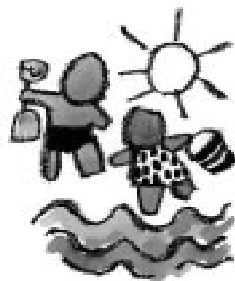




Partnership News

Summer 2006



The newsletter for parents and carers of children with special educational needs

Members of the Management Group



Norfolk &
Norwich
Dyslexia
Association

NANSA

Norfolk & Norwich
SCOPE
Association
for people with
cerebral palsy

Schools



Norfolk
County Council
Children's
Services

Norfolk Autistic
Society



Central Norfolk
Primary
Care Trust

connexions
NORFOLK

Special Educational Needs Strategy Have your say

"Putting children with SEN at the heart of their local learning community"

The SEN Strategy proposals are about the development of specialist provision in both special and mainstream schools for children with SEN. The aim is to increase choice but not remove the option of continued education in a special school. There are no plans to reduce the number of special school places in Norfolk and no current placement will be lost as a result of these proposals.

• Special schools will become complex needs schools, which means that they will educate children with a wider range of SEN than they currently do.

• Learning support centres will become specialist resource bases and will develop specialisms in particular areas of SEN.

• We also propose to develop specialist provision in mainstream and special schools for children with autistic spectrum disorders, sensory loss and behaviour, emotional and social difficulties.

We want to ensure that each area can better meet the needs of children and young people with SEN and their families.

Consultation Events in your Area

The 5 Area Directors will be at each of the consultation events in your area:

Northern Area - Graham Wright

Wednesday 7th June, 10am - 8pm
at the Fakenham Racecourse

Southern Area - Alison Murphy

Monday 19th June, 10am - 8pm
at the Park Farm Hotel in Hethersett

Western Area - David Lennard Jones

Thursday 22nd June, 10am - 8pm at the
Knights Hill Hotel in King's Lynn

Eastern Area - Ray Leeke

Wednesday 5th July, 10am - 8pm at the
King's Centre in Great Yarmouth

Central Area - Lesley Whitney

Thursday 6th July, 10am - 8pm at the
Quality Hotel in Bowthorpe, Norwich

For further information contact:

Suzy Ladd, Project Co-ordinator
tel: 844 800 8001 or email:

SENstrategy@norfolk.gov.uk or by post:
Room 24, Children's Services, Norfolk
County Council, Martineau Lane, Norwich.
NR1 2DL

www.norfolk.gov.uk/SENstrategy

Norfolk Parent Partnership
Woodside Road
Norwich
NR7 9QL



Tel: 01603 704070
Fax: 01603 704072

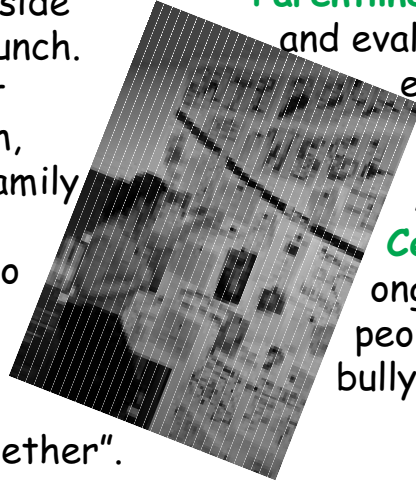
email: parent.partnership@norfolk.gov.uk
www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Norfolk celebrates

Anti-Bullying Week (ABW) 2005

Many of you will remember last year's National ABW. Here are some of the key events in Norfolk:

Jon Thaxton WBF lightweight belt holder teamed up with children from Heigham Park, Avenue First, Avenue Middle Schools and Parkside special school for the launch. Pupils created four giant totem poles in the Forum, Norwich to emphasise family and community values. Jon said "The only way to tackle bullying has to be for children, parents, teachers and communities to work together".



