

Community Safety Small Grants Scheme

Through the Community Safety Group, Plas Madoc Communities First (PMCF) is now able to provide small grants to people living in Plas Madoc. The money was raised by the community on the August Fun Day 2008. The purpose of the Small Grant Scheme is to enable tenants and residents of Plas Madoc to purchase items that will make their home / vehicle more secure and improve their feelings of safety. All applications will be assessed on a case by case basis but the type of items eligible under the scheme may include: PIR (sensor) Security Lights, Door & Window Locks, Steering Wheel Locks, Fencing Panels, etc.

- The maximum grant available is £75.
- Only one application per address is allowed.
- Only Plas Madoc postcodes will be eligible.
- The grant scheme will end when the funds are exhausted.

Application forms can be requested from The Opportunity Centre. The process for applying is simple but does require you to discuss your needs with a member of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and The Housing Office (for tenants). For more information contact Andrew Harradine on 01978 813910.

Fundraising Toddle Waddle

Little Sunflowers are happy to participate in the Meningitis Trust Toddle Waddle. The Toddle Waddle is the largest annual fundraising event and since it began many years ago it has raised over 2.3 million pounds to help children and families whose lives have been affected by Meningitis. The event is a fun walk for under 5's either with family, friends or grandparents.

By holding our Toddle Waddle we can help raise awareness of this devastating disease.

Our walk will take place on Wednesday April 1st at 1pm. We are looking for families and local residents to support our Toddle Waddle and make our walk a success. For more information please contact Sharon Bellingham 01978 813910/ 01978 812786.

Changes at The Drop-in

The Drop-in opening hours have now changed and will now be open Monday 1-3pm, Tuesday 1 – 5.30, Wednesday 1-4, Thursday 3.30 – 5.30 and Friday 1- 3. You can access help and support on a number of issues including CV's, form filling, Credit Union, drug and alcohol issues, mental health issues or just call in and view the jobs board that is in reception. For more information just call in or ring Clare Barnes on 01978 821210.

Wrexham Credit Union

The Wrexham Credit Union is now based at The Drop-in on Mondays 10am - 12pm instead of Tuesdays. Staff would like to offer their apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Gunjur Group Launches Fishing Boat

While out in West Africa on a Cultural African residential experience the Plas Madoc Gunjur group were asked if they would help the local fishing community off "Gunjur" to launch a newly built fishing vessel known as a pirogue. The all female group were defiantly up for this challenge and following a safety briefing the team were ready to help the local community haul the large wooden boat down the beach using ropes. The President of The Gambia, President Jammeh has a back to the land policy and fishing is a key part of this, giving rural communities opportunities to provide food and jobs from fishing. The craft it's self was highly decorated with traditional art work typical of many Gambian fishing vessels each with its name and date of launch.

Cooking Sessions

The Venue Youth Club's cooking sessions are proving to be as popular as ever. Our cooking sessions are held every Tuesday night for both senior and juniors. Youth Workers are in the process of designing a healthy eating recipe booklet that the young people can take home this will include all the recipes the young people have made. For more information call Fran Bunning at The Opportunity Centre on 01978 813910

Food Co-op up and running

The Food Co-op is now back at The Opportunity Centre on Plas Madoc. Customers can place orders for produce between 1:30p.m – 3:30p.m every Monday, with a choice of veg, fruit or salad priced at £3 a bag or £1.50 half a bag. This week the £3 veg bag contained 1 large onion, 1 cabbage, 1 kilo carrots, 1 bag potatoes, 1 broccoli and 1 swede – which demonstrates what excellent value for money the bags are. Everyone welcome.

Half Term at the Leisure Centre

Plas Madoc Leisure Centre is putting on a timetable of fun activities for young people aged 8-15 to take part in during half term. You can choose from free snorkelling/saedoo, mini waterpolo or swimming. Plus for only a £1 you can come along to a fun swim, which includes inflatables, music, waves and flume rides. For dates and times, contact Sian Hughes on 01978 813910 or pop into the Leisure Centre to find out more.

Healthy Lifestyles

To celebrate Healthy Lifestyles Awareness Day on February 20th, the healthy eating roadshow will be taking place alongside the Get out and Play open access play scheme. Free smoothies will be given out in the morning at Gwynant and kebabs in Glaslyn in the afternoon. All ages are welcome. For further information contact Sian Hughes on 01978 813910.

Thank You

Plas Madoc Communities First would like to say a big thank you to all the staff at Acrobat and Buffoonery in Rhosymedre, for the kind donations of material which the children will have lots of fun with throughout the half term.

Open Access Play

The Open Access Play Scheme has got off to a great start this week; the play workers will be at Dinas and Alwen today. A timetable is available at The Opportunity Centre or from one of the playworkers on site, although areas are subject to change following a risk assessment / weather conditions.