

Classical Music entertains at The Opportunity Centre

Last week Ensemble Cymru performed two sets of classical music at The Opportunity Centre. The project was arranged through North Wales Music Festival, which is funded by The Arts Council Wales and the Big Lottery Fund to promote classical music in communities. A trio of musicians performed first to children and young people from the estate before playing again to an adult audience. Gareth Twigg (bassoon), Sioned Eleri Roberts & Perrin Clement-Evans (both clarinet) provided great entertainment as well as an insight into their instruments and the history of the music. There was even a chance for some of the young audience members to have a chance at conducting. PMCF would like to thank the musicians and the organiser Katy Morgan for their efforts.

Forest Schools

Plas Madoc Communities First Environmental Officer, David Gittins, is working in conjunction with Rhosymedre Community primary school in delivering six forest school sessions as a pilot. This is prior to developing a full time programme. These first sessions will be delivered locally on The National Trust's Chirk Castle estate. Forest Schools use natural surroundings to help promote learning among young people.

Successful Prison Visit

Young people have attended another visit to HMP Altcourse in Liverpool. During this visit they were shown around the booking in/search area, the family visiting room, segregation area and also had a walk through the cell area. They then watched the Choose Life play and had the opportunity to speak to prisoners. The group were complimented on their respectful and exemplary behaviour from prison officers.

Gwynant Play Park

Work at Gwynant park is still currently underway, due to unforeseen circumstances the job has been slightly delayed, but equipment arrived last week and soon will be enjoyed by all. The children / young people and adults will be invited to plant some flowers and plants when work is completed and also we will be looking for volunteers to help paint the fences. If you would like to view the plans for the new park or would like any more information please contact Claire Griffiths on 813918

International youth day

Plas Madoc Communities First celebrated International Youth Day on August 12th by providing a party for all children and young people at the Venue. The children and young people took part in lots of fun activities including candle making, costume making, karaoke, arts and crafts and paper aeroplane racing.

Everybody come surfing.....

To celebrate the end of the summer holiday, Plas Madoc Communities First will be hosting a summer disco on Friday 28th August between 3:00 – 5:30p.m at The Opportunity Centre. The theme of the disco will be "Surf's Up!", so children and young people are welcome to come along in their beach gear. Everyone that attends 'Get Out and Play' will also be coming along, but for children under 8, please come along with an adult. Fruity cocktails and BBQ food will be on offer to everyone that attends. For further information call into The Opportunity Centre or call Siân on 01978 813918.

Moving on up

Little Sunflowers staff would like to wish good luck to the children moving onto Nursery in September and look forward to meeting the new Flying Start children on the Registration day on Monday the 7th September. We would also like to wish Katy Roberts good luck in her new job at Rhosymedre Community Primary School.

Rising 4s

If your child is starting Nursery at Rhosymedre Community Primary School in September you maybe interested in your child accessing the Little Sunflowers Rising 4's service which runs from 11.30am-3.00pm daily. The cost of this service is £5 per session or £20 for the week. Children are required to bring their own packed lunch and a healthy snack will be provided. The Rising 4's service provides sessional child care for children attending Nursery .If you are interested then please contact Sharon Evans on 01978 813916/01978 812786

50+ Trip

16 members of the Plas MAdoc 50+ Group enjoyed a day out in the Lake District as part of their annual programme of events. The group travelled from Plas Madoc to the Lakeside and Haverthwaite Railway, which took them along the side of Windemere before linking up with the boat-trip that took them to Bowness. A great day was had by all.