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inwave helping Families



Brainwave works with families to deliver individual home based therapy and exercise Programmes that help children with Autism, disabilities and Development Delay achieve their potential. The individual Programme can then be carried out at home with the ongoing support of the Brainwave team. Brainwave complements rather than replaces the services offered by statutory authorities.



Brainwave

2012 promises to be an exciting year for Brainwave. We're celebrating our 30th birthday, and lots of fun activities have been planned. There's a big Brainwave balloon race, a 30th Anniversary dinner and a Brainwave Cupcake Day. There will also be celebration open days at each of our three Centres (Birchwood, Bridgwater and Witham). Katy Ashworth, presenter on CBeebies, will be opening our Celebration Day at the South West Centre. You're welcome to join us if you can.

We hope you enjoy this edition of the Family Facilitator's Newsletter. We've renamed it 'Search' to reflect what we are trying to do - search for information and ideas which may help you. Please continue to share ideas with us too, which we can then include in future editions.

Thank you and happy reading!

Cerí, Joanna and Sally.

Brainwave Family Facilitators.



HelpKidzLearn is a web site full of free software and resources from Inclusive Technology. There are great games for switching and also for numeracy. www.helpkidzlearn.co.uk

Ability World

Communication aids, access products, therapy resources, training and other assistive technology products for people with disabilities. www.ability-world.com
Tel- 0845 4747245

Symbols www.symbolresources.com

A web site dedicated to helping carers, parents, speech and language therapists and



anyone else interested in using and creating symbol based materials

to support the language and learning development of children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

A FREE library of Touch to See books bringing



to life the visual world for blind and partially sighted people. Raised versions of pictures that come to life when fingers feel them. Audio descriptions tell the pictures' stories while directing the fingertips across the raised image, describing what is being touched, felt and 'seen.' Thousands of books and packs are available to blind and partially sighted children. The Library delivers via the post to members across Britain and Ireland.

Tel- 01635 299 771 www.livingpaintings.org.

MAKATON

The Makaton Charity

Makaton has a family advisory service. This confidential service is provided free of charge, to support families who use or are thinking about using Makaton.

family@makaton.org Tel- 01276 606778.

SPEECH BUBBLE

If you need help with spoken communication because of a disability, this website can give you an idea of what's on offer, with details of nearly every communication aid available in the UK. www.speechbubble.org.uk

OLYMPICS



Road Closures

If you are planning a hospital visit or a trip to London during the school summer break be aware of

road and station closures in London.

http://www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london 2012/21787.aspx Also look at the other venues across the UK that are affected, as 2012 is not just in London.

http://www.london2012.com/map.php



Special direct have a good selection of vibrating toys but may not be the cheapest. They sell the very popular Elephant and Croc jigglers.

www.specialdirect.com





Talk tools sell all sorts of oral motor and placement tools, feeding and speech equipment. One of our **Brainwave** Mums highly recommended the z-vibe pen. You can get all kinds of bits to fix on the ends to chew including flavours and it vibrates. Talk Tools also sell jigglers.

Tel- 1(888)529-2879

info@talktools.com customercare@talktools.com

Book recommendation



'Guerrilla Mum' by Ellen Power. This book offers clear guidance on how authorities such as Local Education Authorities, schools, the National Health Service and the Government function, what the law entitles your child to, and how you can fight most

effectively for the education they need. Basing the book on her own experience of bringing up two sons with special educational needs, Ellen Power describes how she worked with - and in some cases challenged - the authorities to get the right education for her children. Further sections look at how to address issues such as transition between schools, and bullying.



Novelist Kathy Lette draws on her personal experience of Asperger's for her heartwarming and hilarious new novel. Told with Kathy Lette's razor-sharp wit, this is a funny, quirky and tender story of a mother's love for her son - and of a love affair that

has no chance of running smoothly.



manufacture equipment for children and young people with special needs. Products assist those from 8 months to 18 years old in the areas of seating, standing, toileting, bathing, changing and showering. They also have ranges dedicated to therapy and sensory integration. www.smirthwaite.co.uk



www.spacekraft.co.uk/shops SpaceKraft was primarily established to develop and manufacture a full range of sensory products that provide genuine solutions for carers and parents who face the difficult challenges of people with special needs.

Total Sensory is a UK manufacturer & supplier of sensory equipment for sensory rooms & soft play areas. www.totalsensory.co.uk



and

A Brainwave Mums advise - 'Be aware that the companies may charge postage and include their catalogues which are often weighty. It might be

advisable to state these are unwanted when ordering.'





www.homedics.co.uk/uk/produkte/massage/ handheld





Brolly Sheets are an easy-to-use waterproof mattress protector designed to get you back to sleep

quickly, with little fuss after a night time accident. They come in five bright colours (including white) and are designed to fit over the bottom sheet making them easy to change without having to pull off all the bedding. Available in a range of sizes, they have a 100% cotton top, are machine washable and can be tumble dried.

