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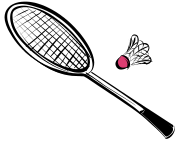


Bexley Voice for Special Needs Children

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Newsletter Update

Welcome to our Autumn newsletter from a very excited Bexley Voice team as we are delighted to bring you news about our upcoming Parent/Carer Conference. See inside pages for full information and a booking form for our free seminars. We hope you and your children enjoyed the summer break and Bexley Voice wish good luck to all the children starting a new nursery, school or college this term.



We are pleased to bring you details of our new **FREE Badminton Club**, taking place at Erith Sports Centre (2.00-3.45pm) every Thursday from the 19th of September for 10 weeks. All abilities are welcome, please bring your own racquet if you have one and we hope to see you there! More information can be found on our website.

With so much information to pass onto our members, visit our website and facebook page as they are full of up to date information and daily chat about many issues, come and join in today. Do you have any relevant information you would like to include in the next BV newsletter? If so, please contact rachel.bexleyvoice@hotmail.co.uk



2013 PARENT/CARER CONFERENCE

THURSDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 9.30AM ~ 2.30PM



See inside pages for full information and a booking form for our free seminars!

PARENT/CARER 'DROP IN'

Bexley Voice's next 'drop in' session (as part of the Bexley SNAP assessment morning) for any parent/carers of a child with special needs, additional needs or any disability is;

Monday 25th November
9.30am – 12noon

Goals Football Centre,
Bexleyheath, Kent.

Join us and meet our members for an informal chat over a coffee about any issues you may have. A Bexley Voice BME member will be there for support and advice. You can also complete a membership form/Parks Survey Campaign questionnaire if you need to. We look forward to seeing new and existing members there.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

Smiles all around! Bexley Voice had the pleasure of receiving a **£200** cheque as the winners of Community Life/Asda Bexleyheath 'Chosen By You' vote! Thanks to everyone who dropped their green token in our voting box. Tracey and Claire who accepted the cheque said that the money will come in useful for our parent conference in November. A special thank you goes to Claire Watts, Bexley Voice's chairlady, who worked hard to make this happen!



A big 'Thank You' to Jim Youngs, (husband of BV's treasurer Tracey Youngs), who arranged for the bank he works for to make two donations- £3283.51 from Singer & Friedlander Investment Management Ltd and £274.97 from Singer & Friedlander Capital Management Ltd, making a grand total donated of **£3558.48**. This is a massive donation and will really make a big difference to helping support parents of children with special needs in Bexley.



BEXLEY VOICE CHILDREN'S PARK ACCESS SURVEY

DEADLINE APPROACHING!

Please complete our online questionnaire about your local park facilities. All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw to win a £20 gift voucher!



Do you find playground equipment/facilities at your local park easily accessible and suitable for your child's use? Have the facilities prevented you from taking your child to the park or hindered your child's experience/enjoyment? Do you feel there is scope for improvement? Do you want your voice heard and help improve facilities for your child? Visit our website for information.

Free Parent/Carer Conference!

Bexley Voice is a voluntary group of parents and carers, aiming to ensure the rights and needs of children with special needs are taken into consideration within the Bexley Borough. Caring for a child with special needs or disabilities can be quite daunting at times and occasionally everyone needs a helping hand, especially with the radical changes to SEN legislation coming into force next year.

If you are a parent or carer of a child or young person living in Bexley, you can gain valuable advice from experts by booking in for our free seminars. More detailed information can be found on our website. Please complete the booking form (opposite) or visit our website at www.bexleyvoice.org.uk to book direct on-line.

REGISTRATION ~ 9.30am		BEXLEY VOICE WELCOME ~ 9.45am		
Seminars	Tudor Kitchen	Great Chamber	Conference Room 2	Study Centre
Session 1 10.00-11.00am	BEXLEY'S SINGLE PLAN EXPLAINED Laura Davies	TRANSITION (Pre-School/Primary/Secondary) Brenda Tubbs/Ferwa Jeffery	MANAGE CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR (Anxiety)	SINGLE PAGE PROFILE (Range of Uses) Yvonne Linton
Session 2 11.15-12.15pm	BEXLEY'S LOCAL OFFER EXPLAINED Janine Wooster	TRANSITION TO ADULT SERVICES	MANAGE CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR (Physical)	SINGLE PAGE PROFILE (Bexley's Template) Yvonne Linton
BUFFET LUNCH AND MEET THE MAYOR OF BEXLEY				
Session 3 1.00-2.30pm	BE CONFIDENT FOR YOUR CHILD Anna Gill	HEALTH - HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES Ann Lane	DYSLEXIA/DYSPRAXIA (Memory Strategies) Margaret Cooper	PERSONALISATION Janine Wooster

