

Do you need excellent quality childcare and early education for your child?

Todmorden Children's Centre Nursery offers:

A high standard of care in a safe, stimulating and caring environment in which children can develop and work towards reaching their full potential.

Free places for ages 3-5 years. For more information or to book a place call us on 01706 548141.



Upper Valley Family Services

Winter/Spring 2012

Families' Information Service

Offers information on

- Parenting and Family Support Services
- Choosing childcare and early education
- Working with children
- Services to help support children and Young people aged 0-19 (and 0-25 for those with special educational needs)
- Children's Centres and Extended Schools
- Tax Credits

Their online Families' Services Directory at www.calderdale.gov.uk holds details of local and national support groups and services about subjects such as:

- Education
- Family Support
- Financial and Legal Matters
- Housing
- Drug and Alcohol
- Healthy Lifestyles
- Staying Safe

Tel: 01422 253053, Email: fis@calderdale.gov.uk

Website: www.childcarelink.gov.uk

Hebden Vale Children's Centre

Stubbing Holme Road, Hebden Bridge, HX7 6AT

Sandra Bell, Children's Centre Manager, Telephone 01422 844904.

Todmorden Children's Centre

Todmorden Community College, Burnley Road, Todmorden, OL14 7BX
Julie Ratcliffe, Children's Centre Manager, Telephone: 01706 548140.



Recent Events

Welcome New Staff

Over the last few months we have welcomed two new members of staff to the Upper Valley Family Service Team. Wendy Powell is a new Parent Link Worker, who runs the Young Parents Group and undertakes many of the new baby registrations, and Gemma Taylor has joined the Community Early Years Practitioner team running groups in both reach areas.



Wendy Powell



Gemma Taylor

Messy Play

Messy play is important for young children, giving them endless ways to develop and learn. All types of play are crucial for children's development and early learning. Play helps children to:

- Improve physical skills and coordination
- Work together
- Use their senses to discover and explore their environment
- Develop their imagination
- Encourage creative thinking and the ability to problem solve.

Playing with toys alone can limit these opportunities.

Why is it important to let children get dirty?

Children learn through play and best of all when they are active, through touching objects and indeed through 'doing' - which can in turn cause a bit of a mess! Sometimes we need to provide the opportunity for children to take part in messy play and let them know it is okay to get dirty. Children's learning will be greatly reduced if they are worried about the mess, therefore it is really important to avoid the idea that getting dirty is a bad thing. Bringing a set of spare clothing to the sessions always helps, and there are always cleaning cloths and plenty of warm water on hand!



Open Days

Once again we had a couple of great days in the Autumn with our Open Days. We were visited by Iggle Piggle who entertained us all day (staff included!), and families were able to sample our Bongo Bongo session. A fruit bar was available throughout the day which proved very popular.



Activities for 2012

During the February Half-Term (w/c 13th February) we will be running a Chinese New Year themed event in both Todmorden and Hebden Vale.

Over the Easter holiday (w/c 2nd April) we will run our popular Easter Hunt and Easter Arts and Crafts, again in both areas.

During the long summer holidays, we will once again offer a variety of events in the Upper Valley with such activities as Den Making, Duplo, Fruity Fun, Grow it-Taste it, Summer Arts and Crafts, Giant Paper and Family Olympics.

See your Children's Centre notice board for further details on these events nearer the time. Some activities will be bookable. These holiday events are all aimed at children of 0-11 years who are accompanied by an adult. Please remember to dress appropriately for these activities - old clothes for our creative events and warm/waterproof clothes for our outdoor ones!

Parent's Forum



Meet Heather and Jill, members of the parent's forum and your representatives on the UVFS Advisory Board.

If you would like to help shape your Children's Centre provision please contact Claire Broadbent on 01422 847444 who organises the forum and can put you in touch with your representatives.



Winning entry and front cover, by Ellie Tweed

Upper Valley Family Services Art Competition

The above drawing was designed by Ellie Tweed and was the winner of the Art Competition, following our Open Day when she met Iggle Piggle and visited the fruit bar. Below are our runners up, Evie May and Elizabeth Rose. All the children received an art set to thank them for their contributions.



