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### The Hub Open Day

On the 7<sup>th</sup> September over a hundred residents turned out to celebrate the reopening of Caia Park's Community Hub. The building has just completed a short but transformational building scheme that began in April 2018 – with works including an extension to the community centre's entrance, decoration and refurbishments to external and internal areas. The biggest change is a brand new entrance directly onto Prince Charles Road.



The ceremony ribbon being cut by Deputy Mayor, Robert Walsh.

The work has been funded through the Welsh Government's Communities Facilities Programme as part of a grant of nearly £380,000 that was secured by Caia Park Partnership in 2017. The buildings are owned by Wrexham County Borough Council and leased to Caia Park Partnership (CPP) on a long-term lease.

Lesley Griffiths, Assembly Member for Wrexham, said: 'Caia Park Partnership offers invaluable services to the local community and I hope these new and improved facilities will help ensure the organisation continues to provide vital support to Caia Park residents for many years to come. The new centre is a great example of Welsh Government investment making a positive and tangible difference in Wrexham.'

The event saw Ms Griffiths being joined by Ian Lucas MP and the Deputy Mayor, Robert Walsh, to cut the opening ribbon, and included activities for the community including face painting and a lively disco that got everyone dancing.

Francis Hardman, chair of trustees at CPP said: "I've been involved with Caia Park Partnership for over 20 years, and I'm delighted to see this latest evolution of the Caia Park Centre. The Welsh Government's investment is giving us a set of brilliantly refreshed and extended facilities, and I look forward to seeing it buzz with life over the coming years."

Gary Brown, interim chief officer at CPP added: "The project represents a massive change for us in the way residents can access our buildings and services. Not just a new reception area and cafe, but a whole new entrance direct from the street. We're hugely proud of our smart new space and can't wait to welcome people into it. Thank you to all who've made it happen, especially TACP Architects and Read Construction who have responded brilliantly to our brief."

## Sparkles Day Nursery

We hope you all had a great summer. We had so much fun during our Summer Holiday Club with cinema trips, water play days, BBQ'S and so much more exciting activities. Don't forget to book in early for October/December Holiday Club.

Team members Courtney and Kirsty went on Maternity Leave and both Mum's and babies are doing well, congratulations! Another team member Dorota has now left her role to further her career by enrolling into University, she will be missed by all of us at Sparkles.

Yasmin will be taking the lead in Flying Start and Early Education with support from management. She is doing a fantastic job already!

We have given out questionnaires to parents/carers and there will also be a suggestion box based in foyer of the Nursery. This will help us to improve practice and give parents/carers a chance to have an input into the service.

### **Key Workers for the units are:**

Natasha and Julie- Baby Unit

Rebecca and Donna- Toddler Unit

Yasmin and Stacy- Flying Start

Jayne and Andrea-Deputy Managers

Sam- Manager

Dates for the Diary:



### **Photograph Day 18<sup>th</sup> October 10am-4pm**

In reception at the Caia Park Partnership the photographer will be here all day to do photographs of your children which will include sibling photos and black and white pictures. Sam will be in reception to greet you and to book you in.

### **Halloween Party 31<sup>st</sup> October 2pm-3:30pm**

All children are welcome to attend.

### **Christmas Party 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm-3:30pm**

Everyone is welcome to come along, we will have a surprise guest.

### **Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 20<sup>th</sup> December**

If you require more information please contact Sam Hughes or any member of the team on 01978 290067.



## Volunteering Day

On the 18<sup>th</sup> October volunteers from DTCC volunteered at CPP's premises to help maintain the buildings and grounds by gardening and painting offices for a fresh look. Caia Park Partnership is extremely grateful for the support and partnership DTCC provides. A big thanks for all their hard work!



## Aim High

Aim High is a needs-led Mentoring project based within the Youth Team at Caia park Partnership. Julie and Katherine are our Senior Mentors and aim to provide tailored 1:1 Mentoring support to young people aged 8 to 18 years living in the Wrexham Borough.

Aim High Mentoring is still continuing to support young people of Wrexham with target led mentoring. We're currently working with 18 young people with a broad range of Mentoring needs who are really benefitting from 1:1 support on the project.

There is currently a waiting list for the service but this is priority led and we are looking at effective ways to reduce this and reach more young people.

As Autumn approaches, we're looking to do some fun activities around keeping safe at Halloween and Bonfire night.

We recently visited the BBC Children in Need offices in Cardiff. Together with other project leaders from across Wales, we met with creative writers to talk about the young people we work with and the issues they face.

For more information about our Mentoring service or the referral process, please contact Julie Jones or Katherine Pendlebury on 01978 318872 or email [aimhighproject@caiapark.org](mailto:aimhighproject@caiapark.org)



## Volunteer Coordinators

We now have two Volunteer Coordinators in place, Siôn and Vicky. Below they introduce themselves and explain what their new role involves.

### **Siôn Edwards- Volunteer Coordinator (Play and Youth Work)**

Hia pawb! I'm Siôn and I am the new Volunteers Coordinator for Play and Youth Work. I've come over to the Caia Park Partnership as part of Wrexham Youth & Play Partnership (WYPP) which is being funded by the Communities First Legacy Fund. This relatively new umbrella organisation is a conglomerate of community groups including CPP, The Venture ICC, The Land (Plas Madoc), Gwenfro Valley Adventure Playground, the Play & Youth Support Team of Wrexham County Borough Council, AVOW as well as a number of independently run community groups that are supporting play and youth work in their communities across the county. It's exciting to be involved in an organisation when it is coming to life – our input has both immediate and long-lasting effects, from creating a logo to registering our first volunteers. Most close to home, Gwenfro Valley is under WYPP's custodianship and we are keen to ensure the playground is developed with resilience for the future whilst at the same time remaining faithful to its past and sensitive to the needs of the local community. For more information or to get involved please contact [sion.edwards@caiapark.org](mailto:sion.edwards@caiapark.org) or 07508822309. Diolch, Siôn.

### **Vicky Wright- Volunteer Coordinator (The Hub)**

Hi I'm Vicky, I have recently started a new role as Caia Park Partnership Volunteer Coordinator and my responsibilities include co-ordinating and supporting volunteering activities in Caia Park Partnership and the communities of Caia Park and Hightown. I will recruit and support volunteers to ensure that they receive a quality volunteering experience. Volunteers can assist at the café in The Hub at Caia Park Partnership or help out over in Sparkles Day Nursery or perhaps they would like to do woodwork or gardening. I am pleased to help people aiming to volunteer long term or those who wish to improve their employability by attaining up-to-date references, learning new skills and gaining hands on experience and updating their CV. So for anyone considering volunteering, please contact me on 01978 318864 or [vicky.wright@caiapark.org](mailto:vicky.wright@caiapark.org).

## Christmas Closing Times

This year we will be closed for Christmas on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and will open again on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.



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