

# Early years & childcare services

## E-newsletter – December 2010



### Seasons Greetings

Welcome to this month's e-newsletter, keeping you up-to-date with all early years' news, updates and events.

We hope you find this e-newsletter useful. If you would prefer not to receive this email, just let us know by emailing [fis@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:fis@nottscc.gov.uk)

Please let your colleagues know about E-News and let us know their email address if they also wish to receive a copy.

The next newsletter will be emailed out on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011.

### National Day Nursery Association

#### NDNA network meeting

The next NDNA network meeting is:

14 January 2011  
Starting at 10am- 12pm  
The Old Spot, 101 Mansfield Road, Arnold NG5 6BH

Contact Val Holland for more details [val@valmarys.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:val@valmarys.freereserve.co.uk)

### Training and Development Opportunities

Numbers are low for the following courses:

#### Supporting Transition and Learning

Friday 28th Jan 2011  
9.30am - 3.30pm  
Arnold Town Football Club, Oxtun Road, Nottingham, NG5 8PS

#### Talking Matters

Wednesday 26th January 2011 1.00pm - 4.00pm  
Everyday Champions Centre, Newark NG24 2AG

Wednesday 9th February 2011 9.00am - 12.00pm  
National Fluid Power Centre, Worksop S81 7HP

To apply for a course, fill in the application form available from [http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/learningandwork/educationandachievement/earlyyears/childcare\\_training\\_and\\_development\\_opportunities.htm](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/home/learningandwork/educationandachievement/earlyyears/childcare_training_and_development_opportunities.htm) and return back to

To view all training opportunities, visit <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/tado20102011.pdf>

## National Year of Communication

### Nottinghamshire says "ay up me duck" to "Hello - the 2011 National Year of Communication". Why don't you join us?

2011 is the National Year of Communication and to celebrate the Communications Trust is launching a national campaign - '*Hello - a year to help all children communicate*'.

The campaign hopes to increase understanding of how important it is for children and young people to develop good communication skills. Monthly themes will be happening throughout the year to highlight key aspects of children's communication development.

Nottinghamshire will launch its *Language for Life strategy* in March.

The strategy aims to ensure that all agencies work collaboratively together, and with parents and communities, to give all children the chance to develop their language and communication skills. Children will then be able to achieve their best educationally and contribute positively to their community.

"Hello" is often the first word that children learn to say and it is what starts off many conversations. Did you know that there are 42 languages, other than English, spoken in Nottinghamshire and each uses a different way of saying "hello"?

Currently, the most common languages include Arabic, Hungarian, Polish, Latvian, Russian, Pashto, Farsi, Turkish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Bengali, Thai and Slovak. Having such a wide range of languages in our community broadens the horizons of mono-lingual English speakers and learning to say "hello" in different languages shows respect for other languages and cultures.

Be brave and have a go!

Bore Da (Welsh)

Marhaba (Arabic)

Sveiki, pronounced *Svaykee*, (Latvian)

Labas, pronounced *Labus*, (Lithuanian)

Czesc, pronounced *Chesht*, (Polish)

Aslam-u-alaikum, pronounced *aslam-oo-alaykum*, (Urdu)

Wai, pronounced *Wai*, (Cantonese)

### Top tips for saying "hello" in English to get the conversation going especially with children

- ❖ Be face to face

- ❖ Make eye contact
- ❖ If it's a child maybe kneel down to their level
- ❖ Include the child's name
- ❖ Shake hands / sign "hello" as you say it
- ❖ Smile
- ❖ Respond with interest
- ❖ Talk to a child about what they are doing

We can all support children and young people to develop their communication skills. There are some really simple tips – pop in to your local children's centre to find out more about what you can do to help.

For more information about the 'Hello' campaign, visit [www.hello.org.uk](http://www.hello.org.uk)  
 Pop into your local children's centre to find out what is happening across Nottinghamshire. To find your local children's centre, contact the Families Information Service on 0800 781 2168 or ring 01623 520 694. For more information about the Language for Life strategy contact Jane Young on 01623 520 053 or email [jane.young@nottscommunityhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:jane.young@nottscommunityhealth.nhs.uk)

## **News from Early Years websites**

### **Department for Education**

#### **Commercialisation of childhood: Review announced**

Children's Minister Sarah Teather has today asked Mr Reg Bailey, Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union to carry out an independent review into the commercialisation and sexualisation of childhood, and report back with recommendations in May 2011.

