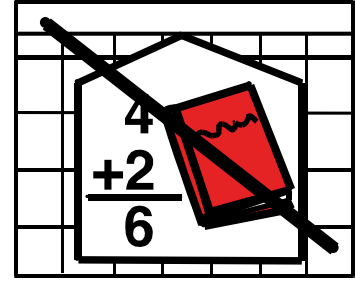




**South Manchester
Down's Syndrome Support Group**
Fulfilling Potential



July 2012

phone: 07593 542 107, email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk website: dsmanchester.org.uk

We are now a registered charity— Registered Charity No: 1147397

Chatterbox Club

Heaton Moor Evangelical church, Green Lane, Heaton Moor SK4 3LH 9.30am—12.15pm
Our Chatterbox Club is a family social occasion that also provides the opportunity for children to get together with others of a similar age for group speech therapy. For families who want to enroll for SLT, sessions are delivered by qualified speech and language therapists who have specialist training in the specific communication needs of people who have Down's syndrome. Parents and carers can pick up useful ideas and information from the therapists about how best to support their children's communication. If you do not enroll for the SLT sessions, you are welcome to join us for all the other activities. We also have arts and craft activities, sing and sign sessions and finish off with yoga.

If you would like to enroll your child in the SLT sessions:

September 22, October 20, November 17, December 8, please contact Bernadette, email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk, phone: 07593 542 107 before the beginning of September.

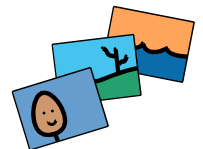
Our September and November Chatterbox clubs are subsidised by a grant from Sports Relief

Friday drop-in July 13 10am-12noon

Why not stop by for a coffee and a chat? Specialist Resource Centre, Central West Office, Westwood Street, Moss Side, M14 4PH. There is parking on the roads outside, opposite at the West Indian Centre, or the car park behind the centre on Roby Rd. Ring the bell for Specialist Resource Team and ask for the SMDSSG Drop -In.

Photos for Website

Our website is being redesigned. If you have any good quality, high resolution photos of your children that you are happy to publish on the website, please email them to: info@oblong.nu Please don't be disappointed if yours are not used—the designer will pick the best quality ones. **Many thanks**



Upcoming Training Organised by SMDSSG

Monday October 1 2012

Support and practice in primary education for children with Down's syndrome
Support and practice in secondary education for children with Down's syndrome
Please see enclosed flyers and booking forms.

Friday October 19 2012

A half day introduction to CLICKER-6 by Crick Software
Please see enclosed flyer and booking form.

Tuesday November 6 2012

Communication, language and reading in children with Down's syndrome
Please see enclosed flyer and booking form.

Thursday November 29 2012

A Training and Learning Day for parents of children with Down's syndrome aged 2-16 years and for special and mainstream education professionals about **supporting the development of numeracy skills**. Booking forms available in September

In addition to the training days, Gill will also be available for educational assessments and to visit schools and other education services, to offer advice and support.

Gill has worked with families, children and schools for 30 years, first in services for children and young people with developmental disabilities and challenging behaviour and then in a variety of roles for the benefit of children with Down's syndrome and their families, including leading early intervention services, support services for schools and training services. She has extensive knowledge about the development of children and young people with Down's syndrome and evidence based practice from birth to adulthood, with expertise in education, inclusion, social development and behaviour, language and cognitive development.

Assessments, school and other visits will be available from October 2-5 2012, dependent on bookings

1. Assessments For Children and Young People aged 2-18:

To cover general development and any specific areas you may be concerned about.

One and a half hours: £125

Additional written report: £100

2. If you have a child under 2 and a half years, you can book a **FREE** advice session.

3. For school visits: £500 per day, £250 for 4 hours, 2 hours for £125

To book any of these, please contact Bernadette Brooks:

phone: 07593 542 107, email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk

Please pass on this training, assessment and advice information to your child's school, other parents and other relevant professionals

phone: 07593 542 107, email: contact@dsmanchester.org.uk website: dsmanchester.org.uk

Cheshire Centre for Independent Living, covering the Cheshire East area

will be setting up and running three youth groups for young people with disabilities aged 8-18yrs in Macclesfield, Sandbach and Crewe. Attached are some leaflets and a referral form. **They can only take people who live in Cheshire.**

Funding news



Many thanks to **NJL Consulting** who have made a generous donation of £1,100 towards the funding of Chatterbox club. This donation was organised by Rob White, Henry's dad.