Runner up Evie May



Runner up Elizabeth Rose

During 2011, Upper Valley Family Services ran several adult training courses, both in the Children's Centres and in the wider community. We will be looking to repeat this training and more in 2012. Some of our recent courses have included:



Emergency First Aid

During 2011 Upper Valley Family Services held several first aid courses; these were an introduction to first aid practice where parents learned various first aid techniques. This included how to act safely, promptly and effectively in an emergency; how to administer first aid to a casualty who is choking; Child/baby/adult and the procedures to use to aid a casualty who is wounded or bleeding. Parents received a certificate of competence and at the end of the training 100% of attendees stated their confidence had increased.

Food Hygiene

Parents attending food hygiene training completed a full level 1 Chartered Institute of Environmental Health certificate, amongst other things parents learnt about legislation, food temperature control, and chilling and reheating food.

One parent stated; *'I will do some things differently now in my kitchen at home, plus I have been applying for jobs in cafes/ kitchen etc so it may help'*

Money Skills

Parents attended practical courses on saving money in the form of Money Skills Workshops, these included tips on budgeting and safe borrowing. Also during the sessions parents learnt the importance of planning a personal budget, how to apply the concepts of priority debts to everyday situations, and to understand why APR is an important factor to consider when borrowing.

Parents stated this course 'gave them more confidence with managing finances and enabled them to see all the different options'.

For more information on the above training sessions or to book a place on the next course please contact, Todmorden Children's Centre 01706 548140 or Hebden Vale Children's Centre 01422 844904



Todmorden Community College

The Skills for Life programme runs throughout the year and gives people the opportunity to improve their skills in English and Maths, and to gain a qualification if they so wish. You may want to increase your confidence and prospects for work or further study, or just develop the skills you use in everyday life. Most of these courses are fully government funded and tuition is free (except for ESOL courses), however a £5 administration fee is payable for all courses.

Other courses are available throughout the year including, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) aimed at those wanting to learn to read, write or speak in English and a range of IT courses, on various topics including word processing, e mail and the internet. *(Course fees apply)*

In addition to the above, Todmorden College also offers a range of other classes such as 'Sewing at Home', 'Glass Painting' and 'Art for the Terrified', as well as the opportunity to learn or improve Spanish or German. *(Course fees apply)*

Please telephone 01422 392820 for further details or visit the website at www.calderdale.gov.uk/adultlearning

(Some courses are free to people on Job Seekers or Employment Support benefits)

Job Centre Plus

Balancing work with family is an important consideration for many people but for parents bringing up children on their own, it can be a particular concern. If you are planning to return to work, the Children's Centre has the support of a Job Centre Plus Personal Advisor. Personal advisers can help parents overcome barriers to work; discuss their situation and goals, and help them work out what works best for them and their children.

Our friendly personal advisor Christine Butterworth visits Todmorden Children's Centre every other Wednesday afternoon, between 1.30 and 3pm, just drop in. Please contact the centre for the next available date.

Jobsearch Links

Here are some helpful jobsearch sites:

www.indeed.co.uk
a jobsearch site that pulls from a variety of sources

www.diversityjobs.co.uk
a site that advertises vacancies from employers who are positive about diversity

www.rec.uk.com/jobseeker
a recruitment support site that also offers advice to jobseekers

uk.linkedin.com
a networking site useful for professionals

www.jobsite.co.uk/bemyinterviewer
a site that offers advice on interview techniques with the facility to partake in a virtual interview

www.learning.digitalunite.com
a learning resource for those that are new or inexperienced in using the internet

Worried about a child?

Child protection is everybody's business.

All parents experience difficulties at times but can be helped by other family members or close friends. If someone you know is having difficulties, you could:

- Listen to their problems.
- Help them cope.
- Encourage them to get more help.
- Support them by babysitting or doing shopping.

However, there may be times when a child is at risk of harm and professional support needs to be provided. How would you want other people to act if your child was being harmed?

- Would you want them to mind their own business?
- To report their worry to a professional who could help?

When we suspect, see or are told about a child that is being hurt we can react in many different ways. We may feel guilt, anger, shock, disbelief or denial. Some people's reactions can stop help getting to a family who need it. Many people do not tell because they fear that:

- Children will get hurt more.
- They believe that nothing will be done.
- They believe that the child would be taken away.
- They worry that the family may find out who reported them.
- Telling may ruin family relationships.

