



# December Newsletter 2022- for Deaf Children, young people and Families

This term's  
newsletter...



Welcome to our newsletter for the Autumn term. The weather has really changed during this week and I think we all know it is December now...so cold! Anyway- there are lots of positive things to tell you about that have happened since our last newsletter and that are planned for the coming months.

Some highlights to tell you about:

There was a well attended **Teddy Bears' Picnic** at Middleton School for some of our deaf learners in July! We mentioned this before but now there are some photos inside too.

PDDCS and Middleton school have arranged a **Christmas Bear audiology** event for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We think lots of you are taking your children (and their bear! ) to this fun event and we look forward to hearing all about it.

St John Fisher Deaf Hub held a very successful **drama event** for young people in November; it was so lovely to see deaf young people of different ages working together- a huge thanks to all involved - more details and photos inside.

**NDCS Roadshow Bus** will be in Peterborough on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February at Middleton school - more detail will follow. This should be a great opportunity for deaf young people and their families to join workshops and learn about the work of NDCS.

**Sign Language opportunities** NDCS (national organisation) and Middleton school are will be giving providing further opportunities for families to learn sign.

Not all deaf young people use sign, or use it all of the time but some do, and finding courses that are family friendly can be difficult so it is great to see lots of different options becoming available. Check out the details inside.

Have a great break with your families when the end of term comes and we will look forward to seeing you in January for the new term.

What's  
new?



## Family Sign Language courses



Our Family Sign Language course is different. It teaches British Sign Language with topics carefully chosen to suit the needs and interests of families with children aged 0 to 11.

[Click here](#)

## BSL for Parents and Carers- Middleton Deaf Hub

-Title of training - *An introduction to British Sign Language for parents and carers*

- Description - *This course is designed to go through and look at a range of different everyday topics in BSL. Focusing on gaining confidence within production and receptive. No prior knowledge needed!*

-Audience - All parents and carers who wish to learn some basic sign language skills. Contact email- [PCasselden-Stone@mps.pkat.co.uk](mailto:PCasselden-Stone@mps.pkat.co.uk)

-Date/time -

Session 1 Mon 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Session 2 Tues 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Session 3 Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 - 2:30pm - 3:30pm



**NHS**

**Emmeline Centre for  
hearing implants**

Battery issue form



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**Glue ear**



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# Active Learning Space

<http://www.activelearningspace.org/>



Do you work with students with multiple disabilities or complex learning needs?

Learn about the theory of Dr. Lilli Nielsen, which emphasizes simple ways to change the environment so that a child becomes an active participant and an engaged learner.

Videos, tips for implementation, materials, questions, and more!

*For learners in the 0-48 month range developmentally*

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## Family 2 Family Monthly Calls

Starting September, 2022

Register at [tinyurl.com/UsherF2FC](http://tinyurl.com/UsherF2FC)





Peterborough and District  
Deaf Children's Society



## DECEMBER EVENTS



Update from Peterborough District Deaf Children's Society – on 10<sup>th</sup> December 1 – 4 Toy Like Me are coming to do a bear audiology clinic, this has been linked to Middleton Primary School as well. Children of all ages can come along and bring a bear to have a hearing test, and have hearing aids, cochlear implants or a baha. There will be other fun activities too.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6 pm – BSL performance of Peter Pan at the Cresset and we have subsidised tickets for children from the group.

Deaf swimming will continue on Fridays at Oundle Pool after Christmas, we cannot praise the staff there enough.

For any more information please email [peterborough@ndcsgroup.org.uk](mailto:peterborough@ndcsgroup.org.uk)





Premier League

**Kicks**

# PAN DISABILITY SESSIONS

WHERE	Nene Valley community Centre, PE2 9RE
WHEN	5:30pm - 6:30pm, every Tuesday
HOW MUCH	FREE to attend
MORE INFO	<a href="mailto:foundation@theposh.com">foundation@theposh.com</a>

We're running PAN Disability football sessions for children aged between 6 and 16! Sessions suitable for those with hearing and sight impairments, learning and mobility difficulties

If you'd like more information, please email  
[foundation@theposh.com](mailto:foundation@theposh.com)

# Nene Valley Community Centre

## CHRISTMAS FAMILY DISCO

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER

6PM-10PM

CANDY STREET

WOODSTON

PETERBOROUGH

PE2 9RE

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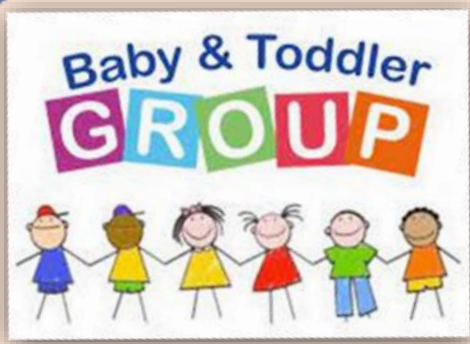


FREE  
GAMES

MEET  
SANTA



Tickets available on TicketTailor



## News



Our Deaf, Vision impaired and MSI baby and toddler group has been a great success over the last few months, and we wish to extend a big thank you to all those involved and all of those who attended.