Well done **Milly Pickering** who decided to do a cake stall at school and raised £20—thank you Milly.

Rick & Kate Johnson - ran the Manchester 10K for us and **Joe Johnson** (Rick's father) sang in concert - the family raised £330—huge thanks!

We made a successful application to the Community foundation for a **Sport Relief Grant** and have received £970 to subsidise Chatterbox for September and October 2012.

Activities/Events

EST Donkey sanctuary Manchester, Green Fold Abbey Hey Manchester*

M18 8RJ, Tel 0161 301 4051 for details www.elisabethsvendsentrust.org.uk/view/manchester.

Saturday club July 21—Olympic Event £2 per child please call for details. For children with additional needs and their families. Rides are booked in as you arrive from 10am—1pm. Relax over a cup of tea/coffee, bring a picnic or have a snack and meet other parents, carers and supporters. **Please call to check details of summer riding days.**

All ability Cycling* No need to book, cycling for all abilities and opportunity to learn cycle skills with qualified teachers. **Please call the numbers given in advance for details.**

Trafford Wheelers Longford Athletics track, Ryebank Rd Stretford M21 9TA.

Mondays and Fridays 9.30 - 12.30, Tuesdays 9-4 £2 per session. Call Helen 07871621778.

Stockport Wheelers Woodbank Park,

Saturdays 2.00 -4.30, Thursdays and Fridays 9.30 - 12.30 Call Sue 07753428937.

Wythenshawe Wheelers

Saturdays 1—3pm, Tuesdays and Wednesday 9.30 - 12.30 £1.50 per session. The Athletics Facility, Wythenshawe Park, Wythenshawe Road, Manchester M23 0AB. Sue 07753428937

The Velodrome, The National Cycling Centre, Stuart Street, Manchester M11 4DQ

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 1 - 3.30pm, Call Helen 07871621778

CADS (Children's able and disabled sports) Clubs* If you are interested in any of the clubs or want to find out about summer events, please contact either Gemma or Paul at the Seashell Trust | Stanley Road | Cheadle Hulme | Cheshire | SK8 6RQ Direct Line: 0161 610 0124 | Main Switchboard: 0161 610 0100 | Fax: 0161 610 0101
paul.barrett@seashelltrust.org.uk : www.seashelltrust.org.uk/cads

- Tuesday: Climbing 6-7pm. £5 per session · Wednesday: Gymnastics 6-7pm. £3 per session
- Thursday: Yoga 4-5pm. £3 per session · Friday: Football 6-8pm. £3 per session*
- Saturday: Dance and Drama, 10am—1pm £3 per session *Football at St James Catholic High School.

Manchester CADS and other events*

Please contact Manchester Family Information Service for Information about summer activities and CADS on 0800 083 7921, email: fisinfo@manchester.gov.uk
short breaks menu at:

http://manchester.fsd.org.uk/kb5/manchester/fsd/category_results.page?category=748

Manchester Specialist Resource Team groups* Stay and play sessions for young children with disabilities are held throughout the city. For more information about any of these groups contact Donna Griffin on 219 2648

The Friendship Club* for school age children who have Down's syndrome, their siblings and friends to socialise together. Interested? Contact Caroline Sheehan on 0161-925-6153.

L'Arche prayer evenings* A chance for people with learning disabilities, their friends, carers, family and friends to pray and reflect together. Stay for a cup of tea and biscuits afterwards! Every first Wednesday in the month, 7.30pm, at Chorlton Central Church, Barlow Moor Road, Chorlton, M21 8BF (Corner of Zetland Road and Barlow Moor Road). Fully accessible venue. If you would like more information contact Kevin on 07714 397333 or at kevin.coogan@larche.org.uk.

***Please note: not run by the South Manchester Down Syndrome Support Group. For information only—we are not responsible for changes to date, time or venue. Please use the contact information supplied to confirm details and to ask any questions.**

Dates for your diary



Drop-in	July 13
Chatterbox	September 22
Education Training Day	October 1
Clicker 6 training	October 19

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