STEP 1. YOU SAVE. Just go online and enter the code BRAINWAVE under coupons and click on 'apply' to save 5% of the cost of your order until 31st March 2013.

STEP 2. WE SAVE. Enter code BRAINWAVE under 'Fundraiser' and click on 'Apply fundraiser' for Brainwave to collect 20%.



Order online at www.BrollySheets.co.uk or © 0800 917 5204



The Yard Scotland Yard

Adventure Centre. Adventure play for children and young

people with additional support needs. A purpose built indoor and outdoor play facility and adventure playground for children and young people with additional support needs.

www.theyardscotland.org.uk
info@theyardscotland.org.uk



Young people with a disability, including Autism can learn to drive at sixteen years of age, instead of the usual seventeen years of age.

Debi Platt is an instructor in the Manchester area. Tel- 07798 842204 email: debi@ddaware.co.uk



Mother and daughter have created the following resources in Speech and Language. They have collaborated together and have created a range of 65 Speech and Language games that can be seen at www.gilligangames.co.uk You will find resources for Autism, ADHD, phonics and

www.gilligangames.co.uk You will find resources for Autism, ADHD, phonics and articulation, Early Language Development, Word Finding, and Expressive Language Skills



Special Scotland help parents who have children with Autism.



Provide Grants to aid training needs, equipment purchases as well as tailor designed support.



Intervention Introductions to give families a taster of the therapies available.



Free Parent Afternoons held in various locations to introduce parents to Special Scotland and build friendships.



Free to use Online Library covering
Autism & Aspergers from dietary advice to play advice.

www.specialscotland.org





iApp Information tried and tested by Alexandra and kindly provided by Susan Fairchild.





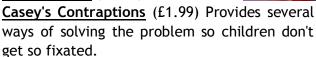
thinking about response. The child can record their voice and then play the conversation back. (£2.49).



iSentence - Sentence Builder.

iQuestion - Question Builder. (£2.49)

Story Builder (£3.99)





Analogies kids (69p) cognitive Helps skills. Star Walk (£2.99) Gives an interactive astronomy guide.

Map of the world - cities lit up at night as well as co-ordinates your home Spelling apps:

iWriteWords by gdiplus (free iapp) - 'My daughter learnt how much pressure to put on the screen in order to trace letter and numbers. It's a fun app as the letters and numbers make a noise.'

Free iApps www.Kindergarden.com or www.nclconcepts.com Encourages the child to focus and spot the odd one out.

Stories2Learn (£9.99) - Helps social story writing.

Draw free (free iapp)- Kids and adults.

(£1.49) Great as children can select to draw with chalk, crayons, paint, pencils.

http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/draw-freefor-ipad/id366755447?mt=8





ixylopphone music app -Play along to songs and adjust tempo.

Virtuoso piano iapp- Keyboard- Very good and useful in teaching how to play the piano.



Dexteria Brilliant and a must great for hand eye co-ordination itunes.apple.com/us/app/dexteri a-fine-motorskill/id420464455?mt=8

LetterReflex -Helps children overcome problems with letter reversal. Great for helping children distinguish between left and right.

http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/letterreflexovercoming-letter/id485920074?mt=8



Kinectimals Fantastic - great fun and engaging - improves hand eye tracking and great for memory too.



itunes.apple.com/us/app/kinectimals/id4823 65195?mt=8





Mum Knows Best

Tips from Brainwave Mums



Autism Friendly Cinema

The Odeon are now offering special screenings enabling children with Autism to attend a cinema.

What makes the screenings autism friendly?

- The lights will be on low.
- The volume will be turned down.
- There will be no trailers at the beginning of the film.
- You'll be able to take your own food and drinks.
- You'll be able to move around the cinema if you like.

Comment from a Brainwave mum;

'My son has been to the cinema a couple of times in the past few years but never enjoyed it. So we had given up trying! When I took him to our local Odeon cinema, for a special screening, he managed to sit through the entire session.'

To find your local screening go to; http://www.dimensions-uk.org/autismfilm/ or call- ODEON's Accessibility Helpline Tel-0800 138 3315.



Special Effect is a charity dedicated to helping ALL

young people with disabilities to enjoy computer games. They work with children and adults with a wide range of disabilities to help them access fun through technology using a wide range of software and hardware from iPads to eye-gaze. Equipment and games can be loaned, free of charge and home support available.

http://www.specialeffect.org.uk



Author Hannah Ensor,

noticed how few children's books treat disability as completely normal, so she thought she would try and redress the balance a little. She has recently published two children's books. These are: 'Welly Walks' and Biscuit Baking' '- lively, colourful kids books with disabled and able-bodied children having fun together. Not stories about disability, but stories about life and happy things, which just happen to show able bodied and disabled people as equals. Both books raise money for 'Whizz-Kidz'.

