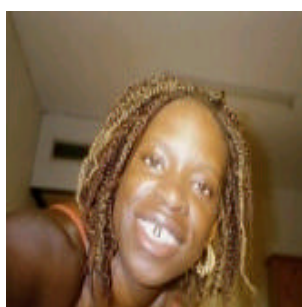


Coordinator's News



Welcome to the Autumn 2009 edition of the DPUK newsletter.

I am at a loss this month on where to start: children returning to school or starting school, starting a new job or perhaps you've

just had a baby or are waiting for the arrival!

My thoughts are with those parents who have sent their children to school for the first time or are preparing their Year 6 children for Secondary Schools. I am sure you would agree Parents view the day with a range of emotions...I remember I was very excited for my daughter when she was ready for school on the first day, but I was tearful when I left her, desperately trying to keep it together as I walked out!

Fast forward....my daughter is now in Year 6 and will be attending Secondary School next year...it's no easier to let her go! From the moment our children are born the time seems to speed up and I cannot believe how quickly she seems to have her own views and opinions and she is only 10!

The summer holidays are behind us and the evenings drawing in. I always find autumn a funny time of year with dark nights and dark morning – not my favourite time of year! However, I hope that you and your family have had a good summer, please do share your experiences, advice and opinions; it does help us and other members.

Until then, my very best wishes.

Nicole Campbell, DPUK Coordinator

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Newsflash...

New Editor for DPUK Newsletter

A warm welcome to Ceri Hughes, our new Editor of the DPUK Newsletter.



Some of you may have met Ceri as she attended our very successful Annual Conference in London during the summer.

Ceri is very keen to hear your feedback and views on our newsletter, and would like to know what changes or improvements you would like to see. A short survey is included later in the newsletter, but you can also send us your comments.

Please email your comments and/ or suggestions to: info@deafparent.org.uk

Or you can contact Ceri directly at ceri.hughes@kmpg.co.uk

Project Manager's Update: **Asif Iqbal, DPUK Project Manager**



We are so proud to have received more recognition 12 awards just within the last 12 months. So a very big thanks to all of you for your massive support to Deaf Parenting UK and our work. Clearly the recognition of the awards has had a positive impact and changes to deaf parents' lives and the importance of our work with Deaf parents and professionals/service providers who work with Deaf parents.

I'm also delighted to announce our two new ambassadors; Annette Brookes MP and Clarissa Williams, former president of National Association of Headteacher (NAHT). A warm welcome to them onto our Board of Ambassadors.

Within the media, we are seeing more Deaf actor/actress and we are impressed with Coronation Street and Eastenders who brought in real Deaf characters played by actual Deaf actor/actress.

Also a CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) was brought in to play 'Martha', a character of a child of Deaf parents for 'My Almost Famous Family'. Deaf Parenting UK were involved in promoting the search of CODA.

So, will the other soaps like Emmerdale, Hollyoaks, The Bill, Heartbeat and Doctors follows in bringing Deaf characters? We would certainly like see real Deaf parents/family in those programmes and to present positive image of deaf parents in the same way as any other family shows. And therefore encourage producers/programme makers to consider Deaf parents/families in their story-lines.

Also many congratulations to Marlee Martin, a well-known Deaf actress and a Deaf mum of 4 children. She broke through the ceiling and has become a well-known actress in Hollywood and won awards for her work. To mark her

achievement, her name has been marked onto the Hollywood Walk of Fame which made her the first ever Deaf actress listed on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. She has been an inspiration to many Deaf and hearing people, worldwide. To read more about her Walk of Fame on [page 4](#).

Finally, many congratulations to Dr Adam Kósa, a Deaf father of two children, who won European parliament seat. He is first Deaf MEP to have gain seat in the European Parliament.

Speaking of Deaf politicians which is few across the world, Helga Stevens (Deaf mum) was re-elected to serve the second term in the Flemish Parliament in Belgium. Likewise, Helene Jarmer, have becomes the first Austrian Deaf MP and Dimitra Arapoglu becomes the first Greek Deaf MP.

Parenting UK

We are working in partnership with Parenting UK and have raise awareness about the needs of Deaf parents in accessing to parenting services. We have written an article for their Newsletter, which has been sent to over 1,000 parenting practitioners about Deaf parents, our work and useful tips of how to remove barriers for Deaf parents and how to improve partnership working with Deaf parents.

Charity Times Award 2009, 9 September 2009



The Charity Times Awards continue to be the pre-eminent celebration of best practice in the UK charity and not-for-profit sector and with 2009.