Television's **Trisha Goddard** was the guest speaker at 'Working Together Against Bullying', the first conference for parents on bullying which was organised by Norfolk County Council and Norfolk Children's Fund.

Parentline Plus were also guest speakers and evaluations showed that parents enjoyed the conference and found it useful.

At the **Barclays Open Connexions Centre** in Norwich there was an ongoing graffiti wall to which young people added their comments on bullying throughout the week.

Photo: **Charlotte Evans**
(Connexions Norfolk Youth Council)

Did your school do something interesting during last year's

Let **Rita Adair**, Anti-Bullying Alliance Eastern Regional Co-ordinator, know and your school might appear in a leaflet of ideas for anti-bullying week to go to all Norfolk schools.

E-mail Rita and tell her what you did, who was involved and how successful it was. Also if you think it has made a difference to bullying in the school.
rita.adair@norfolk.gov.uk

What about ABW 2006? (20th - 24th November 2006)

This year's theme is 'Bystanders' and it is hoped that everyone including local communities will get involved. Resources and ideas will be sent to schools nearer the time and will be available on the ABA website (www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk)

Planning is in its early stages but already all libraries in Norfolk have agreed to take part and local book-stores are also keen to get involved. We hope to have a local conference in each part of Norfolk reflecting

anti-bullying work in the schools in that area. If your school would like to get involved get in touch with Rita Adair.

Morrisons supermarkets have agreed to display art from local schools throughout the week. If your school is interested then please contact Rita. In conjunction with the Playhouse, Rita has organised a series of plays during the week specifically on bullying. The plays will be on the 22nd and 23rd November 2006 and are aimed at children of 7 - 11 years. For further information and tickets please contact Caroline Richardson at the Playhouse on 01603 612560 or Rita via email: rita.adair@norfolk.gov.uk

NNAB's Equipment and Information

The event at NNAB's Equipment and Information Centre in Magpie Road is being held between 1pm and 5.30pm on September 7th.



The two firms with equipment on display will be Hagger Electronics and Associated Optical Products.

Hagger will show various educational toys and games suitable for children with sight and/or hearing difficulties including the new Talking Tactile

Tablet which when used with a PC or Laptop enables the user to receive instant audio feedback from a tactile map, diagram or chart. This is a very exciting new item, which will extend learning opportunities for many visually impaired children. Associated Optical sell high quality magnifiers.

It is an opportunity to explore and play with equipment that can enhance the quality of life of sensory impaired children.

You are very welcome to join us.

Double Celebration for Janina Parent Partnership Support Worker

Janina was determined to not let her dyslexia stop her from gaining an Open University honours degree in psychology and her dream came true when she attended Ely Cathedral on Saturday 3rd June for the graduation ceremony with her family.



We would also like to congratulate Janina and Tony on their marriage which took place at Churchman House, Norwich, just hours earlier, before going to Ely for the graduation.

Best wishes to the happy couple.

Connections is a double CD set of original music, songs, stories and games for children and young adults across the autistic spectrum. It was created over a two year period, in consultation with experts working in the field of autism: parents, carers, therapists, teachers,

researchers and the young people themselves. It has been thoroughly tested in two specialist schools for children and young adults with autism, and was developed with guidance from the NAS.



For more information about the resource, please visit the website: www.connectionsmusic.co.uk or ring Jessica on 02392 838198 or email jessica@connectionsmusic.co.uk

Norfolk Disabled Parents Alliance

Independence and equality for all disabled parents

“What’s New for Disabled Parents”

Norfolk Disabled Parents Alliance presents “What’s New for Disabled Parents” in meetings for parents who are themselves disabled or ill.

Disabled parents of disabled children sometimes say it’s even more difficult to get the right support when the parent is disabled as well. These meetings will highlight new resources to support disabled parents manage all the family’s needs.