Hannah also sells communication cards and other products.

www.stickmancommunications.co.uk

1000s of fantastic audio books are available MP3 CDs, internet streaming and downloads!



Available to anyone who struggles to read in the usual way due to an illness, disability or learning difficulty. There is a small annual fee but Listening-books help families who struggle financially. There are also some areas in the UK that have funding for free membership on a first come first serve basis.

Tel- 020 7407 9417 <u>info@listening-books.org.uk</u> <u>www.listening-books.org.uk</u>



This organisation covers all of mainland UK, providing friendly, professional advice on educational products, including sensory toys. The aim of the organisation is

'cutting cost, not quality' therefore helping budgets to stretch further.

info@costcuttersuk.com

Tel- 01543 495070

Many thanks to Melissa Sheard for her constant supply of fantastic information

RAINWAVE Quick Reference Information Sheet for Parents/Carers		
Sensory+Toys		Brainwave
Aroma Dough	www.aromadough.co.za	
Switch Games	www.oneswitch.org.uk/2/switch-d www.oneswitch.org.uk/3art.htm	ownloads.htm
Educational Toys	www.acorneducational.co.uk	Tel- 01536 747485
Chewy tubes for children who like to chew things	www.kapitex.com	Tel- 01937 580211
UK Manufacturer of sensory equipment	www.totalsensory.co.uk	
Equipment to assist with motor development	www.senseabilities.com.au	
Health and equipment		
Ableize disability, mobility and heath related resources	www.ableize.com	
Brolly Sheets. Easy-to-use waterproof mattress protector	www.brollysheets.co.uk/	Tel- 0800 9175204
Snap Charity -All sorts of information regarding equipment, holidays, clubs etc	http://www.snapcharity.org/direc	tory
Cheap Disability Aids	www.cheapdisabilityaids.co.uk	
Ex Demo Wheelchairs	www.rgklife.com	Tel- 01543 670077
Consultant Search	www.drfosterhealth.co.uk/consult	ant-guide
Mobility Specialists - Glasgow	www.mobilityshopsglasgow.co.uk	
Special clothing - Scotland	www.able2wear.com	
Eczema clothing	www.eczemaclothing.com	Tel - 01772 331815
Made to measure clothing	www.able2wear.co.uk	Tel- 0141 774 8000
Clothing	www.seenin.com	Tel- 01434 634457
Non Toxic Paint	www.naturepaint.com	Tel- 01736 759718
Clothing	www.racketys.com	Tel- 01538 381430
Nightwear & vests	www.revolution-underwear.com	Tel- 0116 2775316
Swimming nappies	www.drylife.co.uk	Tel- 0121 200 3336
Bibs	www.incywincy.net/atcatalog	Tel- 0118 3773 581
Bandana	www.babykind.co.uk	Tel- 0845 094 2275
Swimwear/underwear	www.ostomartstore.co.uk	
Education		
Speech and Language	www.ican.org.uk	
Home Education	www.ahomeeducation.co.uk	
Phonics	http://progressivephonics.com	
Books for the blind	www.clearvisionproject.org	
Autism friendly Cinema screenings	http://www.dimensions-uk.org/au	tismfilm/