After a long night with 18 categories, the last two categories on **Outstanding Individual Achievement** – Sabina Iqbal, Chair and founder, Deaf Parenting UK was a runner up and the **Charity of the Year** – Deaf Parenting UK was a runner up too.

GG2 Leadership Diversity and Equality Award 2009, 15 September 2009



The GG2 Leadership & Diversity Awards are hosted by the

Asian Media & Marketing Group at a lavish ceremony in London on 15th September 2009 at the Grosvenor Hotel, London.

The Asian Media & Marketing Group (AMG) is Britain's biggest Asian publishing house. With a 40 year heritage, AMG publishes a stable of market leading magazines for the Asian community in the UK and USA. The company hosts a number of hugely successful events and award dinners affiliated with its magazines.

The 11th Annual GG2 Leadership and Diversity Awards was a premier ceremony highlighting and showcasing ethnic achievement, celebrating the very best of multi-cultural Britain on their 'Inspirational Leadership in times of change'. All award winners were outstanding individuals who have excelled and overcome barriers against the odds. The GG2 Leadership & Diversity Awards were honoured and privileged to have Rt Hon. Tony Blair, former Prime Minister, as the keynote speaker at this year's gala awards ceremony.



(L-R): Hardeep Singh (comedian); Robin Bailey (sponsor); Cherie Blair; Sabina with award, Ramikal (Editor of GG2) and Gillian Joseph (Sky)

Sabina Iqbal has been honoured in the **GG2 Leadership and Diversity Award 2009: Achievement through Adversity**, presented

by Cherie Blair, the wife of former Prime Minister, Ramnikal Solanki CBE, Editor - in-chief of the Asian Media and Marketing Group, Robin Bailey, Insurance & Investment Director and Chairman the Diversity and Equality Opportunities Committee, Nationwide and Gillian Joseph, Sky News presenter.

NEW Ambassadors: Annette Brooke MP and Clarissa Williams:

Annette Brooke MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Children Schools and Families & Vice Chair of All Parliamentary Parties Groups (APPGs) for Children, Endometriosis and Parents and Families.



"I am delighted to become a new Ambassador for Deaf Parenting UK and have long admired the excellent work that they do. I know that they will be helpful in my role as Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Children and Families and also for my work in my own Constituency of Mid Dorset and North Poole."



(L-R: Asif Iqbal, Annette Brooke, MP and Sabina Iqbal)

Clarissa Williams, Former President of National Association of Head teachers

"I am thrilled to be invited to be an educational ambassador for the Deaf Parenting UK as an organisation."

As a long serving Head teacher and recent president of the National Association of Head teachers, NAHT, I know how vital it is



for parents and educational services to work together in the best interests of children's well-being and progress in learning.

I have become increasingly familiar with the particular needs of

deaf parents who want to be closely involved in their children's education. I am aware of some of the difficulties they encounter in communicating their wish to be an equal part of the relationship that other parents take for granted. Many of the issues can be resolved through closer listening and an acknowledgement that deaf parents have an entitlement to be involved in all aspects of their child's education.

I see my role very much as one of advocacy, working with others to improve ways of communicating in order to break down the barriers that still exist for those deaf parents who feel excluded from supporting their children in their learning."

Marlee Matlin receives Walk of Fame Star

Oscar winner Marlee Matlin, (deaf) wiped away tears as her star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame was unveiled.



Marlee Matlin received the 2,383rd star on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street, honouring an extensive television and movie career, including being the youngest winner of the best actress Academy Award.

The actress, who won the Academy Award and Golden Globe for Best Actress for her role in *Children of a Lesser God*, welled up as Henry Winkler read a poem she wrote when she was 12 about how she wanted to be an actress.

She said through a sign-language interpreter, "I really am humbled to be here today with all of

you on this magnificent street of dreams, the Hollywood Walk of Fame."

Marlee, 43, who lives in Los Angeles with her husband and four children, has also been nominated for Emmy Awards for her performances in *Seinfeld*, *Picket Fences*, *The Practice*, and *Law & Order*. She is the author of *Deaf Child Crossing*.

My Almost Famous Family – We've Only Just Begun – Episode 1 (12 September 2009)

A deaf character in its major new series ***My almost Famous Family***, a comedy drama about a musical family who sing together in a television pop group.

Deaf Parenting UK worked with the researcher, sought high and low to find a young child actress to play 'Martha' with BSL and have experiences of having Deaf parents/families for the programme.