In truth, it is best that action is taken early to stop things getting worse. Reporting a concern rarely leads to a child being removed. Long-term abuse is much more likely to cause problems for a child as they get older. Even if you think something is just a one off, other agencies may already have concerns about the child. Your information could be very important.

If you have concerns about a child you can discuss this with someone at the Children's Centre or contact Care Services:

First Response Team

Address: Ground Floor, Northgate House, Northgate, HALIFAX

Telephone: 01422 393336

Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/socialcare/family/childprotection/index.html

If you are not sure, you can speak to a helpline such as the NSPCC, your call will be kept private.

Useful contacts:

- Parentline Plus 0808 800 2222 www.parentlineplus.org.uk
- Childline 0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
- Family Rights Group (National) 0800 731 1696
- NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk



Description of Groups

The Upper Valley Family Services Team are committed to ensuring our activities are inclusive for all children, young people and families. If you or your child/ren have disabilities, additional or special needs, please let us know so that we can ensure that we meet them. All sessions and venues are accessible.

Adult Learning

Courses offered on a regular basis to parents with children under 19 including first aid, food hygiene and money management. You can be signposted to other skills and IT courses at your Children's Centre.

Ante-natal clinic

Run every week, you will be cared for by the Calderdale Midwife Team.

Baby clinic

Your local Health Team will be on hand to offer support at our weekly 'Well Baby' drop in clinic

Baby Stay and Play

A chance to meet other parents and carers, and find out about what else goes on at the Children's Centre. Get some ideas for early play activities with your pre-walking baby, helping them to be competent learners from birth.

Ben's Story and Rhyme Time

Reading and telling stories is a great way of promoting your children's learning and development – and good fun too. Join Ben, the Children and Young People's Library Service Officer, for some story sharing ideas.

Bongo Bongos

Develop your child/ren's communication and language skills particularly expressing themselves through movement and music. Suitable for under 5s. Builds confidence, independence and develops their listening and physical skills.



Childminders Drop-in

An informal drop in session for local childminders to network and meet with the Childcare Quality and Development Co-ordinator. Other professionals in attendance to share best practice.

Counselling

A professional and confidential service for parents and young people. Please ring 01422 250081.

Family Learning

Regular opportunities to learn together and get your family learning passport by experiencing a programme of exciting events ending with a trip to Eureka.

Feeding Friendly

A chance to meet other parents or parents-to-be and get support and encouragement with breastfeeding. You can contact a breastfeeding peer supporter any time on 07920 466660 for help and advice.

Job Centre Plus

A personal adviser is in the Children's Centre every fortnight to help you get back into work or training, and advise you on other career and job seeking opportunities, or benefit entitlements. No appointment necessary, just call in.

Ladies Fitness

A chance for mums to meet and get fit at your own pace to great music. Limited childcare is available if required. Contact the Children's Centre on 01706 548140.

Todmorden Children's Centre

Day	Mornings	Time	Afternoons	Time
Monday	Reflexology Stay & Play	9.00-12.00 noon** 10.00-11.30am	Talk First Counselling Ladies Fitness	1.00-1.45pm* 1.30-5.00pm** 1.30-2.30pm*
Tuesday	Counselling Weaning (Monthly 1st Tuesday)	9.00-4.00pm** 9.30-10.30am	Counselling Yoga with Crèche	9.00-4.00pm** 1.30-3.00pm**
Wednesday	Bongo Bongos	10.00-11.00am	Baby Stay and Play/Baby Clinic (1.30-2.30pm) JobCentrePlus (Fortnightly)	1.30-3.30pm 1.30-3.30pm
Thursday	Lesbian Families Group (Monthly 3rd Thursday)	10.00-12.00noon	Counselling Messy Play	12.30-4.00pm** 1.30-2.30pm*
Friday	Ante-Natal Clinic Feeding Friendly	9.00am-2.00pm 10.00-11.30am	Young Parents' Group (2nd and last Friday of the month) Wild Things Drama Group	1.30-3.00pm 3.45-4.30pm*

