

Family Learning

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Welcare Celebration

The 'Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities' parent education programme ran at the Welcare Centre, Tooting, up until February 2007 for 13 weeks.



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Eleven parents completed the course and gained certificates from the Race Equality Foundation. The course was facilitated by Sarah Brooking from Welcare and Sarah Hutton from the Imani Project,

Battersea, and Family Support workers with the Children's Fund Family Support project. The course was funded by Wandsworth Family Learning and the Children's Fund.

Parents explored their own ethnic and cultural backgrounds during the course, and the different styles of parenting were put into practice. The programme aims to provide parents with

strategies, skills and techniques to enhance parenting ability, communicate effectively with their children, set boundaries and manage difficult behaviour. The aim is to foster self-esteem, self-discipline and social competence in their children

The parents collected a certificate in April and celebrated with their families to mark the end of the course.



Leading learning and skills



Case Study 8

Jan Summers

'I first attended Family Football/Literacy at the Wandle Leisure Centre back in November 2005. We have been coming ever since and love it. My son Jason is in Year 6 now and we first found out about Family Learning from a leaflet sent home with him in his book bag from Allfarthing School.

These courses have enabled me to help with my son's homework, as it's different from when I was at school. The tutors are great, as is Teus who is the co-ordinator on Saturday.

Jason is such a shy boy, you know what boys are like, but the literacy tutor, Michelle Guthrie, encouraged them all to stand in front of the class and read something they had written about their football hero. I couldn't believe it. It's certainly made a huge difference with his confidence as well as mine. Jason also finds it easier in maths now as the tutor gave them work that they weren't yet doing at school, which gave him a head start when they did get round to it.

The Chelsea coaches are also fantastic. One week, one of

the coaches was really ill and should have been in bed, but he still dragged himself in.

Jason and I have been the main carer for my sister who died last August, so for the past 10 years I haven't been out socially. I became happy to be in my own home but this Family Learning course has helped me to meet other families in the area and has given me confidence to try new things and to get out more and meet people. It's great to meet people from different backgrounds and religions all living and learning together. As a group, we help

each other out with the literacy or numeracy as well as making new families feel welcome.

My son and I are so looking forward to the next course starting on the 21st April for 6 weeks, he can't stop talking about it.'



Awards Evening



After the success of last year's Awards Evening at the Atheldene Centre, the Adult and Community Learning team and Family Learning are to run another event this year on the 17th July 2007 at the Wandsworth Town Hall. Adult learners will collect their certificates for qualifications they have gained during the 2006/07 academic year. Also, there will be a chance to nominate learners and tutors to receive a special award for extra input and dedication. Last year, there were six learners who received vouchers for 'Learner of the Year' as well as six tutors who all received flowers for 'Tutor of the Year'.

For Family Learning, the awards were given to the following:

Family Learning Tutors of the Year

Alice Fookes - Albemarle Primary School

'Alice is an inspirational tutor at Albemarle School and developed Family Learning within the school to a very high standard. Her enthusiasm and commitment to her learners is outstanding as well as her excellent teaching abilities.'

Marie Hanson - STORM

'A lot of Marie's work through STORM is voluntary. She supports each learner individually to achieve their personal learning goals. Her enthusiasm is unlimited and she motivates all her learners through some difficult times as well as supporting her own six children!'

Family Learning Learner of the Year

Mandy Lawson - Albemarle School

'Since starting Family Learning at Albemarle School, she has shown increased confidence and skills that have enabled her to assist and motivate other learners. She has very good timekeeping and has developed excellent literacy skills.'

Berthia Gideon - STORM

'Berthia has shown enthusiasm and determination for her own learning despite her personal difficulties this year. She has set herself goals and targets and puts 100% effort in to achieving them.'

Being a Parent Isn't Always Easy



Know what it's like to feel stressed or alone? Whoever you are, being a parent can be tough. Home-Start UK is an independent charity offering practical support, friendship and guidance by providing a volunteer outreach service to families in need. As the only charity mentioned in the Every Child Matters Green paper, the benefits of our support impacts wider than the welfare of our children and families. Our newly OCN-accredited training programme allows anyone with a parental experience, whether parent, grandparent - or those with

extended family - to train up as a Home-Start volunteer.

Last year alone, its 345 community based volunteers supported 33,000 and 70,000 children in situations as varied as isolation, single parenthood, domestic violence, multiple births or post-natal depression. Other parents simply needed a helping hand.

Support is individually tailored to the families' needs and in simple practical ways can build the confidence of parents so that they can make positive choices. Volunteers

act as bridges for families to access new opportunities, including appropriate support services.

The good news is we are in the process of setting up a Home-Start Wandsworth, to work across 12 Extended Schools in the West Hill area. With your support, we could make a real difference to the local community. So please, come along and help lives change for the better.

If you're a family in need or know about being a parent, please come along to our

FREE FAMILY TASTER WORKSHOP

(Parenting)
at Sheringdale School,
Southfields

23rd May, 10am-12pm
(Creche facilities and
Coffee/Cake included)

For more details of more courses or to book please contact **Emma Richards** on 020 7831 7023 or erichards@home-start.org.uk

Contributions or Suggestions

Please send contributions or suggestions to Belinda Bates, Family Learning Co-ordinator.

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www.wandsworthlifelonglearning.org.uk

Family Learning Quality

There will be a new Family Learning Co-ordinator to cover Maternity Leave; her name is Judith Arkwright and she will be starting in the summer term. We welcome her to the Lifelong Learning team. Contact details are the same as before (see contributions and suggestions).

The next Family Learning forum dates for 2006/07 are:

Tues 18th September 2007
3.30pm-5pm

Tues 15th January 2008
3.30pm-5pm

Tues 29th April 2008
3.30pm-5pm

These are to be held at the Professional Centre, SW17 8HE.

Please make a note of these in your diary. All are welcome to attend. These sessions are a good opportunity to meet other schools/organisations who are running or thinking about running Family Learning as well as sharing good practice and picking up useful resources. Please RSVP so that we have enough chairs!

See you when I get back!
Belinda Bates

Website Extra

Ever wanted to know what your child is learning at school and when? Then log onto this useful website which has been set up by the Government to supply support for all parents/carers. It includes the school curriculum, how to choose the right school for

your child, help for children with disabilities as well as homework guidelines. The website also has a list of publications that can be downloaded into 11 different languages including bullying and childcare.

www.parentscentre.gov.uk

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Tel: 020 8672 1043/3649

Punjabi

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ਟੈਲੀਫੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 0208 672 1043/ 3649

Hindi

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Urdu

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Bengali

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French

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Gujarati

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

Polish

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Wandsworth Interpreting Service numer telefonu 0208 672 1043/3649.

Summer Uni

Excellence in Cities and Family Learning are delivering some exciting courses/workshops through 'The Wandsworth Summer Uni' this July/August. There are courses for all the family to enjoy across the whole borough, so for your free programme and enrolment form, please contact Kim Simpson on tel: 020 8871 8627 or e-mail ksimpson@wandsworth.gov.uk