An executive producer of the programme, confirmed that a child has been found and is a perfect for the character. And the name of the child is Rachel Brady.



Steven Andrew, executive producer "We looked at my almost Famous Family and decided to explore what would happen if eight

year old Martha was to be deaf.

How would a deaf character interact in the everyday lives of a musical family and overcome the odds that would pose?"

"I hadn't done any acting before, this was my very first time," reveals Rachel, who loves English and science at school. "I'd always wanted to act."

So how did Rachel get the part of Martha, who is deaf?

"My sign language teacher told me about it, so I sent off a DVD audition – and they chose me," explains Rachel. "Then I went and did an audition, which was quite scary, and they chose me again!"



Rachel Brady, eight, makes her acting debut as baby of the family Martha.

So what's Martha like?

"Martha is the one who sorts out all the problems," giggles Rachel.

"She's funny and sometimes bosses the others around. I would like to be like her as she's fantastic! I got to wear very nice clothes as Martha – if there's a party she has to wear something pink and purple. I got to keep some of the clothes too!"

Martha is deaf and Rachel has been able to sign for years as both her parents are deaf, and she attends a school which has a unit for a number of deaf children who are integrated into the school.

"I learnt to do sign language when I was very little. It was quite hard at first, but then it got easier," she reveals. "In the end me and the signing teacher had to teach all of the cast how to sign."

As the youngest member of the cast was Rachel seen as the baby on set?

"The other cast members looked after me – I can't really choose a favourite cast member as all of them are my best, best friends. Even the boys are really nice."

What was Rachel's favourite thing about being in a TV show?

"The best thing I'd have to say is getting to meet new people," says Rachel. "My favourite storyline would be when I had to do karate. Hadley thinks he's stronger than Martha so I had to learn it and karate chop him!"

Coronation Street Deaf Star Ali Briggs set for Return

Deaf actress Ali Briggs is returning to Corrie, the Daily Mirror Newspaper has reported. Ali first starred in eight episodes playing Emily Bishop's deaf niece Freda.



She left after being upset by Norris Cole who resented the attention she was getting from Emily. Now Coronation Street staff are bringing Freda back on screen in July, along with her fiancé.

A Corrie source said: "Norris struggled to deal with her deafness and this led to some great comedy scenes at Norris's expense.

"Freda was cast in the mould of many great Corrie women, she was funny, nosy and a smart woman who just happened to be hard of hearing. We hope to carry on where we left off with her."

EastEnders – Deaf Boy Noah Chambers



Syd Chambers introducing his boyfriend Bradley Branning to her son, **Noah Chambers**, and explaining that **Noah** is deaf. He bonded well with Bradley.

DPUK NEWSROUND *Deaf Parenting News in UK/Worldwide...*

India's first sign language course for deaf students launched by University of Central Lancashire in New Delhi



03 September 2009 - The International Centre for Sign Languages and Deaf Studies (iSLanDS Centre) at the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan), and its Indian partner, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), today launched an unprecedented new sign language programme in New Delhi. The new course will benefit the professional education of deaf students both in India and across the world.

The Indian programme includes a university preparatory "Year Zero" course, which will lead on to the first-ever BA degree in Applied Sign Language Studies. Taught in India, the innovative programme is specifically adapted to the needs of deaf sign language users.

The initial cohort of more than 30 deaf students includes not only Indians, but also people from Uganda, Nepal and China who will all earn both Indian and British qualifications.

Professor Ulrike Zeshan, Director of the iSLanDS Centre at UCLan, said: "Our vision is for deaf students in developing countries to gain professional qualifications at a university level. For the first time, deaf communities will then be able to speak with a voice of authority on matters that concern them, empowering the entire deaf community."

She added: "We are very keen for the BA programme to be international right from the beginning. Therefore, we have provided a number of scholarships for both Indian and international students through the Deaf Empowerment Foundation."

Today's launch function was attended by IGNOU's academic leaders, including the Vice-Chancellor, Professor V. N. Rajasekharan Pillai, who pledged his complete support for an "innovative and truly international programme".

At the launch, the audience watched as the students introduced themselves in sign language, translated by a sign language interpreter. One generous member of the audience, recognising the value of the new programme, declared her intention to sponsor two students for the entire length of the course.

Congratulating the academic heads of the UK-Indian collaboration Professor Zeshan and Professor Ramanujam, the IGNOU Vice-Chancellor added: "I am convinced that this will be a world class programme, from which the whole world will benefit."

