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DDCS Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Helen Fox
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Newsletter editor: Mrs. Jan Evans.
Next committee meetings: ** To be confirmed **

Unfortunately, DDCS meetings are still suspended until further notice in order to ensure the safety of our Committee and members. We will notify you all of new dates whenever we are able to. #StaySafe. We will of course, keep everyone updated with any changes or news.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

Welcome to 2022, I hope you all had a good festive season and let's all hope that this year we will be able to hold some fantastic family events and get together as a society once more.

TERM DATES 2022

Spring Term

Term starts Tuesday 4th January
½ term Mon 21st – Fri 25th February
Term ends Friday 8th April

Summer Term

Term starts Monday 25th April
½ term Mon 30th May – Fri 3rd June
Term ends Thursday 21st July 2022

Hearing/Visual Impairment Services



**Parents/Carers
& Toddlers Group**



The Stourbridge Children and Families Centre,
Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF

Fortnightly Friday Sessions

9:45 'til 11:30
See back for dates

Our group is open to all
Parents/Carers,
and their hearing impaired and visually
impaired babies,
toddlers and pre-school brothers
and sisters

Session dates 2021/2022

January 7th & 21st
February 4th & 18th
March 18th
April 1st & 29th

Contact Louise Westwood on
07824598809 to confirm location.



For more information please contact:
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January	February
Simrah B	Ellie F
Megan C	Sienna F
Isabella D	Kobie L
Lilly-Mai W	Azaria O
Aisha Bibi K	Holly T
Ruby Ellen W	George W
Michael B	Lily May W
Maebh A	Kian C
Abigail S	Samuel W

We wish you all a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY and hope you enjoy your day.



A FANTASTIC AFTERNOON AT THE PANTO!

This afternoon (Sunday 9th) 31 DDCS members and myself had the most amazing time watching the Panto, GOLDILOCKS and THE THREE BEARS at Birmingham

Hippodrome. I have to say that I haven't laughed or been amazed quite so much for a long time, I think this is one of the best Pantomimes I have ever seen. My childhood heartthrob Jason Donovan played the evil Ringmaster but the outstanding star of the show was definitely Matt Slack. His hilarious antics made the afternoon. Other acts included a magician, a 4 man motorcycling in a dome team, a very clever Diablo artist and a pair of acrobats along with the main stars and some very clever animatronics. The feedback received from the members who attended has been very positive and I have included some of their comments below.

We really enjoyed our visit to the theatre, we had a fantastic time. I really enjoyed the part with the huge model animals, they looked so realistic. I also loved it when Ringo the Ringmaster did impressions of famous people, it really made me laugh. My sister loved the magician and couldn't believe it when he made real birds disappear. My mom loved Jason Donovan who she was a big fan of as a teenager. We cannot wait for the next pantomime now. Thank you DDCS for arranging our visit - Ellie x

Fantastic show, I liked it all but Matt Slack was my favourite - George

It was a fantastic show, we had a brilliant time. Thank you DDCS - Thomas

We all loved it. The girls really enjoyed it and Paris couldn't keep her eyes off the stage - The Slator family

It was all brilliant. I liked the bikes and the birds best - Dexter

THANK YOU to all of you who came along in what is still a very difficult and uncertain time. I hope you had as much of a good time as I did. - Jan

MORE PANTO

Rainbow Pantomimes present



Beauty and the Beast

23rd JANUARY - 29th JANUARY 2022

DORMSTON MILL THEATRE

Ticket line: 01902 475033

www.seaty.co.uk/beautyandthebeast



SUPERSTAR ROSE WINS STRICTLY COME DANCING!!

WOW! How amazing was Rose Ayling-Ellis, winning the final of Strictly Come Dancing with her amazing partner Giovanni?

All through the contest Rose has been raising awareness of the deaf community by incorporating sign language into the routines. Rose has now made history, becoming the first deaf person to compete and win on the show.

Together Rose and Giovanni wowed the audience and judges with their fantastic routines each week which culminated in their final routine containing a period where the music stopped but Rose and Giovanni continued to dance perfectly in time. This was designed to give everyone an idea of what it's like for Rose to dance without being able to hear the music.

Rose is quoted as saying "I hope I will do the deaf community proud and break down more barriers. I am also very excited to learn a new skill and even better I get to learn whilst wearing beautiful dresses made especially for me!"