For more information visit:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/inthenews/inthenews/a0069875/sarah-teather-announces-a-review-of-commercialisation-and-sexualisation-of-children>

### **National Day Nursery Association**

#### **NDNA Supports Sector with Free Factsheet on Equality Act**

National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) announced that it is giving away a free factsheet to all nurseries to help the sector understand its obligations under the Equality Act 2010. For more information visit:

<http://www.ndna.org.uk/advice-information/factsheets/equality-act-free-factsheet>

### **National Childminding Association**

#### **New sample policies for members**

NCMA members can log into [My NCMA](http://www.ncma.org.uk) to download sample policies to adapt for use in their setting. For more information visit:

[http://www.ncma.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/july\\_to\\_december\\_2010/sample\\_policies\\_for\\_members.aspx](http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/sample_policies_for_members.aspx)

### **Online safety**

The internet is part of every child's life and can offer great possibilities for children. However whilst children should be encouraged to take advantage of the benefits the internet can offer them, steps should be taken to ensure they are aware that the risks to

their privacy and safety are real. For more information visit:  
[http://www.ncma.org.uk/childminders/advice/online\\_safety.aspx](http://www.ncma.org.uk/childminders/advice/online_safety.aspx)

### **Chatterbox Challenge**

Registered childminders are being given the opportunity to join in with I CAN's Chatterbox Challenge. For more information visit:  
[http://www.ncma.org.uk/news\\_and\\_events/news/july\\_to\\_december\\_2010/chatterbox\\_challenge.aspx](http://www.ncma.org.uk/news_and_events/news/july_to_december_2010/chatterbox_challenge.aspx)

### **Play England**

#### **Transition Fund**

The government's new Transition Fund for charities, voluntary and community sector organisations, and social enterprises affected by cuts to public spending has opened for applications. For more information visit:  
<http://www.playengland.org.uk/news/2010/12/transition-fund->

### **4Children**

#### **4Children responds to the Independent Review on Poverty and Life Chances report**

Responding to the [Independent Review on Poverty and Life Chances report](#), The Foundation Years: preventing poor children from becoming poor adults, Anne Longfield OBE, Chief Executive of 4Children said: "Frank Field has hit the nail on the head. The first five years of life are 'make or break' for many children. For more information visit:  
<http://www.4children.org.uk/information/show/ref/2244>

### **Gingerbread**

#### **Christmas Top Tips 2010 - The single parent's guide to the festive season.**

Gingerbread eases festive pressures with our new factsheet for single parents.

For more information and to download a copy of the guide visit  
<http://www.gingerbread.org.uk/content.aspx?CategoryID=547>

#### **Kids enjoy time with dads but dads feel left out of their child's upbringing, new survey reveals**

The online video channel for parents, Parentchannel.tv ([www.parentchannel.tv](http://www.parentchannel.tv)) has this week launched **National Dads Matter Week**, which aims to raise awareness of the important role dads play in the upbringing and education of their children, highlighted in the new video about why Dads matter. For more information visit:  
<http://www.fatherhoodinstitute.org/sector/sector-content/news/>

### **Children England**

#### **Sure Start viewed as having key role in breaking the poverty cycle**

Parenting and life skills lessons, delivered through government and voluntary sector children's services such as Sure Start, have been recommended as the most appropriate way to tackle child poverty. For more information visit:

[http://www.charityinsight.com/news/the-bigger-picture/sure-start-viewed-as-having-key-role-in-breaking-the-poverty-cycle\\_6\\_12\\_2010](http://www.charityinsight.com/news/the-bigger-picture/sure-start-viewed-as-having-key-role-in-breaking-the-poverty-cycle_6_12_2010)

## **Child Accident Prevention Trust**

### **Child's safety in the snow**

There's nothing like taking the kids out sledging to banish the misery of the bitterly cold weather. Keep them safe by following these six essential rules.

**For more information visit:**

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/child-safety-snow>

### **Preventing bath water scalds in young children**

Thermostatic mixing valves are proven to reduce bath scalds, according to a recent study.

Each year in the UK about 2,000 children attend A&E having been scalded by bath water and about 500 are admitted into hospital with serious scald injuries. One way of reducing the risk is to fit a thermostatic mixing valve (TMVs) to the bath taps. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/preventing-bath-water-scalds-young-children>

### **Brand new online video resource on blind cord safety**

The British Blind and Shutter Association (BBSA) has launched a free online video to show how blinds can be made safer. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/brand-new-online-video-resource-blind-cord-safety>

### **Carbon monoxide poisoning - the symptoms**

Carbon Monoxide poisoning can be fatal – the Department for Health (DH) reveals the most common and frequent symptoms. For more information visit:

<http://www.capt.org.uk/who-we-are/news/carbon-monoxide-poisoning-symptoms>

## **Children and Young People Now**

### **Child Poverty Strategy**

Charities and communities asked to give their views on the child poverty strategy.

For more information visit:

<http://www.cypnow.co.uk/news/ByDiscipline/Childcare-and-Early-Years/1047423/Charities-communities-asked-give-views-child-poverty-strategy/>

## **Nottingham Evening Post**

### **New Children's Centre for families in Netherfield opened**

<http://www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/New-children-s-centre-families-Netherfield-officially-opened/article-3010276-detail/article.html>