Hebden Vale Children's Centre

Day	Mornings	Time	Afternoons	Time
Monday	Play Therapy all day** by Referral only			
Tuesday	Childminders Drop In (Monthly 2nd Tuesday)	9.30-11.30am	PEEP Group (Term time only)	1.30-2.45pm**
Wednesday	Family Stay and Play	10.00-11.30am	Baby Stay and Play	1.30-3.00pm
Thursday	Talk First	9.30-10.30am*	Sticky Fingers (starting February 23rd for 6 weeks) Young Parents' Group	1.00-2.00pm* 2.30-4.00pm
Friday	Ben's Story & Rhyme Time call 01422 844904	10.30-11.15am	Messy Play	1.30-2.30pm

Outreach Activities

Day	Mornings	Time	Afternoons	Time
Monday	Bongo Bongos Cornholme J & I School (term time only)	9.00-10.00am	Baby Stay & Play Brig Royd Health Centre, Ripponden	1.30-3.00pm
Tuesday	Stay and Play Luddenden area (term time only)	10.00-11.00am	Rhyme Rattle and Roll Cornholme J & I School (Tuesday from 10th January for 6 weeks)	3.30-4.30pm*
Wednesday			Stay and Play St Peter's Community Centre, Sowerby Bongo Bongos Ferney Lee School, (term time only) Soft Play, Family Drop-in Tod Sports Centre (term time only)	1.30-3.00pm 1.45-2.45pm 3.00-5.00pm
Friday	Bongo Bongos call 01422 844904 for location Baby Stay and Play Todmorden Health Centre	9.30-11.30am		
Saturday	Saturday Stars Fielden Centre, Todmorden (2nd Saturday every month) - enquiries to 01706 548140			11.00-1.00pm

* Booking Essential ** By referral/invitation only

Description of Groups

Messy Play

A bookable session for under 5s. A chance for your child to experience different textures and sensations in an enabling environment and you don't have to clean up! Please dress your child/ren in old clothes, you may want to bring a spare set. We really do mean messy play!

PEEP Group

This session is for families and children with undiagnosed or complex additional needs. By referral only. For more information please contact Amanda Jackson on 01422 224156.

Reflexology

A stress busting and relaxing complimentary therapy. For information or referral please speak to your Health professional or Children's Centre worker.

Rhyme Rattle and Roll

A chance to share music and songs with your child/ren and develop their listening and memory skills. Led by Ben Lawrence, Children and Young People's Library Services Officer.

Saturday Stars (formerly TALK)

Parenting can be hard and if your child has additional needs you might need extra support. All our groups are inclusive but 'Saturday Stars' group is dedicated to families with children who have disabilities or special needs. It is a positive and nurturing environment supported by knowledgeable and understanding staff, with suitable resources and activities.

Soft Play Area Family Drop In

A fun session in the Leisure Centre soft play area for families with under 5s. A Community Early Years Practitioner will provide exciting ideas for play.

Speech and Language

Speech and Language Therapist, Laura Gordon, visits Todmorden Stay and Play regularly. If you have any concerns about a child's speech, contact the Centre for details.

Stay and Play

A fun and friendly drop in session for under 5s where a Community Early Years Practitioner will support you with role model play activities and help your child/ren to become keen independent learners and socialise with friends.

Sticky Fingers

Get messy and creative with Calderdale Family Learning. Open to children aged 1+. This session is bookable. Starting 23rd February.

Talk First

A six week bookable session for you and your child to learn early communication and signing skills to support speech development. A great way to bond with your young child and increase their ability to express themselves.

Weaning

A monthly weaning group held Todmorden. A Community Nursery Nurse is on hand to give practical advice on early feeding. Contact 01706 811114 (or 01422 841218 in Hebden)

Wild Things

A six week bookable drama group for accompanied children aged 3+ with an emphasis on getting ready for school or moving on and up! Let your unique child shine through.

Yoga

Time for you to relax through gentle movement and stretching. Childcare is available if required. For information or referral please speak to your Health professional or Children's Centre worker.

Young Parent's Group

A group led session for young parents aged 25 and under and their child/ren. A parent link worker is there to provide support and parenting advice, and lots of fun activities and ideas for you to play and learn with your children. We offer adult and family learning sessions, plus have regular trips.

Notice Board

Training Days

Upper Valley Family Services will be holding their staff training days on:

Friday 2nd March 2012

Friday 1st June 2012

Monday 29th October 2012

Friday 08th March 2013

Notices will be displayed in the Centres to let you know that both Centres will be closed on that day.

