



DANIEL'S DEN AUTUMN TERM 2024 NEWSLETTER

Wow – what an amazing term we have had at Daniel's Den. Each of our groups have welcomed new families into their sessions and we love to see friendships being formed and a sense of community growing.

Congratulations to all those new babies born this term and our thoughts and prayers go out to those of us who have lost loved ones or who are going through tough times.





NEW GROUPS



We opened one new group this term. It has started as a Pop-Up session in December at Stonebridge Evangelical Church and takes place on Tuesday mornings 9.30-11am.

DAD'S ZONE

We were so happy to restart our Dad's Zones at Fresh Arts on the first Saturday of the month and to continue monthly Dad's Zone sessions at St Cuthbert's on the third Saturday of the month. The Deputy Mayor of Brent Cllr Ryan Hack visited Dad's Zone on one of the windiest days in December.





Our colour theme is always popular and this term we made some amazing crafts and had lots of sensory play in some of our sessions.





VOLUNTEERS

We have recruited several new volunteers this term and we would not be able to do what we do without their help and support. There are so many ways in which people can be involved from making cakes for the disco, snipping crafts, helping at weekend events as well as helping in the sessions and admin.



We ran a special training day at the end of September for our volunteers. This included First Aid training delivered by the British Red Cross and Speech and Language training from Brent Speech and Language Therapy team.



NEW TRUSTEES

Daniel's Den is a registered charity, and we have a Board of Trustees who provide governance and support. We were delighted to welcome 3 new trustees to the board – all parents who have brought or currently bring their children to our sessions.





We were so happy we could continue our weekly Thursday morning Sowing Seeds sessions until the end of October and we had a wonderful Harvest Session on our Allotment at the end of October.



EVENTS & PROJECTS



Our 28th birthday was celebrated in all our sessions with cake and singing the Happy Birthday Song. Our Family Fundraising Disco took place at St Cuthbert's Church in our birthday week, and we raised over £500 after expenses.

We were sad we had to turn some families away on the door (we had a sudden surge of interest at last minute) and next year we plan to hold 2 discos to accommodate more people.





NATIVITY WEEK

Our Nativity Week was as popular as ever – 12 plays ensured lots of memories were made.

It was lovely to see members of the community join us for the week and share a mince pie or 2!

One of our mums made a wonderful comment –
'You're the best of the best! Right up there at the top'





Our project The Net takes place every month and we run a pop-up session for asylum seekers in a local hotel. It is wonderful to take our activities to these amazing families and share donated clothes, toys, and books with them.





Visitors

We had several visitors this term including Brent Council Children and Family Information Service, Family Wellbeing Centres, and others.



Support

We would not be able to do what we do without the support of others. Sisk help us move equipment and buy lots of our craft materials and equipment. Daniels Estate Agents in Wembley print our brochures and posters. Donations from Tesco included food for our disco and also clothes/equipment which we gave to Little Village. Donations from families including this brilliant slide at St Augustine's





A big thankyou to the CO-OP on Olympic Way, Wembley Park for sponsoring the books given out by Santa





UPCOMING DATES... SPRING TERM 2025



FRIDAY DECEMBER 13TH WAS THE END OF THIS TERM FOR OUR GROUPS AND WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY JANUARY 6TH, 2025. PLANS ARE WELL UNDERWAY FOR NEXT TERM AND HERE ARE SOME KEY DATES:

JAN 6TH - SESSIONS REOPEN

JAN 10TH - NO SESSIONS AT FRESH ARTS AS VENUE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

JAN 11TH DAD'S ZONE AT FRESH ARTS AND **JAN 18TH** DAD'S ZONE AT ST CUTHBERTS

JAN 27TH - FEB 7TH FUNDRAISER - HAND PAINTED PLATES (SEE TIMETABLE FOR DATES - PICK UP A BOOKING FORM FROM YOUR GROUP)

JAN 24TH VOLUNTEER/STAFF SOCIAL

FEB 17TH - 21ST HALF TERM

MARCH 3RD - 7TH SINGALONG WEEK - THIS EVENT IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INVITE THE COMMUNITY INCLUDING FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO VISIT OUR SESSIONS TO JOIN IN OUR SING ALONG. YOU MAY EVEN LIKE TO DRESS UP AS ONE OF OUR SONGS!

MARCH 6TH - WEEKLY SOWING SEEDS SESSIONS START ON OUR ALLOTMENT.

MARCH 12TH - DANIEL'S DEN EXHIBITION AT BRENT CIVIC CENTRE

MARCH 29TH - SOWING SEEDS AT THE ALLOTMENT

APRIL 4TH - END OF TERM





ACTION POINTS...

PLEASE REMEMBER to take pictures of only your child and to **NEVER** take pictures of other people's children.

Registrations

We have noticed that not everyone has registered on our website. Registering is free and is something you only need to do once. Why register on our database?

- It tells us who is using our services which enables us to report to funders
- It enables us to keep in touch with you



Register via here

Don't forget to claim your free welcome pack with your voucher attached to your welcome email.

Volunteer recruitment

We are always needing new volunteers to help at our sessions, with administration and occasional events.

If you or someone you know is interested please speak to the session leaders or visit our volunteer page on our [website](#).





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