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NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

News from the summer

During the Summer break we went to lots of varied events and spoke to many new families and carers to help our membership grow.
The third Welcome to Medway event took place at Deanwood school and the annual Sticks and Stones festival in it's new venue saw a record number of people attend.

The hub fundays at Chatham, Strood and Gillingham as well as one in Hoo this year, were also well attended and we enjoyed all the activities on offer!

We also attended many Child Friendly Medway events. These are always inclusive and free!!
We rounded off the Summer holidays with the Love Gillingham event, which was the first time this had been run.

SCHOOL Streets Team

Meetings tend to slow down during the Summer break but we did have an important meeting with the School streets team. If your child needs dropping at a school where there is School Streets scheme in place and you are finding this an issue parking too far away with your child we have been assured that if you contact the school they will be able to assist you in getting your car registered so that you can park nearer to the school.
Obviously, the safety of the school community is paramount but if your child does need to be dropped closer please get in touch with them.

Upcoming Event

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SEN transport Meeting

September 16th 7pm

Please join us and the SEN transport team to discuss how arrangements are going for the new school year.
Zoom joining link can be found on our Facebook Pages and Website.

ORAL HEALTH

The oral health team have recently updated guidance and tips for SEN children.
Albert and Lauren have worked with us listening to feedback and are always on hand if you need to talk to someone about your child's oral health.

PLEASE EMAIL INFO@MEDWAYPCF.ORG.UK IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO DISCUSS.

KENT AND MEDWAY RECOVERY AND WELLBEING COLLEGE

We met with staff from Kent and Medway Recovery and wellbeing college who have sent their prospectus of courses available for anyone over 18 years to book on. We hope you find this opportunity useful. The prospectus has been posted on our Facebook pages.

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Social Care Coffee Morning

September 17th 10am

Please join us at our new venue: Rainham Healthy Living Centre cafe
103/107 High Street, Rainham
Kelly Cogger, Assistant Director of Childrens Social Care will be meeting SEN families to discuss any concerns or issues you are facing.

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MCH Emotional Wellbeing Team Meeting

September 19th 7pm

Please join us and the team from MCH to talk about the Emotional Wellbeing Service and also the School Nursing Service.
Zoom joining link can be found on our Facebook Pages and Website.

PLEASE ALWAYS CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGES FOR DETAILS OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE.

Meet Me

Kim Nicholas

Social Worker

Job Role: Team Manager

TRANSITION AND REVIEW TEAM

What does that mean I do?
I manage 2 teams in Adult Social Care. One supports those Young people coming through Children's Social care, into Adult Social care. The other is responsible for ensuring reviews of care and support are completed using a strengths based approach, working with providers and commissioning to get the best value.

Who is your team?
We are a team of social care staff that work for Adult Social Care at Medway Council.

How does your role help with supporting children, young people and families?
We support Young people known to Children's services into Adult Social Care. We can offer advice and guidance and signpost to services for when someone is turning 18. We also provide assessments under the Care Act 2014 for both young people and their carers in the form of Carer's assessments.

What do you like about your role? The people I work with. I like to be able to identify areas for improvements and make changes which improves the services we provide.

What do you dislike about your role? Changes can take time, but I will always try and support in the interim!

Favourite meal? King Prawn and Chilli Linguine

Favourite Film? I did enjoy the new Barbie, but I do love Pretty Woman!

Favourite drink? Tea during the week and a cold glass of wine of a weekend (to go with my King Prawns 😊)
Favourite phrase? I love it when a plan comes together!