Disabled parents and representatives

of family and disability welfare or advice groups are invited. Meetings will be held in Kings Lynn, North Walsham, Diss and Great Yarmouth. For more information about all the meetings, or to tell us about access, format or communication support needs,

please contact Kathy Saunders on phone/typetalk 01553 768193, email ndpa@ukonline.co.uk or write to NDPA, 145 Main Rd, Clenchwarton, Kings Lynn Norfolk PE34 4DT.

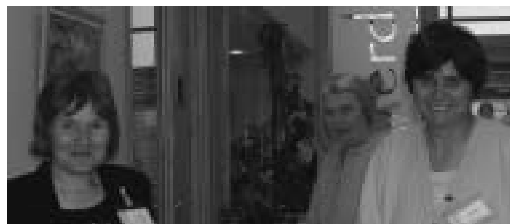


Norfolk Parent Partnership News

Following the restructure of Norfolk Children’s

Services our team remains unchanged.

We are continuing to train Independent Parental Supporters to support parents with a wide range of issues. We have 7 volunteers undergoing our present training course in Attleborough who will be able to start supporting parents towards the end of the summer term. We are still in urgent need of volunteers in Norwich and the east of the county so please give us a ring



if you are interested. Our next course will be in Norwich in the autumn.

Proposals for the future of SEN provision in Norfolk are now out for consultation and events will be

held around the county to explain these and answer questions. We and some of our volunteers will be present for some time at each one.

We will also be taking a stand for both days at the Norfolk Show, so please come and see us.
(see front page)

Jan Eastwood
Partnership Officer

Photo: Jan Eastwood and Carole Picket, Sue Reid, IPSs



Conference

For parents, professionals and adults affected by Asperger syndrome on

Monday 25 September
from 9 am to 4.30 pm at
Assembly House, Norwich.

Guest speakers:
Dr Fiona Scott (Patron),
Wendy Lawson and David Moat

Choice of workshops in the afternoon

For further information and booking form, please contact Asperger East Anglia, telephone 01603 620500 or email on info@asperger.org.uk.

There is a charge for this event, which includes lunch.



Free training course for Volunteers Autumn 2006

Would you like to support parents who have children with special educational needs with educational issues?

Our next free, OCN accredited training course for volunteers will be held at:

Abbey Conference Centre, Norwich, on
Tuesdays:
19th September, 3rd, 10th, 17th and
31st October and 7th November
Final interviews held on the
14th November 2006.

Book your place now!!

For more information contact:

Norfolk Parent Partnership on
01603 704070

email: parentpartnership@norfolk.gov.uk
www.norfolkparentpartnership.org.uk

Special Needs Norfolk 2006

Exhibition and Conference

*The Largest Special Needs conference in
East Anglia has moved:*

The NEW VENUE:
University of East Anglia
Sportspark

NEW DATE:

Thursday 14th SEPTEMBER 2006
For further information email:
irene.hoare@norfolk.gov.uk or
Tel: 01603 458191



Norfolk Autistic
Society



Have your say

on the education provision for children with
an ASD with Michael Bateman, Strategy
Manger, Special Educational Needs &
Children with Disabilities

Monday 10th July 2006

10.00 - 12.00 To be held in Norwich
For more information email:

anne@asperger.org.uk or

Tel: 01603 620500 and ask for Anne

Royal Norfolk Show

28th and 29th June 2006

Come and visit
Norfolk Parent Partnership
Stand No. 260



Norfolk Autistic Society

Education Coffee Morning

Thursday 6th July 2006

Speech and Language Therapy
from Pre-school to High School
Glynis Baker and Imogen Fletcher
Maddermarket Theatre (in foyer) Norwich

10am - 12 noon

Questions to Michelle Mould
(Chair of Education Committee)

Tel: 01508 531613

Fold here

Fold here

Please let us know if you would like large print copies or if translations would be useful.
Now available in Portuguese and Bengali.

Norfolk Parent Partnership is funded by



Norfolk County Council

working with the voluntary sector and other professionals to support parents and carers of children with special educational needs.