



Hop skip & jump Bristol- AGM report

June 2017

At Hop skip and Jump Bristol we support many families and children by providing various sessions and types of provision.

Alternative learning:

Monday-Friday during the term time we support primary school children that have been excluded or they are very close to exclusion and need an intervention to prevent this from happening. Children may be experiencing difficulties in school due to additional needs, medical conditions, experiencing/ witnessing abuse and trauma and other underlying reasons. Here at Hop skip and jump, we focus on the social and emotional aspects of developing, allowing them to learn and develop through play with support from a well experienced staff team. Our support allows them to develop the skills needed to learn and engage, which is so important for them. Here, they are understood and valued as an individual, and with our support they can flourish and begin to manage their emotions in a safe way. We currently are supporting 11 primary children that have had regular fixed term exclusions and are very close to permanent exclusion. We work closely alongside the school/ local authority and the professionals throughout the duration they are with us. We also

work with their new school placements to ensure the transitions are smooth and that the childrens needs are met.



We have had new referrals from previous school contacts, as our support has been so effective with previous referrals. This has been great as we are building relationships and connections and supporting more children. We have also had new referrals from schools and lead professionals, that have heard about our provision through advertising online, our alternative learning open day, and through word of mouth.

After school clubs:

We currently run two afterschool clubs on Wednesday and Fridays throughout the term time 3:30- 6:00. We have children attend from local special schools aswel as local mainstream schools. These are play based sessions where the playworkers set up activities including games, sensory play, cooking, and lots more. The children can explore and be cared for in stimulating environment.

Respite:

Our respite sessions continue every Saturday and Monday- Saturday throughout the holidays. These sessions are very popular and we are getting new referrals on a regular basis.



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Half term activities



| Monday 29 th May | Tuesday 30 th May | Wednesday 31 st May | Thursday 1 st June | Friday 2 nd June | Saturday 3 rd June |
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| Bank holiday - centre closed | AM- Bristol autism project centre hire 12:30- 4:30 respite & stay and plays available | Respite and stay and plays available 9:30- 4:30 | AM- Bristol autism project centre hire 12:30- 4:30 respite & stay and plays available | Respite and stay and plays available 9:30- 4:30 | Respite and stay and plays available 9:30- 4:30 |
| | Activities: Crafts: Junk modelling Moon dough sensory play Laser beam challenge! | Activities: Baking and decorating fairy cakes Treasure hunt with words Monster slime sensory play Crafts: Paper plate flowers & hamma bead making | Activities: Outdoor assault course with chalk Making and exploring with playdough Building ramps for cars and trains! | Activities: Biscuit decorating Nature hunt Bubble wrap feet printing Bracelet making | Activities: Sensory play activities Water play Laser beam challenge |

Respite sessions available, booking is advised. Stay and plays £5 per family for 2 hours, please ring the centre

We are continuing to advertise our sessions through social media and in the centre, which has been effective.

Stay & plays:

We run stay and play sessions Monday- Saturday throughout the year for families and carers with their service users. These have increased and we are now advising parents/carers to ring before their visit which is working well. We have regular visits from respite workers too.

Staffing structure:

This is our current staff team:

Centre supervisor: Amy Cole

Head of Care: Olivia Rowley

Lead playworker: Sarah Kendall

Playworkers: Kirby Denford-Spray

Annaleigh Howe

Emma Davies

Bank playworkers: Tim Connell

Lizzie Davies

Courtney Woodruff

Emma Kenyon

Alex Carter

Maintenance man: John Lewis- starting Mid July

We've also had support from regular volunteers and students too.

Fundraising:

Cheeky Doodles: Cheeky doodles are run by a lovely couple Adriana and Ollie who have created a fundraising arts and craft project with our respite children. Their designs have been put onto mugs and have been advertised online at:

<https://www.cheekydoodles.co.uk>. In the future they are hoping to work with more charities.

Stevens Hewlett & Perkins: SH&P chose Hop skip and jump for charity of the year. By having bake sales and dress down days they managed to fundraise £2,000! They came into the centre and presented the cheque to us.



Partnerships with others:

CCS Adoption: We have continued to develop our positive relationships with CCS adoption, they hire the centre on a Sunday once a month which we staff. These sessions are for families that have adopted children or who are going through the process. They have also hired every Tuesday & Thursday afternoons too throughout the August holidays, as they were such a big success last year.

Bristol Autism Project: We have continued our relationship with BAP and have continued the Tuesday & Thursday morning centre hire during the holidays. These sessions are very popular!

Khaas: Khaas are a support group that support children and families within the Asian community; they visit our centre every other Saturday throughout the whole year (except during Ramadan). They also visit us during the holidays.

Special friends: We have supported special friends for a while but unfortunately their sessions have become quiet, they have postponed their sessions as it wasn't cost effective for them. Hopefully we will work with them in the future.

