

Family Learning

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Spring/Summer Family Learning Courses

The Spring/Summer Family Learning programme is due out in March and will be in full circulation around the borough.

The programme is available at all the libraries, schools and many doctors and dentists across Wandsworth. There are just under 40 FREE workshops/courses running from March until July 2009. They include, 'Make a Puppet and Play', Family Drama and Family Fabric Painting, many of the courses are suitable for 0-16 year olds and their parents/carers. This time you will also see Family Finance, which is very useful in this current climate as well as Father's Day activities so make sure that you book your place early! Some families even book fathers/male carers

onto workshops as a present from their sons/daughters. We are also celebrating National 'Family Week' which takes place in the May half term.

You will discover new interests, aptitudes and abilities, so why not take some time out from your normal family routine and try something that your child will be talking about for weeks!

If you would like a copy/copies of our brochure or you would like to be added to our free mailing list please contact Family Learning on 020 8871 7601 or check out the web site on: www.wandsworth.gov.uk/Home/CommunityServices/AdultEducation



Family Learning Rowing Workshop on the Thames



'Excellent session with lots of interaction. One of the best sessions (Family Self Defence) I've attended so far over the Family Learning Festival.'

'Very friendly trainers, good ideas. The children enjoyed story time which included their own puppets that they made.'

'This course has given my son the confidence with water. (Swimming and Healthy Eating). Thank you to the instructor who had patience and understanding and to take time out to show my son the basics. After 1 hour my son attempted very confidently to swim across the pool.'

During the Family Learning Festival in October, there were 63 courses/workshops that took place across the borough and included 'Baby Swimming and Healthy Eating', Family Cartoon Workshops, Parenting, Family Boxing and Family Rowing. Comments from families who attended include:



Family Learning SAR

Thanks to the contributions from the Family Learning Curriculum group the Family Learning Self Assessment Report for 2007/08 has now been completed. Family Learning ran in 40 organisations/schools across Wandsworth in the last academic year, attracting 1,597 adults and 1,933 children. Particular statistics to note include 107 adult learners who completed a qualification compared to 20 the previous year and an 88.6% retention rate across

all the courses. From the evaluation forms that were completed at the end of each workshop/course 98.5% of learners noted their learning experience as good to excellent. 94.9% of learners agreed or strongly agreed that 'my tutor regularly checked that I understood' and 98.6% said that they planned to do another course.'

The next Family Learning Forum is on Tuesday 28th April from 3.30–5pm where any organisation or school running or hoping to run

Family Learning is invited to share ideas and to gain valuable information on Family Learning nationally.

Please book with Belinda Bates, Family Learning Co-ordinator on 020 8871 8490 or e-mail bbates@wandsworth.gov.uk

What is Family Language?

On January 29th about 20 teaching staff attended a training session at South Thames College on the theme of "What is Family Language?". The event

was organised by the Family Learning team and participants were able to explore the differences between ESOL teaching and family language and look at different delivery models which involved children and primary teaching staff. The event was highly successful and it is hoped that the network of teachers established will be able to carry on the momentum in other forms.

Family Learning in Battersea

Family Learning has been supporting Aspire @ Battersea to set up various community learning projects with parents. One of these was the Family Writes course, a two-day creative writing workshop.

This was funded by the Family Learning Impact Fund (FLIF), set up by the LSC to broaden the appeal of Family Learning and to target disadvantaged families. Participants talked about their experience of being a parent and then wrote about it. They had no previous experience of working in the theatre.

Here is what one of them had to say about it.

"Over a week we created scenes and stories based around the theme of Family.

We came to Theatre503 everyday and wrote and performed there, working with tutors to help write our scripts. This project has given me so much confidence and taught me so much about myself. I got to work with

people who really cared about what I thought, and the writing exercises and games have really improved my literacy. I am so glad I got the opportunity to do this course and I'm really looking forward to the next one!"



Aniekan Enoch at a Theatre503 Workshop

Websites

Below are some websites with lots of ideas for parents and teachers on how to help children with reading. The Skills for Families website covers all aspects of Literacy, Language and Numeracy with resources for teachers and parents available. Well worth a browse.

www.bookedup.org.uk/survey/booked_up_website_user_survey.htm

www.literacytrust.org.uk/familyreading/

<http://skillsforfamilies.excellence.qia.org.uk>

Family Awards



Winners of the Writing Competition and Big Draw Competition

On the 9th December 2008 Family Learning held a 'Cream Tea' awards evening. This was to celebrate two competitions that ran during National Family Learning Month in October.

The evening was a great success in celebrating achievements in both The Big Draw and the writing competition. The winners all collected vouchers and certificates from the Head of Lifelong Learning; Mr Santino Fragola and Davina Salmon from the Excellence in Cities team.

The Big Draw is a national initiative, which takes place every year and aims to help everyone explore drawing in all its dimensions. It was set up in the belief that drawing encourages us to think, invent, communicate and take action and is supported by Campaign for Drawing.

This year Wandsworth Family Learning invited contributions on the theme of designing a celebration card. Three winners were selected and

the joint first prize winners' contributions were made into a Christmas Card for the Lifelong Learning department.

