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## Pre-School & Out of School Club Newsletter

### Sainsbury Active Kids

We have registered Banwell Buddies to collect the Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers. A box for collecting these will soon appear in the pre-school for you to post your vouchers into. Please let Grandparents know and tell other Sainsbury's shoppers you may know, so that we can collect as many vouchers as possible. There is a large range of activity and sports equipment we can exchange the vouchers for, so the Children will get some great new toys at Banwell Buddies. Many thanks.

### Bristol 10k

The Bristol 10k is once again almost upon us, on the 10th May, Gareth Thomas and Lisa Pinchen will be running this event in aid of Banwell Buddies. Gareth being the lesser of the two runners, will especially be attempting to beat his time of 1 hr 13 mins he set himself last year. Gareth will be placing a sponsor form in the Playgroup, so please help them raise money for Banwell Buddies.

### Charity Disco & Gaming Night

On the 6th June, Banwell Buddies will once again be running a gaming night, this time however, we will be providing a Disco. Also planned is a photographer (TBC), Roulette Table and Black Jack Table. The Tables will be run by Gareth Thomas and Shane Nobes. Our James Bond night successfully raised £200 despite a low turnout, we are hoping that you will all decide to come along and have some fun and help raise even more money.

Note: There will be no movie this time round!

### Future Fundraising

The following Fundraising Activities are planned, if anyone would like to or can help with any of them please come forward. It would be much appreciated.

5/5/2009

Bristol 10k (two Parents running in Aid of BB)

6/6/2009

Charity Disco & Gaming Night

?/6/2009

School Summer Fete (Date to be confirmed)

4/7/2009—18/7/2009

Banwell Carnival (*Playgroup and School will be joining forces to help raise money for both establishments*)

*Further information to follow shortly)*

### Fundraising Help

Victoria Nobes, Brandons mum, is due set a date for the fundraising team meeting if you would like to join please speak to her

### Family Disco success

Banwell Buddies Staff and Committee, would like to thank all those involved with the organisation of this Disco, special thanks to Kerry for heading it up, and Ian for providing a free disco. The disco helped raise just over £200.

### Bags 2 School

Thank you to all who took part with this, we will shortly be finding out how much money was raised. In the meantime the next Bag 2 School will be in roughly 6 weeks time, more info to follow. Once again, thanks.

## Out of School Club Closure

It is with great regret that Banwell Buddies have had to make the decision to Close the Out of School Club. Unfortunately despite our best efforts, the OSC is no longer sustainable therefore we have had to take the decision to close the facility, thanks to those who supported the facility during its 6 years and to the parents who attended the recent meeting regarding the possible closure of the club

### Wellies

Parents are reminded that all Children must have a pair of Wellies present at Playgroup. We are taking the children out into the Garden even if the ground is wet and muddy. Therefore we would like to try and keep the amount of mud entering the building or even protect children shoes from getting muddy. Your help with this would be much appreciated

### Parent Rota

We currently have a couple of mums who regularly join us during the sessions, if any Parent, Grandparent or Carer would you like to join us maybe once a month and see what happens whilst your child attends, then please add your name to the Rota list situated next to the signing in/out form on the main desk. This is a wonderful opportunity to see and play with your child in the playgroup environment.

### Junk Donations

Banwell Buddies would like all parents or carers to not throw away cardboard or anything that can be used for Junk Modelling. If you have anything at all, then please consider just putting it to one side and bringing it along to Playgroup for the children to use!

Your help in this would be much appreciated.

### Newsletter Mailing List

If you would rather in future, receive your Newsletter via email and help save paper and ink for Banwell Buddies, please can you contact either Gareth Thomas or Vikki Fitzpatrick to give your email address.

We have been operating this system for a while now, and it is very successful, at no point is your email used other than Newsletter or other Banwell Buddies related matters.

### WOW Cards

Playgroup staff has asked me to remind all parents, that WOW Cards are available to use. They are situated near the signing in sheet on the main table. A WOW card is very useful for Staff to know what your child is doing outside of Playgroup. It also gives a child joy in being rewarded for doing something special, either on their own or helping.

### Half Term Dates

4th—19th Apr

20th Apr (Inset Day) School & Playgroup Closed

25th July—2nd Sept (Summer)

23rd—31st May

## HAPPY EASTER

**Banwell Buddies Staff and Committee would like to wish everyone a happy easter. We hope that you all enjoy the next couple of weeks off, and look forward to seeing everyone on the 21st April.**