



# sparkle

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helping special children shine

## May 2024

### Dear Sparkle families,

This month, the Sparkle team has been working tirelessly spreading our message, and we're thrilled to report an increase in fundraising interest. We've been inundated with a range of unique and exciting fundraising proposals, and we're honoured to have been chosen as the charity of the year by several businesses! If you have any suggestions for us do not hesitate to reach out. Our newly established fundraising committee has been a wellspring of creativity, generating a range of exciting ideas. We look forward to sharing more information in the coming months.

Meanwhile, over at Serennu Children's Centre, there's been a flurry of activity focused on enhancing our outdoor space. From revitalising the MUGA to the installation of new outdoor equipment, there's been no shortage of improvements to enrich the experiences of our visitors! Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to make strides in fulfilling our mission and making a positive impact in the community.

**Rebecca McDonald, Sparkle Service Manager**

## Changes to MediCinema

We will be moving our Wednesday screening to a Saturday afternoon. It is hoped that the additional Saturday screening will give families with younger children and those living further afield more opportunities to enjoy MediCinema.

We will have our first Saturday double screening on 4th May. An evening screening will continue to take place on Tuesdays.

To register for MediCinema, please contact:

**MediCinema.ABB@wales.nhs.uk**  
or **01633 748128**.



## Save the date...

**Fri 3rd May**  
Coffee support  
@ SCC

**Tues 7th May**  
SNAP drop-in  
@ NHCC

**Thurs 16th May**  
ADHD+ support  
@ SCC

**Mon 20th May**  
CCP: Transitions  
(Workshop)

**Tues 21st May**  
Coffee support  
@ Blaina ICC

**Sun 5th May**  
Belle Vue market  
(Supporting Sparkle)

**Sat 11th May**  
Dads group  
@ SCC

**Sat 18th May**  
Coffee support  
@ CCC

**Tues 21st May**  
SNAP drop-in  
@ SCC

**Sat 25th May**  
Dads group  
(Online)

If you would like more information on any upcoming events or if you would like any further support, please get in touch with our Family Liaison Officers...

**SCC**  
[family.liaison.abb@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:family.liaison.abb@wales.nhs.uk)

**NHCC -**  
[abb.familyliaisonnorth@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:abb.familyliaisonnorth@wales.nhs.uk)

**CCC**  
[abb.familyliaisonwest@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:abb.familyliaisonwest@wales.nhs.uk)

# Well done!

On Sunday 28th April we had a number of Sparkle supporters take part in the ABP Newport Marathon Festival to raise funds for our charity. We were lucky enough to have 5 runners from Harding Evans take part - 3 individuals entered the 10k and 2 individuals took on the Half Marathon - Harding Evans have been supporting Sparkle as their "Charity of the year" throughout 2023/24

We also had a Sparkle dad - Lloyd Evans - competing in the Half Marathon.

A big thank you to all of those who chose to run on behalf of Sparkle, raising vital funds for the children and young people we support.

The event was also attended by Jane Curnock, from our fundraising committee who cheered the runners on... a big thank you to the parents/carers who have joined our committee and volunteered their time.

If you would like to join our fundraising committee, we would love to hear from you via

[fundraising@sparkleappeal.org](mailto:fundraising@sparkleappeal.org)



# Engagement Opportunity

We are looking for willing participants to join us in a focus group looking at our online resource library. We would welcome views from all our key stakeholders inclusive of professionals, parents/caregivers and young people.

If you are interested in joining us, please email: [Kate.Daniels@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Kate.Daniels@wales.nhs.uk)

The focus group will take up no more than 2 hours of your time and refreshments will be made available. If you have any dietary requirements, please let us know in advance.

We will be looking to host the focus group on **Fri 17th May @ Serennu (9:30am - 12:30pm)**  
**Tues 21st May @ Nevill Hall (9:30am - 12:30pm)**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

**Occupational Therapy Children's & Young People Team.**

# Are you interested in fundraising for Sparkle?

Email  
[fundraising@sparkleappeal.org](mailto:fundraising@sparkleappeal.org)  
or  
call **01633 748041**  
to learn more or get started.

# Find us online!

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-  @sparkleappealofficial
-  [justgiving.com/sparkleappeal](https://www.justgiving.com/sparkleappeal)
-  [www.sparkleappeal.org](http://www.sparkleappeal.org)
-   @sparkleappeal

# Support us on EasyFundraising

We have partnered with [EasyFundraising.org.uk!](https://www.easypundraising.org.uk/)

With EasyFundraising, you can help us raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping, online food shopping or when paying for your commute in the mornings!

If you sign up (it takes 2 minutes!), select Sparkle as your chosen cause and shop with one of the over 4,000 popular mainstream stores such as Tesco, Amazon, Booking.com, Trainline, Asda, BooHoo (just to name a few)... Sparkle will receive a small donation at no extra cost to you.

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