A TRULY AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT, WELL DONE ROSE (AND GIOVANNI)!

WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

WE NEED YOU!



Despite restrictions still being in place, we are hopeful that as the year goes by, we may be able to start planning activities and outings as a group once more.

If you have any ideas as to places you think would be suitable for group visits, please drop me an email and let me know. I will put any ideas received to the DDCS committee for discussion. We are hoping to secure tickets to the Panto at Birmingham Hippodrome again for January 2023 and fingers crossed we may be able to have some kind of Christmas celebrations.

COMING SOON



Deaffest



www.deaffest.co.uk

**Friday 6th May - Sunday 8th May, 2022
Light House, Wolverhampton**

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Deaffest are both delighted and excited to share some news with you!

Deaffest has secured funding from 'Awards for All' to create a brand new short Vidcast called 'Deaffest: Rewind'.

Deaffest has commissioned Zebra Uno Production to work alongside Stone's Throw Media, to create short vidcast episodes where we will be interviewing a special guest about their involvement with Deaffest. Each guest will be rewinding through their memories of Deaffest and sharing their stories. The best news is that we will be showing not one, but three epic episodes, which you really don't want to miss!

Deaffest will be releasing the first episode featuring our host, Adam Bassett, alongside special guest Chris Fonseca. The video will be available online this Sunday, 19th December at 7:00pm.

You can view the video online via the Deaffest website <https://deaffest.co.uk/deaffest-rewind/>, or on YouTube via our links on social media.



Thanks to Covid-19 Next Steps funding from BBC Children in Need, earlier this year BID services have launched a brand new online provision for young people to join our fun activities from home via Zoom. This is an expansion of the existing youth provision and open to young people aged 4 – 18 from across the UK.

With two sessions a week for different age groups, the activities are led by two Youth Project Staff, Kiran and Jessie, both Profoundly Deaf BSL users with a wide range of skills and knowledge to share with young people. All sessions are voiced over by an Interpreter and live captions are available on Zoom.

We post art and craft packages for 4-7 years old so they can create their art and craft activity at home.

Sessions are attended by young people who are D/deaf, hard of hearing and some CODAs, we have children coming to sessions from all over the country: from Essex to Doncaster, Birmingham to Scotland.

We have done a bit of everything! From Life Skills, College/Uni Life, Employability to Fitness (including Zumba, Street Dance, Parkour, Yoga & Pilates). Art and Crafts, Cooking/Baking, Circus skills, Bubbleology, Escape Rooms, and we've even 'met' some live animals.

We think it's really important to showcase Deaf role models who can inspire the younger generation and are always on the lookout for new facilitators to lead engaging workshops and activities. Please get in touch if this is you.

For more information, contact:

Jessica Shepherd by email at Jessica.Shepherd@bid.org.uk

or visit the BID website www.bid.org.uk

ACTIVITIES AT HOME
for D/deaf, hard of hearing,
CODA & siblings aged 4-7

FREE ART & CRAFT MATERIALS
CAN BE SENT TO YOUR HOME

INTERESTED? Please contact us!
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BID Services is a charity. We work in partnership with people with a sensory impairment, as well as those with a physical disability or mental health. Our mission is to provide high quality services and opportunities that make it possible for people to have choice and control over their lives.

Our specialist service areas include Advocacy, Employment, British Sign Language Interpreting and Training, Specialist Equipment, Residential Placements, Social Work, Support for Tinnitus and Housing Related Services.

January 2022
#DeafYouthConnect

Online activity sessions for deaf and hard of hearing
children and siblings 8 – 14 years old

Thursday 6 th January	4:30pm	No Youth Club
Thursday 13 th January	4:30pm	TBC
Thursday 20 th January	4:30pm	Mini First Aid
Thursday 27 th January	4:30pm	Art and Craft with Christopher Sarce (Chinese New Year Theme)

Our activities will be delivered via Zoom,
please contact us for information
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January 2022
#DeafYouthConnect

Online activity sessions for deaf and hard of hearing
children and siblings 15 - 18 years old

Wednesday 5 th January	4:30pm	No Youth Club
Wednesday 12 th January	4:30pm	Quiz with Kiran
Wednesday 19 th January	4:30pm	No Youth Club
Wednesday 26 th January	4:30pm	Cooking (Chinese)

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