


Good to Know

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Working with Families News

News:	For more info:
<p>Would you like to become a Changes Parenting Practitioner and support families with children aged 0-19? Book a place and receive high quality resources to support you in helping parents develop skills in managing behaviour, communicating effectively, routines, online safety and much more. The training is currently free to staff working with families in Sandwell.</p>	<p>Simply log onto the booking page and sign up for the core and common course on the 17th and 19th January and then select either one or more of the specialist age ranges.</p> <p>https://bookwhen.com/parentsupport</p>
<p>There are lots of free Christmas themed activities for families with pre-schoolers happening this December so please book quickly to avoid disappointment. We are also very excited to have Train Time sessions taking place – pre-schoolers can pretend to be a train driver and take their train on a journey around a room filled with tracks, bridges, tunnels and more.</p>	<p>To book, please go to https://bookwhen.com/book4changes</p>
<p>Ready Steady Wean is a brand new session led by the friendly and knowledgeable Community Nursery Nurses, who work as part of Sandwell's Health Visiting Team. They will provide parents with lots of useful information about how to wean baby safely and every parent that attends gets a free weaning starter pack.</p>	<p>There are sessions happening across Sandwell in November and December</p> <p>https://bookwhen.com/book4changes</p>
<p>Visit the Supporting Sandwell hub and find out how Sandwell Council are supporting residents with the cost of living. This includes the 'Warm Spaces' initiative being run across the 6 towns. Libraries and other venues will provide a safe, warm and welcoming place for residents to go.</p>	<p>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/supportingsandwell</p>
<p>Sandwell Parents for Disabled Children have a number of free activities taking place during December including the return of their Christmas party. Bookings MUST be sent to spdcbooking@sp-dc.org to avoid disappointment.</p>	 <p>Family Activities</p>
<p>Sandwell's annual Safer 6 community safety partnership campaign is now on and runs until 11 December. It is Sandwell's community safety partnership campaign aimed at raising awareness, boosting engagement with communities, tackling concerns and showcasing services and support available.</p>	<p>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/safer6</p>

<p>Devised by Sandwell's Prevent Team, a new guide for parents /carers has been launched to help keep children safe online and to stop them being targeted by extremist material. The guide covers apps and games, social media platforms, message boards, fake news and clickbait.</p>	<p>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/online-safety</p>
<p>UK Safer Internet Centre has released a set of online safety educational resources to support professionals working with or for children and young people. The resources are tailored to 3 to 18-year olds and include lesson plans, assemblies, games and other activities for children.</p>	<p>https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2023/educational-resources</p>
<p>Sandwell Young Carers has a number of job opportunities available including a Short Breaks Co-ordinator, Sessional Youth/Play Leaders and Transport Escort. The organisation will be closing the vacancies on receipt of suitable applications.</p>	<p>It is recommended that if you are interested, to apply with immediate effect. You can do this by emailing ellen.hardwick@sandwellyc.org.uk for an application pack.</p>
<p>BBC Children in Need has launched a grants stream to support the core costs of registered charities and not-for-profit organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 years or under. Organisations can apply for grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years to support essential organisational and administrative costs such as HR and payroll, general office expenses, accountancy and audit, communications and outreach.</p>	<p>https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/grants/apply/core-costs/</p>
<p>Are you or someone you know thinking about your future and career options? If so, here's a date for your diary. Meet with training and apprenticeship providers, employers, colleges, universities and Connexions Sandwell advisers to discover your next steps. On Saturday 21 January 2023 from 9.30am till 10am quiet zone for young people with special needs, from 10am onwards is open to all at West Bromwich Albion Football Club, The Hawthorns, Halfords Lane, West Bromwich, B71 4LF.</p>	<p>Suitable for anyone aged 14-19 (up to 25 for SEND) not currently in education, employment or training. Please book your spot in advance.</p> <p>https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/new-year-new-start-2023-tickets-458462221847</p>
<p>Find out when Sandwell's 2022 festive illuminations are being switched on in each of the six towns. There will be entertainment, music, stalls and carols a plenty.</p>	<p>https://www.sandwell.gov.uk/news/article/6539/sandwell-lights-up-for-christmas-2022</p>
<p>If you would like to promote services or information in this newsletter or share a good news story, please contact the team.</p>	<p>Parent Support Team parent_support@sandwell.gov.uk</p>