1st Prize: Shaienne Meerun-Morgan, Burntwood School
Glauk Miftari, Christchurch School

2nd Prize: Isma Green, Burntwood School

3rd Prize: Bivas Aryal, Christchurch School

This year, for the first time, Family learning in conjunction with Excellence in Cities also organised a writing competition. The writing competition was open to participants from three age categories. The theme of the competition was Wandsworth, My Life, My World and entrants were asked to submit a fictional or descriptive piece on that theme. It was decided to include an adult category, to encourage parents to write alongside their children. Overall there were over 200 entries.

8-12 year category

1st Prize: Daniel Wyles, Holy Ghost RC School

2nd Prize: Caitlin Moloney, Holy Ghost RC School

3rd Prize: Jozef Ostrowski, Broadwater School

13-16 year category

1st Prize: Aakifah Amejee, Balham Preparatory

(Al Risaala Secondary School)

2nd Prize: Ebony Foster, Chestnut Grove School

16+ Category

1st Prize: Alex Dymoke; Graveney School

2nd Prize: Jill Hopper

3rd Prize: Juan Francisco Neyra and Taslima Mirza

Special Awards

Brandon Gillbey, Elsley School
Conor Gordon, Elsley School

The winning entries for the competition will be displayed in the following libraries during January and February:

Southfields Library

19th Jan – 30th Jan

Putney Library

2nd – 13th Feb

Battersea Library

16th – 27th Feb

Balham Library

2nd Mar – 16th Mar

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The recent writing competition was such a success that the Family Learning and Excellence in Cities teams have decided to hold another competition in 2009/10. The competition will be launched in October, during the Family Learning Week.

In addition we have teamed up with the Arts Office to run a photographic competition on a similar theme so that results can be displayed together throughout the libraries, from June 2009.

Case Study

Teagan (6 years old) Speaks About Family Learning

In 2007/8 Sacred Heart RC School in Battersea ran a Keeping Up with the Children (literacy) course for two sessions a week. Once a week the children of those attending came into the class to work with their parents. We spoke to six-year-old Teagan Dixon Walters about what she thought about it all.

"In the family learning we read books and we did loads of words like the, at, go – the golden words. We had chains of words and we had to make sentences – that was my favourite. I liked reading GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS as well.

I liked it because my mummy was helping me. I liked my mum being in the school because everyone was saying: "look your mum's in the school. It made me happy and I like school. It helped me in my work because I learnt new words.

Now I do all my maths and my spellings and my reading with my mum. The family learning helped with that.

My mum has gone on a course on Wednesdays and Thursdays – she's learning stuff and she's trying to get the maths right. She's working in the school now.

When I grow up I want to be a dentist because then I can help children with their teeth."



If you wish to contact the Lifelong Learning team please call 020 8871 8493, or visit our website: www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

If you have difficulty understanding this in English, please contact: Wandsworth Interpreting Service Tel: 020 8672 1043/3649

Punjabi

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ਵਾਂਡਸਵਰਥ ਇੰਟਰਪ੍ਰੀਟਿੰਗ ਸਰਵਿਸ

ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 0208 672 1043/ 3649

Hindi

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वॉन्डज़वर्थ इन्टरप्रीटिंग सर्विस , टेलिफोन नंबर - 0208 672 1043/3649

Urdu

"020 8672 1043.3649:ن

" اگر آپ کو اسے انگریزی میں سمجھنے میں دشواری ہو، تو براہ مہربانی رابطہ کیجئے: وائڈز ورتھ انٹرنیشنل سروسز ٹیلی فون

Bengali

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French

Si vous avez des difficultés pour comprendre ceci en anglais, alors sil vous plaît contactez: Le service d'interprétation de Wandsworth, tél: 020 8672 1043/3649.

Gujarati

જો આપને આ અંગ્રેજીમાં સમજવામાં મુશ્કેલી પડતી હોય તો મહેરબાની કરીને સંપર્ક સાધો.

વોન્ડસવર્થ ઇન્ટરપ્રિટિંગ સર્વિસ, ટેલિફોન નંબર - 0208 672 1043/3649

Polish

Jesli bedziecie miec Panstwo problemy w rozumieniu tego tekstu po angielsku prosimy o kontakt: Wandsworth Interpreting Service numer telefonu 0208 672 1043/3649.

Big Lottery Family Learning Life in London Project

It has been an exciting start for the Life in London Project, with the website now live at www.lifeinlondon.org.uk.

So far over 60 families have enjoyed Film Making, iphoto and Stop Frame Animation workshops at the City Learning Centre. Storm, a single parent's group based on the Doddington Estate in

Battersea, have made a film about life on the Estate.

You can see some of the work that the families have produced on the website.

Up and coming projects include a dressmaking and social enterprise course for ESOL families and a nail technician and social enterprise course for single parents.

Ten families will also be given the opportunity to participate in making a documentary about the igospel singing event, taking place at the Royal Festival Hall later on this year.

If you would like more information on any of these projects please contact Sally Plumb on 0208 871 8489 or email splumb@wandsworth.gov.uk



Families learning photo skills at the City Learning Centre