

FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

2022



Friends - Play for Disabled Children

WELCOME TO FRIENDS - PLAY 2022 ROUND UP

2022 saw life returning to normal (whatever that is) after 2 years of Covid restrictions. Whilst we still need to be aware that it's not gone away we were able to meet up more & offer a full range of activities again.

2022 also saw us turn 10 years old in October. 10 years of providing activities for families & sharing information to empower parents with knowledge to support their children. We have built up a fantastic support network. Parental knowledge & support is very valuable.

We have been fortunate to be part of the HAF Funding program & have been working with St Helens Council throughout the year delivering SEND activities.

We still have strong links to St Helens Carers Centre & have continued to apply for funding in a variety of places. Some successful, some not.

Special mentions to Ian & his team @ The Tunza Centre, to Lucem House Cinema & Ultimate Party People for their ongoing support.

2023 will see us continue to provide visits to our regular venues & look to try new things as we find them.



Theatre Shows

FUNDRAISING REMINDER

Please use these sites when you are doing your shopping. We can collect free donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends>

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1167995-0>

<https://paypal.com/gb/fundraiser/charity/3233591>

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/charity/friends---play-for-disabled-children>

<https://givi.ng/1167995>

EVENT ROUNDUP

What a busy year!

2022 saw us provide 8 Lucem House Cinema visits, 12 Fairy Forest sessions, 7 Friends Friday's at The Tunza Centre, 5 Roller Disco's, 3 private Spaceworld sessions, 2 private hire velocity sessions, 2 private simply cycling sessions, 4 private hire Sensory Hive sessions plus slime making, circus, cake decorating, Tribute Fest at The Tunza Centre, Books & Brambles, Geronmio Festival, pumpkin carving at Cabbage Hall, Tunza Christmas Parties & Winter Funland.

Over 70 activities throughout the year.

Thank you to the funders, fundraisers and supporters. We couldn't do it without you!

Thank you to the families for joining us 😊

Thank You

We would like to thank all our supporters throughout 2022. Without your support we wouldn't be able to provide as many activities as we have this year.

Thank you to funding grants from -

- Bluespark Foundation
- National Lottery
- HAF Programme/St Helens Council
- Asda Green Tokens
- Inspire Foundation
- HSBC
- Happy Days

FUNDRAISERS

Thank You to;

1. Gemma's 100 miles in May challenge
2. Sara's Musical for Cause Coffee Morning - A lovely morning showcasing young people's musical talent.
3. Liverpool Cathedral Abseil - 10 brave volunteers abseiled down Liverpool Cathedral for Friends
4. Moss Bank Gala
5. Forge Gym - Gary & crew have been supporting Friends since 2019 & have donated £1730.40 to date.
6. Tombola's at Deafness Resource Centre & The Tunza Centre
7. Amazon Smile - Although this will be finishing in February 23 we have received a fantastic £861.80 to date. Thank you for the support.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9th February - L4C Parent Carer Forum Meeting
- 12th February - Lucem Community Cinema
- 17th February - Ultimate Glow Party at the Tunza Centre
- 18th February - Wizard of Oz Panto at St Helens Theatre Royal
- 25th February - Warrington Play and Sensory Zone
- 9th March - SEND Information Day



Friends - Play for Disabled Children is a registered charity supporting families in St Helens and the surrounding areas. Our charity number is 1167995. We are registered in England & Wales.
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