Private hires: Our party hires on Sundays have been very popular. We have had a lot of interest and new bookings from people attending a party and enjoying the centre so much they want to book it for their family! Most Sundays have been hired out by families,

SWAN UK: Swan (Synromes Without A Name) have also hired the centre & two staff members 5 Sundays a month to support families affected by undiagnosed genetic conditions. Our staff are able to support the children and families and share experiences.

School trips: Hop skip and jump Bristol has been very popular with school trips this year and have had regular visits from various special schools in Bristol, South Glous and BANES. One school class even sent us thank you cards in the post as they had such a good time!



Downend Beaver Group: We supported the Beaver group in achieving their 'Disability awareness in our community' badge. 20

Scouts joined us one Friday evening in February and developed their understanding of various needs and abilities through group discussions and activities. It was a very successful evening 😊

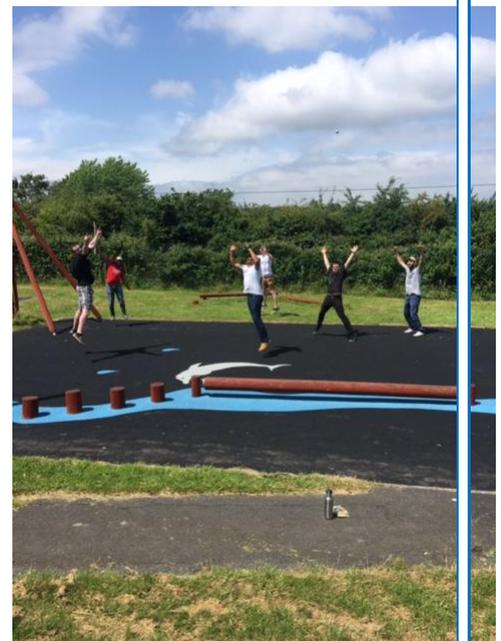
Paul & Sheyanne the barn owl:



Paul visits Hop skip and jump throughout the year during respite sessions and alternative learning. The children are able to smooth Sheyanne and ask Paul questions about her. The children have responded so positively to this new experience 😊

Building and maintenance:

We have been so lucky this year in receiving support from various volunteering groups, the main one being Lloyds banking. Each year Lloyds bank run a 'Day to make a difference' where they support a chosen organisation and support



them for a day. They had positively spread awareness about Hop skip and jump and we have had so much interest of volunteering days as they have been recommending us to other Lloyds team, which is great news! We have also had volunteering opportunities from Sunlife and Employee Volunteering. They have supported the interior and exterior by carrying out lots of volunteering work, mainly in our garden. Our main project is sprucing up our sensory garden to ensure its stimulating all the senses. They have also made us a dinosaur using tyres and a mud kitchen for our sensory garden aswell as carrying out general gardening tasks, painted rooms, and overall re-spruced the centre 😊



Whilst Matthew was with us he made a big difference to the environment, he helped re-decorate the art room, music room and games room aswell as general maintenance. Matthew also supported us with our health and safety paperwork.

We're looking forward to John joining our team, sharing his skills and knowledge to help us move forwards 😊

Developing awareness of our community:

At Hop skip and jump Bristol we have had several visitors over the past few months, of people that work within our community. The aim of this is to increase the childrens awareness and understanding, and to hopefully reduce the stigma attached to these people,



for example 'the police are bad people'. We have had a visit from our local community support officers, we are building a relationship with them and we will have regular visits from them, which is very positive. We also have had a visit from the local fire brigade! A fire engine visited our centre and our alternative learning children were able to be fire fighters for the afternoon! We dressed up, and use the hose to put out a pretend fire. We also learnt what to do in a situation of a real life fire. We are looking into raising more awareness of people in our community through more inspiring visits.



Special events:

Myself and Terry attended a learning difficulty celebration day hosted by 'AWP Specialist learning'. Many stalls were there including ours to celebrate learning difficulties and to raise awareness of the support surrounding them. There was a special guest who performed, Daniel Wakeford from the Undateables- he was a huge hit with the ladies! Over 300 people attended so we were able to raise more awareness of Hop skip and jump and meet other organisations.



Achievements:

Ofsted! We have had two full inspections recently, one in November 2016 and one in June 2017, in both we achieved compliant which we are very proud of 😊



Developing our social media with the support from head office. Our facebook has been great for advertising and networking with other organisations. Twitter has also been a big success, and has raised lots of awareness of the centre. Lots of our visitors have mentioned tweets that they have read which is great!

We have developed our partnerships with parents, professionals and schools and have lots of positive feedback.

Bringing sparkle back to the centre by inspiring the staff and children to be creative with displays and room layouts etc.



We have developed our outdoor environment too, ensuring its safe and stimulating for the children to explore in. We are currently developing our sensory garden which will hopefully be finished very soon.

Future actions:

To continue to support children and families.

To facilitate our spare evenings and to introduce a Lego night into Hop skip and jump

To attend more networking events and raise awareness of Hop skip and jump.