Sibaji Panda, the first deaf Indian to study for a PhD in sign language linguistics and course leader for the new programme, said: "In India, most sign language tutors have no formal university qualifications and most teachers in deaf schools do not have any sign language qualifications. To address this, we intend to admit 40 students annually onto the BA course from next year onwards."

The iSLanDS Centre and IGNOU are jointly developing a vision for a Deaf College, where Indian and international deaf students can study a range of undergraduate and postgraduate courses within a sign language environment that is fully accessible for them.

Inspirational Deaf Politicians:

Dr. Adam Kosa: First Deaf Member of the European Parliament (MEP)



Deaf lawyer, Dr. Ádám Kósa has won a seat at the European Parliament. Ádám Kósa won his seat in the European

Parliament as his party FIDESZ secured 56.37% of the votes nationally in Hungary.

Helga Stevens re-elected as a Member of Flemish Parliament



Former European Union of the Deaf Director and President, Helga Stevens, was re-elected to serve the second term in the Flemish Parliament in Belgium. Former EUD Director and President, Helga Stevens, was re-elected to serve the second term in the Flemish

Parliament in Belgium.

Helene Jarmer becomes the first Austrian Deaf Member of Parliament

The Austrian Green Party recently won two seats at the European Parliament therefore clearing the way for Helene Jarmer to become a Member of the Parliament at Austria.



Dimitra Arapoglu becomes the first Greek Deaf Member of Parliament.



Jackie Chan, Actor launches Deaflympics 2009 in Taipei.

Jackie was recruited to promote the Deaflympics event which runs from 4th -16th September 2009 in Taipei. For the TV advert, Jackie use sign language to promote the event. To see the TV advert, visit

<http://www.sign-tube.com/video/657/Jackie-Chan-Launches-Summer-2009-Deaflympics-Taiwan>

To learn more about the Deaflympics event, <http://www.sign-tube.com/tags/Deaflympics>

World Deaf Day, Belgium

The event took place on 26th September 2009 and our chair Sabina gave presentation to delegates about Deaf Parenting UK in BSL via video, explaining what we do and how we were set up, as a useful model to be considered for use in their country.

Department Children, Schools and Families British Sign Language pilot project

In June 2008 Andrew Adonis announced that a grant would be made available for organisations to bid to run an innovative pilot project, for up to two years (2009-11), to increase awareness of British Sign Language (BSL) and to up skill the specialist workforce.

This project is a key work strand for the DCSF in helping to narrow the attainment gap between deaf children and their peers.

Other work in this area includes: committing resources to boost the number of teachers enrolling on mandatory qualification courses relating to deafness, from September 2009, including providing funding for additional places.

Project rationale

Following a series of discussions with key stakeholders (including RNID, BDA, NDCS and Royal school for Deaf children Exeter,

UCLAN, Merseyside Deaf Society, and Signature) about the importance of BSL and listening to the concerns they had about its status in schools, ministers decided that there was scope to:

- raise awareness of BSL and of deaf culture in general
- raise awareness of BSL amongst the school workforce
- up skill the current specialist workforce
- provide appropriate support to parents who would like their children to learn to communicate using BSL
- ensure the sustainability of the newly up skilled specialist workforce beyond the lifetime of the project.

A Steering Group was assembled drawing together experts, parents, key stakeholders and local authority representatives. Utilising the vast experience of its members the Group developed a specification that invited bidders to develop proposals to look specifically at:

- increasing awareness of BSL and choice for families with deaf children
- increasing demand across the children's workforce to improve their BSL skills and qualifications
- increasing availability of qualified BSL tutors, courses and interpreters demonstrating that the project can be sustained beyond the pilot project's lifetime. (More information can be found <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/sen/datatypes/vihimsi/bslpp/bslfaqs/>)

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Deaf parents with kids recently went to one of Haven's Holiday Park in Norfolk and reported *"Our kids loved every moment of it. Sandy beach and facilities at the holiday park are great. We were impressed with Haven Staff, although new to Deaf parents but the holiday park is very family friendly and encouraging more Deaf families to visit. They were also available to assist to meet our needs. We even had cot and bed guard for our two youngsters and the children entertainments were visual and fun even though some of the acts went over our head! What would be great if Haven or similar park have staff with BSL and caption for their entertainment so that all of us can follow! The location was great and so near to Great Yarmouth, a great day out for all of us!"*

To learn more about Haven holidays, check out their website on <http://www.haven.com>

If you have any positive experiences to share about your holidays in UK or abroad to share with other Deaf parents, we want to hear from you. Email us on info@deafparent.org.uk

Useful Resources *Sharing information....*

British Sign Language resources for older children

Due to the rising popularity of Baby Signing, the number of resources

to support babies that sign has grown. But what about older children who use sign language? What resources are available for them?