Education Continued	
Gillian Games. Resources for children with	www.gilligangames.co.uk Brainwaye
Autism	
Story books including children with	www.stickmancommunications.co.u
disabilities iApps	
Concentration-Free	www.nclconcepts.com
Concentration Free	www.Kindergarden.com
Drawing-Free	itunes.apple.com/us/app/draw-free-for-
S	<u>ipad/id366755447?mt=8</u>
Hand eye and memory	itunes.apple.com/us/app/kinectimals/id482365195?mt
	=8
Hand eye coordination	<pre>itunes.apple.com/us/app/tic-toc- tiles/id459213808?mt=8</pre>
	www.iautism.info/en/2012/01/26/review-tic-toc-
	tiles/
Left and right	itunes.apple.com/us/app/letterreflex-overcoming-
	<u>letter/id485920074?mt=8</u>
Helping all children access c technology.	www.specialeffects.org.uk
Spellings	www.itunes.apple.com/us/app/iwritewords-
Talling the Time	handwriting-game/id307025309?mt=8
Telling the Time	http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/mathtappers- clockmaster-math/id336932114?mt=8
Counting games	http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/sam-
Counting games	phibian/id431679978?mt=8
Information sites	
Disabilities Information	www.childrensdisabilitiesinfo
Information to empower parents Martins Money Tips	www.monovtins@monovsavingovnort.com
All sorts of information to help you save	www.moneytips@moneysavingexpert.com
money	
National site for mums to share information.	www.netmums.com
National Autistic Society	www.autism.org.uk/living-with-autism/parents-
	relatives-and-carers.aspx
Special Scotland Support and advice for	www.specialscotland.org
children with Autism	
My Child & Me Magazine for Parents who have	www.mychildandmemagazine.co.uk
a child with special needs	
STEPS - national charity supporting children	www.steps-charity.org.uk
with lower limb/hip conditions	www.liverpeellifebourg.org
Provides information for disabled people	www.liverpoollifehouse.org
Contact a Family	www.cafamily.org.uk
Contact a Family Wales	www.cafamily.org.uk/inyourarea/wales
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Contact a Family Scotland	www.cafamily.org.uk/inyourarea/scotland/index.html
Contact a Family Northern Ireland	www.cafamily.org.uk/inyourarea/nireland/index.html
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Information sites continued		
Citizens Information Board - Ireland	www.assistireland.ie Brainway	
	Brainway	
Enable Ireland	www.enableireland.ie	
Down Syndrome Ireland	<u>www.downsyndrome.ie</u> Tel- 01 4266500	
C CAW Wales		
C-SAW - Wales	www.c-saw.co.uk	
A website to update family/friends on	www.caringbridge.org	
progress of a child with significant difficulties	www.carmgoriage.org	
Moebius Syndrome information website	www.moebiussyndrome.com	
National disability directory for activities and	http://www.dotcomunity.co.uk	
services in your area		
'Jacob's Unique Memory Pot' (J-U-M-P)	http://www.j-u-m-p.org/index.php	
Personalized photography for children with		
life limiting conditions in the NW of England		
Parent Support Parents forum	www.parentsofdisabledchildren.co.uk	
Parents forum	www.parentsordisabledcinidren.co.uk	
Monthly support group in Perth, Scotland for	ann@lorntyglen.org.uk.	
parents of children with Autism	<u>amictoring grand</u>	
Improving opportunities for people with	www.enable.org.uk	
disabilities in Scotland		
Online Autism & Aspergers group Scotland	www.perthshireautismconnections.ning.com	
Parents Network support	www.netbuddy.org.uk	
Online Autism & Aspergers support group in	http://www.pactharlow.org.uk	
Essex		
Sport Sledge Hockey	matt@sledgehockey.co.uk	
Stedge Hockey	mactwstedgenockey.co.uk	
Basketball	www.burybombers.org.uk	
Riding for the Disabled - Ireland	www.rdai.org	
After school sports club in Buckinghamshire	www.horizonsc.org.uk Tel- 01844 345432	
Awareness		
Aware It Well Jewellery	www.facebook.com/awareitwell	
Practical Help	hattan / / common and labellal and all / Mills of Ma Da	
Helping Hands DIY Help	http://www.wellchild.org.uk/WhatWeDo-	
Wall Child pursing assistance	HelpingHands.aspands@wellchild.org.uk	
Well Child nursing assistance Jack and Jill Foundation - Ireland	<u>nurses@wellchild.org.uk</u> Tel- 0845 458 8171 www.jackandjill.ie Tel- +353 45 894538/660	
UK- free wheelchair skills mobility courses		
Travel advice during the Olympics	www.go-kids-go.org.uk Tel- 01273 606404 www.tfl.gov.uk/gettingaround/london2012/21787	
Home Start practical support	www.home-start.org.uk Tel-0800 0686368	
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l egal		
Legal Irwin Mitchell	www.irwinmitchell.com Tel-0800 023 22 33	
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•	www.irwinmitchell.com Tel-0800 023 22 33 www.mortgageadvicebureau.com Tel- 01376 320999	
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Holidays and Respite		
Blitz Holiday	http://www.bondhotel.co.uk/index.php/funding-	
	options.html Tel-01253 341218	
Hotels Combined	http://www.hotelscombined.com/Accessible	
Information of accessible accommodation		
Over The Wall Activity Camps	www.otw.org.uk	
Wheelie Easy Hotels	www.wheelie-easy-hotels.com	
Information regarding hotel access/amenities		
Zoe's Place	http://www.zoes-place.org.uk	
Hospice for under 5's		
Scotland's Children's Society - Short breaks	www.aberlour.org.uk/ -	
etc		
Happy Days funds & organizes holidays, trips	www.happydayscharity.org	
and days out for young people with special		
needs		
Disabled Holiday Directory	disabledholidaydirectory.co.uk Tel-0800 993 0796	
Jack and Jill Foundation - Ireland	www.jackandjill.ie	
Cedar Foundation - Northern Ireland	www.cedar-foundation.org Tel- 028 90387040	

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