

#### August - Awst 2024

## **Dear Sparkle families,**

We hope that your Summer holidays are going well for you and your family! Please don't forget to sign up to our Family Liaison bulletin (contact info can be found in the bottom right of this page) where we will be sharing lots of ideas on what to do for the Summer!!!

We have a few exciting fundraising opportunities that we are happy to announce, and we hope to see plenty of you at our upcoming 'Picnic in the Park' event. We also had our Summer fete, which was hugely enjoyed by our families.

We hope you are all enjoying the lovely weather, and we hope to see you soon!

**Team Sparkle** 

#### SUMMER FUN WITH A TOUCH OF SPARKLE!

We recently welcomed more than 450 people from across Gwent for our Summer fun day which featured over 20 diverse games and activities and was even

attended by the mayor of Newport, Councillor Ray Mogford!

The day was enriched with a number of stalls courtesy of local favourites such as the Drago Lounge, with exciting activities on offer from organisations such as the Gwent Dragons, Gwent Police and Circus of Positivity.

Claire Barton, parent of Cerys Barton aged 17, said:

"Above all, this is a place of safety and familiarity. All of the families here are united by similar experiences and perspectives, having been through similar situations."

We would like to thank all organisations who attended in support of our annual Summer fun day.



## Save the date...

Sun 4th Aug Belle Vue market (Supporting Sparkle)

Sat 10th Aug Dads Group @ SCC

Sat 24th Aug Dads Group (Online) Wed 7th Aug National Youth Advocacy @ SCC

Mon 19th Aug CCP: Supporting anxious children

Mon 26th Aug Bank Holiday

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...

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#### THANKYOU SOUTH WALES SPORTS GROUNDS!

Our freshly updated Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) is a sight to behold! Not only has the flooring been completely resurfaced and repainted, but we also have brand new basketball hoops and football goals... this is all courtesy of the generous support from South Wales Sports Grounds Ltd... thank you so much!

This month, as part of their 60th anniversary celebration, the SWSG team also embarked on an ambitious mission: to complete two laps around each of South Wales' major league club pitches.

This formidable challenge took them across a vast geographical area, from Haverfordwest to Newport, with stops in Llandovery, Swansea, and Cardiff (just to name a few!), all within a tight timeframe of just 12 hours, and they raised over  $\pounds6,600!$ 

#### SWSG said:

"We believe this challenge underscores the benefit of community but also highlights team spirit and resilience, both fundamentals in Sparkle's charity."

Thank you South Wales Sports Ground, for your vital support!



#### SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for our Picnic in the Park on Sunday, 8th September, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Serennu Children's Centre.

This Sparkle fundraising event is a wonderful opportunity to unite our community, raise awareness of Sparkle, and support our charity.

With an entry fee of only £4 per person, you're invited to explore a unique mix of stalls hosted by local artisans and businesses.

Discover a treasure trove of culinary delights and drinks, handcrafted jewellery, freshly baked goods, artisanal crafts, and more. While you're here, immerse yourself in the lively atmosphere of entertainment, music, and find out more about Sparkle. Children are welcome to join free of charge and can enjoy face painting and other activities.

This event is open to everyone, and every ticket sold supports the children, young people, and families who rely on Sparkle. Circle the date on your calendar—this is an event not to be missed!

Please note: we kindly ask that attendees refrain from bringing dogs and alcohol to this event.

#### **FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY**

Sparkle is proud to partner with Ultra Events!

Ultra Events raises money for worthy causes around the world by encouraging people to take part in amazing fundraising events.

Over £34 million has been raised by Ultra Events since 2014, raising an average of over £10,000 per day, and as soon as you sign up you will become part of this incredible achievement!

Participants receive 8 weeks FREE training in Boxing, MMA or Comedy... it's perfect for beginners!

We are looking for determined individuals to take part in one of the events hosted by Team Ultra, to raise money for Sparkle. Want to find out more? Please visit <u>https://ultraevents.co/</u>

#### Sign up here.

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