Until now, very little, but accompanying a new series of books to help children deal with things for the 'First Time' are sets of British Sign Language cards that illustrate key vocabulary.



In an extension from the popular Child's Play baby signing resources, the cards cover more advanced vocabulary, including feelings and prepositions.

Using sign language with all children results in increased concentration, improved behaviour and improved spelling and literacy. The use of sign language is becoming more common in nurseries and schools and is even highlighted in the EYFS guidance.



Child's Play is already the market leader in Baby Signing resources and has gained the support of organisations such as the NDCS and Deaf Parenting UK as well as Baby Signing classes across the country.

The cards can be purchased with the books for £8.99 per set or separately for £5.99 each.

For more information please contact Beth Cox on 01793 616 286 or beth@childs-play.com

SMS to Emergency Services

Emergency SMS are trialing a service that lets deaf, hard of hearing and speech-impaired people in the UK send an SMS text message to the UK 999 service where it will be passed to the police, ambulance, fire rescue, or coastguard.

Simply by sending an SMS message to 999 you can call for help and the emergency services will be able to reply to you. If this trial service is a success then the service will be launched during 2010.

Registering your mobile phone

You need to register your mobile phone before using the trial emergency SMS service. This is best done **before** you can ask for help.

You can register on their website or by sending an SMS text message from you mobile phone by sending sms text "REGISTER" on 999 and you will receive a reply asking you to accept to be registered with the emergency sms service.

For more information, please check out the website: <http://emergencySMS.org.uk>

DPUK Announcement *Sharing your news....*

DPUK Deaf Families Event

Children In Need Fund Update

Sadly, DPUK's Funded Deaf Families Event from Children In Need, for provision of twelve 'one monthly' fun activity events in the London Regions for the period September 2008 – August 2009 has now come to an end.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working and participating in such events which was an opportunity for Deaf families to be entertained in a deaf friendly environment and meet new people.

Hyde Park Lido – 30th August 2009

Following cancellation of the July event at Hyde Park Lido, in which the day of the planned event had a downpour, the event was rescheduled for 30th August and despite the not so good weather, 7 Deaf parents and 6 children attended on courtesy of DPUK.

The Lido is part of the Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park on the South bank with a screened, pay-to-enter enclosure; there is a paddling pool, a sandpit, swings and a slide.

It is a great place for adults and children to get refreshed mingle and watch the world go by.



sciencemuseum

Deaf Parenting UK launched mutual working partnership with The Science Museum

There were lots of Deaf families interested in the Science Museum BSL Events. The fun free family events are run on the first Saturday of every month, with provision of British Sign Language Interpreters.

The weekend of 5th September recorded a number of Deaf families attended to this event, which is great news as we would like to encourage Deaf Families to experience the exciting range of activities and events that is available and geared for deaf parents and their children.

Look out for more information about forthcoming events or check out the Science Museum website on:

www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/bsl



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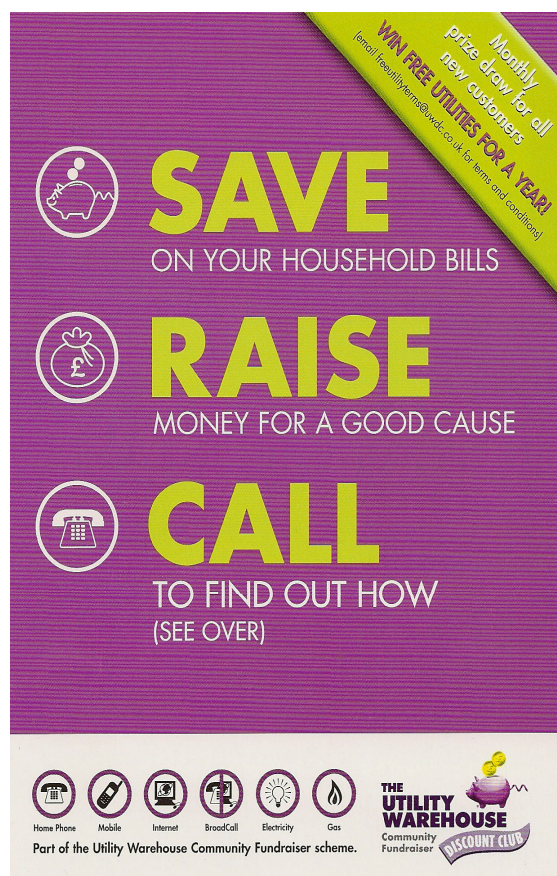
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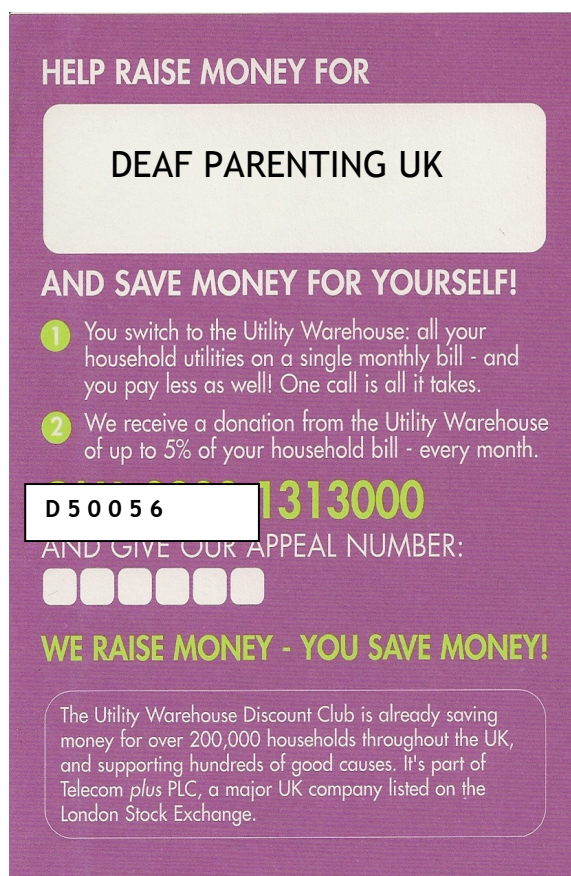
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‘Aiming High for Disabled Children’ Clown school for deaf children

Deaf Services Children and Families Team ran a very enjoyable Clown school which was held for one week in August 2009 in conjunction with a professional and experienced clown, Andy the Clown. Hearing children who had deaf parents also joined in.

A fantastic time was had by all, including the supervising staff, learning the art of being a clown. Juggling balls, scarves, plate spinning, conducting magic, balloon modelling, Tightrope walking (yes, we actually did!), Balancing, Clown dress-up, makeup and much much more. We finished the week having fun with a clown party and performed a clown show for families and friends.

Not only did was Andy the Clown able to converse with the children using British Sign Language disregarding the need for an interpreter, he also spoke with the hearing children. Having a vast experience of working with children with special needs Andy was able to mix relaxed activities with dynamic energetic activities.

Positive outcome of the event include, seeing children’s confidence soaring, new friends were made, being able to socialise with each other in a comfortable relaxed atmosphere, there were no communication barriers, and most importantly of all.....ALL the children went home with big smiles! Photos can be found on facebook groups “deaf kent clown school”.

These quotes are a tiny representation of those received from the parents taking the children to the clown school.

“Just to say a BIG BIG BIG thank you to Andy for all your Hard work. It was very much appreciated. Kids have been bothering me as to when you would be back to conduct another week of clown school!!!

They all absolutely loved you! They were on their hands and knees... begging... please... please... please... They are proposing a waiting list starting now!!!

We all thought you took on the “school” very well, was well organised, and full of ideas and inspirations. There was never a dull moment in the whole week and BEST OF ALL...you were able to communicate with the kids directly in BSL... They were in awe of you. ☺

Further information on booking Andy the Clown for your children’s parties, events, clown schools etc please visit www.AndytheClown.co.uk





Notice Board



Parent & Toddler Groups:



Action Deafness Parent & Baby/Toddler Group

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The Deafness Resource Centre and Sure Start playgroup ' **Happy Hands**' for children Deaf, HOH parents & Hearing parents of deaf HOH children under 5yrs.

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TJ Jobson and Stuart Harrison have stepped down from their roles as trustee board members. On behalf of DPUK, a big thank you for their contributions and expertise to Deaf Parenting UK, they will be sorely missed but not be forgotten!