



NEW DEAL FOR COMMUNITIES - RESIDENTS WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Child Safety Day

A day-long event to promote child safety has been a massive success, with over 400 local children taking part.

Pupils from Lynnfield Primary School learnt valuable safety messages from agencies such as Cleveland Fire Brigade, Children's Information Services, RNLI, Cleveland Police, St. Johns Ambulance, Hartlepool Borough Council Road Safety, Sure Start Central Children's Centre Initiative and Health Development.

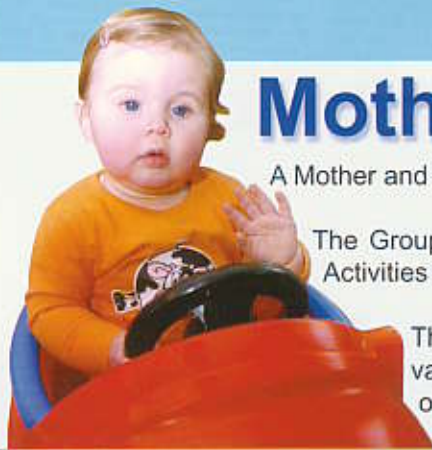
The children aged between 3 and 11 travelled round various indoor and outdoor exhibitions. The aim of the event was to make children aware of the various ways in which they can stay safe and it is hoped that this life-saving information will stay with them until they get older.

Manager of the NDC funded Lynnfield Learning Centre Anthony Brownbridge, said: "It is exciting to be involved in an event which will send out vital safety messages to so many young children. A large number of partner agencies have helped us in driving the safety message forward – I would like to thank all the agencies involved for making such a difference to the event."

Tony Dale from Cleveland Fire Brigade added: "We are delighted to have taken part in such a worthwhile event. We aimed to deliver a safety message in a way that the young people would not only understand but take home and share with other members of the family."

The Child Safety Day was organised by the Steering Group of Jackson Children's Centre and took place on Thursday 2nd March.

For more information contact the Lynnfield Centre on 232946.



Mother and Toddler Group

A Mother and Toddler Group are looking for new members to join in their weekly fun.

The Group meets every Thursday at "The Oz" on Osborne Road between 12.45pm and 1.45pm. Activities include arts and crafts, story-time, summer trips, children's toys and barbeques.

There is a £1 per family fee for the Mother and Toddler Group which goes towards funding the various summer trips and refreshments. Children are welcome between the ages of 0-5 and older children are welcome in the school holidays.

Mother and Toddler Group

For more information please contact Liz on 866836.

Party on at the Stranton Centre

Wanting to organise a birthday party, but don't want all the mess?

Then why not hold your celebration at the Stranton Centre where staff can cater for your every need. You can either book the room or take advantage of a themed event including basketball, football, soft play, bouncy castles and fit tots.

Parties can be organised for up to 30 people, costs are extremely reasonable and are on a per party basis. Stranton Centre staff need a minimum of 7 days notice for a party with the venue widely available over weekends and school holidays.

For more information please contact Sharon at the Stranton Centre on 231329.



Centre Manager Sharon Pounder

NDC Community Chest

The NDC Community Chest is still available for residents and community groups living in the NDC area.

Small-scale community initiatives, which help to improve the quality of life for NDC residents and individuals in pursuit of personal achievement, can be supported by the grant.

The maximum grant for group applications for 06/07 is £2000 and the maximum for individuals is £250. The NDC grant is an asset to residents due to the lack of funding in the town-wide Community Chest pot.

Applicants are encouraged to contribute 25% towards their own project and seek support and advice from the fund administrators to be signposted to other information and funders.

Richard Winn - the NDC newsletter cartoonist - made use of the Community Chest to help develop his talent further. Richard used the grant to purchase arts materials to assist with the development of the 'Artlepool 'Arry cartoon and other art.

Application forms and criteria relating to the grant can be found at www.hvda.org.uk/funding.htm or alternatively, you can contact HVDA on 262641 for more information.

