

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Abisola Kukoyi **01442 219632**

Classes held at Hockwell Ring Community Centre,
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Classes on Monday and Thursday 4.00pm - 6.00pm
and Saturday 9.30am - 12.00pm



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Changes to Working Tax Credit hours

The government has made changes to the joint working hours for couples. Please see below for further details as it might affect your current entitlement.

If you're responsible for children you need to be aged at least 16, and work the following hours to get Working Tax Credit:

- if you're single, you need to do paid work of at least 16 hours a week
- if you're in a couple, your joint paid working hours need to be at least 24 a week, with one of you working at least 16 hours a week.

So if you're a couple and only one of you is working, that person will need to work at least 24 hours a week. If your joint working hours are less than 24 a week, you can still get Working Tax Credit if one of the following applies:

- one of you is aged 60 or over and working at least 16 hours a week
- one of you is disabled and working at least 16 hours a week
- one of you works at least 16 hours a week and the other person is entitled to Carer's Allowance - even if they don't get any payments because they receive other benefits instead
- one of you works at least 16 hours a week, and the other person can't work because they're 'incapacitated'*, an in-patient in hospital, or in prison (serving a custodial sentence, or remanded in custody awaiting trial or sentence).

*'Incapacitated' means that you get certain benefits due to ill health - for example, contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance, or Disability Living Allowance.

For further information please visit: www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits

Ofsted inspecting Luton Childminders

It has been a busy year so far for Ofsted, who have been out inspecting childminders in Luton.

Local childminders who had not been inspected in three years have now been inspected. Even those who are not actively minding children but due inspections have also been inspected to ensure they are meeting the requirements to remain registered these are known as "No children on roll inspections" in which no outcome is recorded just that a childminder meets the statutory requirements.

The Childcare Advice and Support Team would like to say: **"A big well done to all childminders who have been inspected this year, a high percentage of which have achieved good and outstanding outcomes."**

Newly registered childminder Giuseppe Canella co childminder with wife Angela is amongst others who have achieved outstanding:

Kerry- Anne Dicker, Michelle Malcolm, Claire Garner, Carol Allison, Melanie Cowley, Barbara Boughton, Susan Sheldrick and Julia Zimmek



Also the following childminders have achieved outstanding for the second time Justine Warren, Debbie Else and Shirley Marrison.

Well done to all!



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Events

Toddler Time

Friday 11 May - Dragons & Dinosaurs

Friday 15 Jun - Princesses & Knights

Friday 13 Jul - Mini Olympics

10am – 11am & 12pm – 1pm

Meet at Discovery Hall entrance.

A programme of fun and creative activities for your toddler. Suitable for the under 5s. All children must be supervised by a parent or carer.

£2 per child. Please book on 01582 548600.

World Games

Saturday 12 May 11.30am – 4pm

Join Girlguiding Luton North & South Divisions for a fun packed day of racing and travel related activities. Get your passport and be part of it. Travel 'the world' and watch egg & spoon races, mini hurdles, obstacle courses and more. The day ends with a campfire.

50p per person. Drop in.

Wesak

Saturday 5 May

11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4.30pm

Wesak is the most important of the Buddhist festivals and is celebrated on the full moon in May. Join us to learn more about this holiday that celebrates the Buddha's birthday, and, for some Buddhists, also marks his enlightenment and death. Have a go at making lanterns and bird decorations.

£1.50 per child. Drop in.

The Royal Jubilee – Carriage Event

Monday 4 June 11am – 4.30pm

Come along and join us to celebrate the royal jubilee and to learn more about the Mossman Carriage collection and horse care.

- Carriage and pony rides
- Craft and gift stalls
- Charity stalls
- Horse demonstrations & shows
- Children's activities

In partnership with Baylands Equestrian Centre.

Free entry, but charges or donations for individual activities may apply. Drop-in.

Father's Day

Sunday 17 June

11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4.30pm

Come along to decorate a key ring and gift box to give to your dad on his special day. Learn more about this day and how it is celebrated around the world.

£1.50 per child. Drop in.

The Lucky Gingerbread Man

Friday 22 June

Shows start at 10.45am and 11.45am

The Magic Book Theatre presents a puppet show for young children about a gingerbread man. This popular show uses table top puppets, shadow puppets and everyday objects for imaginative storytelling. The show lasts 30 minutes and is suitable for children aged 2-5 years.

£4 per child. Please book on 01582 548600

Summer Solstice & Midsummer

Saturday 23 June

11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4.30pm

Around this time of year many European countries mark the height of summer and the longest day of the year with holidays, traditions and celebrations. Come along to learn more about this special time of year, its history and how it is still celebrated today across Europe. Have a go at making sun catchers and more.

£1.50 per child. Drop in.

Around the World in Arty Ways

Saturday 21 July 11am – 4pm

Come along to discover and have a go at craft activities from around the world.

Small charges for individual activities apply. Drop in.



Events

Toddler Time

Friday 25 May – Here Comes Summer

Friday 29 Jun – Hats!

Friday 27 Jul – Who Am I?

10am – 11am & 12pm – 1pm

A programme of fun and creative activities for your toddler. Suitable for the under 5s. All children must be supervised by a parent or carer.

£2 per child. Please book on 01582 546722.

What's On at Luton Museum May – July 2012

Museums at Night- Victorian

Parlour Party

Saturday 19 May 5pm-7pm

Come along to experience a Victorian family evening. Meet the Victorian family, play traditional parlour games, have a go at Victorian craft activities, and end the evening with a special shadow puppet show.

£5 per adult. £3 per child. Light refreshments provided. Booking essential, please phone 01582 546722

A Jubilee Jamboree

Saturday 2 June 10am – 4.30pm

Wardown Park Museum invites you to a special Jubilee event. Come along to have a go at royal craft activities, browse cake and gift stalls, and much more. Remember to bring along a family recipe to share in our recipe swap marquee.

Free entry, but charges or donations for individual activities may apply. Drop-in.

Torch Relay – In the Stadium with the Ancient Greeks

Saturday 7 July

10am – 1pm & 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Celebrating the arrival of the Olympic Torch in Luton this weekend, Wardown Park Museum is holding an Ancient Greek Olympic day. Come along to learn all about the Ancient Greek Olympics: the religious festivals, the daily life of an athlete, what sports they competed in and much more. Have a go at making an Olympic torch and a winners laurel leaf headdress.

£1.50 per child. Drop in.

Masks & Headdresses

Tuesday 24 July

10am – 1pm & 1.30pm – 4.30pm

Learn all about the different headdresses and masks made and worn around the world. Have a go at making your very own mask or headdress; be inspired by what you have learnt or try and create your very own personal design.

£1.50 per child. Drop in.

The next publication will be July 2012

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