

# FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023



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Welcome to the Friends - Play for Disabled Children's Autumn newsletter.

We hope you all had a fantastic Summer despite the poor weather we had lots of fun!

We are looking forward to a wonderful Winter and have planned lots of events to help spread the Christmas cheer.

Now we just have to hope that Santa comes!!

Paula, Mel and Emma x

### FUNDRAISING

Don't forget to help us earn money whilst you Christmas shop - please sign up and shop online via 'easyfundraising'. It's completely free to do so and you won't spend any extra, but it allows us to collect donations every time you shop.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friends)

Donations are welcome for the tombola at the Tunza Christmas Market on 25<sup>th</sup> November - just message a volunteer to arrange drop off/collection, Thanks x

*We went  
squelching  
through  
the woods  
and had a  
great bear  
hunt.*



Drayton Manor proved to be a great success with something for everyone from the big rides to Thomas world and great weather meant more ice-cream



We also enjoyed bouncing at Velocity Trampoline park, Skating in Wigan, Wizarding on East Lanchester Railways, Bouncy castles in the Tunza Centre, soft play at Spaceworld, Chilling in the Sensory rooms at The Hive, Greenwood Family Park day out, being Science Boffins, Storybarn at Calderstones, arts and crafts, roller disco, UV disco, Pony day and making mud pies

### Upcoming events

Blackpool Zoo 7/10/23  
Roller Disco Wigan 23/10/23  
Liverpool Philharmonic films 22/10/23  
Pumpkin picking at Birchalls 25/10/23  
Fairy Forest Session 28/10/23  
Little Mix Tribute at Tunza 29/10/23  
Mates Monday Disco at Tunza 30/10/23  
Jack & the Beanstalk 1/11/23  
Friends Halloween Party 3/11/23  
Lucem Cinema - Coco 5/11/23  
Charlie & the Chocolate factory 12/11/23  
Dunham Massey 23/11/23  
Tunza Christmas Market 25/11/23  
Santa Train 26/11/23  
Farmer Ted's Christmas Special 3/12/23  
Lucem Cinema Elf - 10/12/23  
Tunza Christmas Party 7/12 & 13/12/23  
Christmas Roller Disco 11/12/23  
Wizard of Oz on Ice 11/12/23  
Santa & The Snowman - Philharmonic 17/12/23  
Chester Zoo Lanterns 22/12/23  
Fairy Forest Christmas Special 23/12/23  
Jack and the Beanstalk 29/12/23

Choir every Tuesday 5.45

(Term time only)



The Tunza Centre hosted a day of carnival games – splat the rat, beat the buzzer, hook the bull and many others. With face painting and a photo booth. Stars of the show were Liam with his Karaoke and Ethan with his dance moves !!



A great day at Warwick castle following the Zog trial and completing the Horrible Histories Maze. We tried locking some of the kids in the dungeon but in the end we all enjoyed the long coach trip home together.



Dylans Reptiles was a fantastic hit with everyone and alongside the chance to hold unusual animals we also learnt information about favorite foods and games.



### Trip to the Lakes

A fun packed day to lake Windermere. After visiting the Beatrix Potter Museum we had a boat trip around the lake. Then finished the day with ice cream, archery, tree top walk and zip wire and activities at Brockholes Nature Reserve.



### THANK YOU

- A big thank you to Katie Moore, Kelly McIvor and Laura Ward for their Skydive which raised an incredible £1573 which was matched by Tokio Marine Kiln, which brought the total to a huge £3146 – Thanks guys!!
  - The national lottery funding our Family Fun with Friends Days
- Also thanks to Askam Civil Engineering for the donation of £1000 for our winter activities

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