A wide range of Information Tables including:

Bexley Voice **Bexley Snap** **Dyslexia Association** **Bexley NAS**
Healthwatch **Falcon Spartak** **Inspire/Direct Payments**
CHYPS **MCCH** **Julie O'Neill/Life Coach**
Bexley Early Intervention Team **Bexley Anti-Bullying Project**



Thursday
14th November
9.30am - 2.30pm
Hall Place,
Bourne Road, Bexley,
Kent. DA5 1PQ



Meet the Mayor of Bexley and enjoy a free buffet lunch!

Conference Seminar / Buffet Lunch Booking Form

Please visit our website for seminar information and to book on-line!

How to book your free seminar place and/or reserve a buffet lunch:

WEBSITE: Complete our on-line booking form on our website at www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

EMAIL: Scan your completed booking form and email to bexleyvoice@hotmail.co.uk

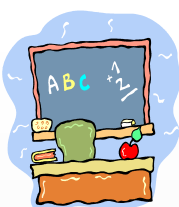
POST: Return your completed booking form to: Bexley Voice, 1 Bullers Close, Sidcup, Kent. DA14 5LD

A confirmation email will be sent to you.

Name:	Tel No:
Address:	
Email:	
(Please print clearly to enable us to send your confirmation email)	
Are you are Bexley Voice member? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Will you be staying for our free buffet lunch?
If not, you will be required to complete a free membership form prior to the conference.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

IMPORTANT; Please complete the reverse of this booking form if you wish to book a free seminar place.

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SCHOOL VISIT PROGRAMME FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Our school visits have been a great opportunity for us to make contact with parents and carers. The feedback has been very positive, schools are now requesting second visits! Would you like a friendly chat and get to know more about what Bexley Voice can offer you? Ask your Senco/Head Teacher to contact us and let us update you on various issues and about other support groups.

Dates are being arranged for the Autumn term in primary and secondary schools, so get in touch soon.

FUN AT LARK IN THE PARK

Yet again the weather was not on our side but fun and games were still to be had with the team from Lark in the Park. We met some new and existing members and their children. It was a great chance to network and catch up with some really positive people who all have our children's needs close to their hearts. We were touched by the support provided for children with special needs and disabilities. The new sensory session was a great new addition to the fantastic facilities and events organised by the team. Bexley Voice were proud to be a part of such a great event and look forward to supporting it again next summer.



EASY FUNDRAISING

BV have signed up as a good cause with easyfundraising.org.uk. When you do your shopping online please go through easyfundraising.org.uk as this will help raise funds!

Conference Seminar / Buffet Lunch Booking Form

Please visit our website for seminar information and to book on-line!

Places are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis. You can attend one seminar per time session. You can choose to attend 1, 2 or 3 sessions or just call in to look at our wide range of information tables. Please indicate your first choice with a '1' and your reserve choice with a '2'. Full details of each session and an on-line booking form are available on our website.

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BEXLEY VOICE UPDATES



CHILDRENS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE AT QUEEN MARY'S-

BV members Claire and Nicki are developing a new internal audit system for the CDC to gather feedback on the experiences of the services received by parents/carers and their children, using an animal/rain forest theme!

LOCAL OFFER— The 'Local Offer' is slowly moving forward. BV thanks it's members who have contributed their suggestions. Information templates for schools to be included on their websites have now gone out. These will be linked to the Bexley website. It will mean the information will be in a consistent layout enabling it to be easily found and compared. The next two areas to be included are providers of short breaks and early years.

EMERGENCY CARERS CARD— BV have been working with the Disabled Children's Service to develop a card that can be carried by those with a caring responsibilities. If you should be incapacitated, it will give details to the emergency services of who to call. We hope this will be available to Bexley parents in the near future.

BEXLEY VOICE WEBSITE— We are now getting over 100 hits per day! Our website is full of up to date information on local/national issues, groups and organisations offering support and advice, and will keep you updated on our Parent Conference in November. Why not take a look today and sign up for free BV membership.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS FOR BEXLEY SNAP—

Bexley Snap have moved! - Thames Innovation Centre, 2 Veridon Way, Erith, Kent. Tel: 0208 320 1488.

CONTACT US

TEL: 07512 409936

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WEBSITE: www.bexleyvoice.org.uk FACEBOOK: Bexley Voice for Special Needs Children