It has been great meeting all the children and families and having some fun through play and sensory stories. We look forward to seeing you all in 2023 for more fun.

### When

**1:30-2:30pm On Thursdays:  
2023  
12th Jan, 9th Feb, 2nd  
March, 20th April, 11th May, 8  
th June, 6th July.**

### Where?

**First Steps Children's  
Centre  
20 Scalford Drive  
Welland  
PE1 4TR.**



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO .....

Daniel for completing a week's work experience at Vivacity in July. Daniel is now on the Para England Pathway for deaf football. His role model is Will Palmer who is now in the Senior Men's Deaf England Football Team.



Congratulations to Katie at Marshfields who has successfully learned to catch two buses so she can now be independent and start work experience at the Museum cafe. Another deaf pupil from Marshfields, Denisa is successfully working in the school cafe on a Friday morning serving delicious coffee and cake.



The deaf children at Middleton were told about how the hearing dog 'Eddison' supports a Teacher of the deaf and the children even got the dog to perform some tricks by signing to him! We had lots of fun!







I would like to say a big thank you to all the students and staff that took part in our drama workshop at St John Fisher Catholic High School. It was very pleasing to see a collaboration of secondary and primary school students working so well together. It was an incredibly fun afternoon with lots of smiley faces. Looking forward to the next event.







## Teddy Bears' Picnic

In July Middleton Hub hosted a Teddy Bears' Picnic for their deaf learners and invited other deaf pupils from Peterborough schools to join in. There were lots of activities to take part in, but the most common remark made by the adults attending was that the simple act of deaf pupils meeting other deaf pupils was what was drawing the most excitement from the children. It also provided a fun event for parents to meet other parents of deaf children. Thank you to Middleton staff for hosting another successful event.



Events

Parent Carer  
Forum



Community  
Centre

Caravans

# New Community Hubs

**Monday and Wednesday  
4pm to 7pm**

**Saturday 11am to 1pm**

**At The Goldhay Centre**

**Free to attend!**



Visit  
[www.familyvoice.org/activities/](http://www.familyvoice.org/activities/)  
or email [office@familyvoice.org](mailto:office@familyvoice.org)  
for more information

Do you want a space to relax with the children after school or work, or maybe on a Saturday lunchtime?

Perhaps you want to speak to someone about local services or advice, or see what food we have available for free collection?

Then drop by to our new community hubs!

Open to anyone and everyone, we have games, colouring for adults and children, refreshments, and more!

There are also free activities during the daytime - check out the QR Code, our website, or social media for more information





**Yoga is a fantastic way to get fit, become more flexible and manage stress. But did you know that deaf children can benefit too?**

We're very excited to be partnering with Cosmic Kids to create three fantastic yoga videos: Squish the Fish, On the Farm, and Betsy the Banana. They're aimed at 3 to 5 year olds and each video is British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted.

[Click here](#)



Feeling unsure about your future career? Come to our webinars and find out how deafness isn't a barrier to getting a job you'd love.

Each month we'll focus on a different profession, inviting inspirational deaf role models to share their experiences.

[Click here](#)

## Online Baby and Toddler Sessions

Relaxed, online sessions for you and your deaf baby or toddler to enjoy together

Our online sessions are ideal for deaf children to enjoy together with their families. By family we mean parents, carers, siblings, aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins...the list goes on!

Find out more about Bounce Along to Baby Sign and Baby and Toddler sessions below.

[Click here](#)



## Join our fun Winter Book Club

Does your child love to read? Would they like to chat about books with other deaf young people? Then we'd love them to come along to our Spring Book Club!

[Click here](#)

The [Local Offer](#) page has regularly updated advice on SEND services.



From all of us at the  
Sensory and Physical  
Support Team we wish you  
a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy new year!



Tell us  
what you think

**Would you like to write something for our  
next newsletter?**

It could be about your experiences of face masks, your first term back at school or a review of new technology or resources. If you have something to share, speak to your ToD or send us an email to [senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:senandinclusion@peterborough.gov.uk)