Bookings

Due to consultation with families, we are no longer taking bookings for some of our groups. In order to keep groups safe and fun for your children, this sometimes means we have to put a notice on the door to say the session is full. To be fair to everyone, we are also unable to allow entry until 5 minutes before the session is due to begin.

DATA, DATA, DATA!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting the Children's Centres. Without you the Children's Centres could not exist.

We would like to send out a plea to ask you to help us to help you and other children and families in the area.

One of the ways that you can help us is by providing us with accurate, up-to-date information about you and your family.

Please be assured of two things:

1. The information is bound by the Data Protection Act and will remain strictly confidential
2. We do not ask for information unless it is vital to supporting you and Children's Centre services



By providing us with information we can tailor services to meet the needs of your family and your community. For example:

1. You can help by answering all the questions on the registration forms.
2. Reporting any changes in your circumstances means we can inform you of up and coming activities and events.

The Team is sensitive to the amount of requests for information and form filling but, like it or not, we live in a world where concrete evidence of service need and service impact is the means of ensuring future sustainable services. Again, your help is required by telling us:

1. If we are doing a good job,
2. If we could do it better,
3. If we are making a difference to you and/or your family
4. What else we could do to help you?

This information is vital to us so we can inform the Local Authority and the Government of what resources we need to continue supporting you in the Upper Valley.

Thank you.



Magical Games for a Rainy Day

A successful dads' event was held at the Fielden Centre in November. Lots of cardboard boxes were turned into castles, dens and board games, Jenga bricks were used for domino games and Lego and Duplo were used to build amazing concentric patterns by the children. Everyone said they really enjoyed it and the children could take home handmade dens, shields and board games.

Dads' events are used to give men and their children aged 0-14 years quality time together providing positive experiences doing activities that are more male focused.

Our next event is the 'Giant Paper and Card' Event which is on Saturday 25th February at 10am at the Fielden Centre. So come on dads – bring the kids and have lots of fun.

Todmorden Children's Centre Praised by Ofsted!

Todmorden Children's Centre and Nursery were inspected in November 2011. The inspection report complements the Children's Centre for their good safeguarding procedures and the support offered to safeguard families in times of crisis. *'The centres good safeguarding procedures, complemented by safe practice across the range of local authority partners, help children and their parents feel safe as they participate in children's centre activities.'*

The Children's Centre nursery received good grades in all the areas judged, including overall effectiveness of the early year's provision, effectiveness of the leadership and management, quality and standards of care and outcomes for children. The report noted: *'Overall the quality of the provision is good. Children are well cared for in a safe and caring environment where they make good progress in their learning through all areas of play. Children take part in a very good range of activities which are planned according to individual interests to promote awareness of diversity and inclusion. Strong leadership and management help build an effective staff team'*

During the inspection, inspectors spoke to parents, carers, staff, and partner organisations and also observed the work of the centre and its nursery provision. The inspector commended strong relationships with partners and that centre staff are held in high esteem by users. *'Staff are fully trained in respecting and sustaining equality and diversity. They are industrious in organising activities and resources to support children with special educational needs and/or disabilities and the small number of families from ethnic minority backgrounds.'*

Julie Ratcliffe Children's Centre Manager, said, *'We are delighted to receive a 'good' grade for our nursery provision. The children's welfare is at the heart of everything we do and we are pleased that the inspectors have recognised this and praised us for the high quality of the care we provide.'*

Overall the Children's Centre received a 'satisfactory' rating, and was described as *'a welcoming place that offers a suitable range of services, quality resources and information materials which generally reflect the community's diversity'*. The report went on to say that *'the concerted effort by centre staff and a wide range of early years partners, including local headteachers, has resulted in children in the area designated to be the most disadvantaged starting school with skills and knowledge equivalent to their peers.'*



Sandra's Home Corner Squishy, Squashy Soup!

Ingredients:

- 1 Butternut Squash (peeled and deseeded)
 - 2 tbsp Olive Oil
 - 2 onions (finely diced)
 - 1 garlic clove (crushed)
 - ½ -1 mild red chilli (deseeded and finely chopped)
 - 850ml hot Vegetable Stock
 - 4 tbsp of crème fraiche
1. Heat the oven to 200c/180c fan/gas 6. Cut the squash into large cubes and toss into a large roasting tin with half of the olive oil. Roast for 30 minutes turning once during cooking. They should be golden and soft.
 2. While the squash is cooking, melt the butter with the remaining oil in a large saucepan. Add the onions, garlic and ¾ of the chilli. Cover and cook on a very low heat for 15-20 minutes (until the onions are completely soft).
 3. Tip the squash into the pan and add the stock and crème fraiche. Blend (with a hand blender or blender) until smooth. Return to the pan and gently reheat before serving.

Wise up to Winter!

Travel

Before you travel, ensure that you are well prepared for your journey. You should have an Emergency Kit available and your tyres should be properly inflated. The kit should include:-

- Blankets
- Food
- Water
- A Shovel
- Any medication

You should check the weather forecast before you travel and don't make unnecessary journeys.



Babies and Young Children

It is very difficult for babies and young children to regulate their temperature in cold weather. Hands and feet are often cold so the best way to check is to rest the back of your hand against the skin on the back of your baby's neck or chest - if he/she feels warm there is no need to worry, if she is cool, add one layer or a blanket at a time. Babies cannot move round enough or shiver to produce sufficient heat on their own.



Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities

A Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Course has just been completed which is a positive parenting course giving tips and strategies for good parenting of toddlers to teens. Speak to any member of staff to find out when the next course begins.



Fire Safety

Hi, my name is Cristina and I am one of the fire wardens here at Todmorden Children's Centre. My job here is to keep you all safe and get everybody out of the building if there is a fire alarm...

Firstly there will be a really **LOUD** alarm that will probably make everybody jump! I will then put on my bright yellow jacket on, as modelled above!

I will show you the way to our fire exit, which in Todmorden is down the hall and through the nursery and exits to the car park outside. Lisa will show you the exits in Hebden Vale.

In order to do my job effectively, I need to ensure everyone - both big and small - exit the building as quickly and as safely as possible. Parents/Carers should leave all belongings. We do not need to worry if we don't have our shoes on, it is more important to be safe. We should not be rushing around looking for coats and prams, these can always be collected later. I will have a register of everyone in the building and will make sure that everyone is accounted for.

Our fire drills are treated exactly as a real fire alarm to ensure that we are ready and prepared if this happens.

Please remember... All we want out is YOU!

You are the most important thing so please leave the building quickly and do not worry about belongings.



Equality and Diversity - What does it mean?

The Upper Valley Family Services Team believes that every child and family matters. Our mission is to offer services that ensure everyone has fair and equal opportunities to reach their full potential.

At our Children's Centres we benefit from the diversity of experience that our families bring. Our team are committed to ensuring that all activities are inclusive for all children, young people and families. We recognise the importance of enabling all our children and their families equal access, as far as possible, to the facilities and activities we have to offer. If you or your child/ren have disabilities or special needs, please let us know so that we can ensure that we meet your needs.

Upper Valley Family Services have carried out analysis on three main areas of their service

- Health
- Family Support
- Enjoy and achieve

We are examining

- What service we provide
- What outcomes we would like to achieve for families in our locality
- What information we already have and
- What is it telling us.

We are considering whether any groups are affected in a different way to others because of

- Race or ethnicity
- Gender
- Age
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Religion or belief and
- Socially excluded communities for example rural isolated groups or areas of deprivation.

As a result of this analysis we have an action plan and the main areas are to improve our data collection and to carry out some targeted consultation to seek the views of families in the Upper Valley. The results of this will feed into our plans for next year and we will make it our priority to take all your views, thoughts and ideas into consideration.

We want Calderdale to be a place where we value everyone being different and through our actions we demonstrate that everyone matters. We welcome differences and celebrate culture, respecting the needs of the individual, the group and the Children's Centre community as a whole.

If you would like any further information about the Council's equality and diversity policy, or about how this shapes services in Upper Valley Family Services please contact Claire Broadbent on 01422 847444.

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Road Safety Week, 21st November 2011

During Road Safety Week our groups focussed on road safety which is an issue for this area. In 2010 there were 6 children aged 0-4 injured on our roads and a massive 26 in the 5-15 age range. Road safety awareness is crucial in getting this figure down. Stan the Lollipop Man is booked to come and give a short presentation to the Young Parents and Bongo Bongos Group in the New Year.

Stay safe when you're out and about