Frank Wise School October 2025 Out of School Activities

There is information about lots of activities taking place locally in the coming weeks below.

Please also look at the Short Breaks newsletter which can be found on the school website and the Oxfordshire SEN Families together Facebook group for information, activities and events.

Best wishes Natalie



Half Term events at Banbury Museum

There's lots going on at the museum! Lego, dinosaurs, crafts and more!

For details go to

https://www.banburymuseum.org/whats-on/events/

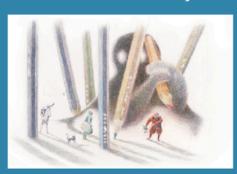


For more information on out of school activities please contact Natalie Dayer. Out of School Liaison Officer. Frank Wise School Tel: 07545 934 951. Email: nataliedayer@frankwise.oxon.sch.uk

Colour Communicates

Relaxed Family Drawing Workshop

Wednesday 29th October, 10.30am-11.30am Oxford Museum of Natural History

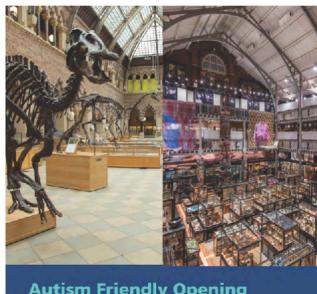


Join us for a creative drawing workshop led by artist & author Katherine Child. What messages can we send just using colour and what can we communicate? Take part in interactive drawing exercises.

For children who benefit from a quieter and calmer environment, such as neurodivergent and SEND visitors. Limited spaces.

To book email: education@oum.ox.ac.uk 1 adult per booking due to limited spaces





Autism Friendly Opening

Saturday 18th October, 9am-10am

A relaxed and quiet morning opening at the Oxford University Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum. A chance for families with members on the Autism spectrum to visit the Museum when it is less busy.

Booking essential, email: education@oum.ox.ac.uk





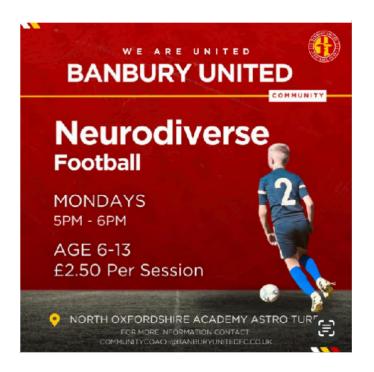


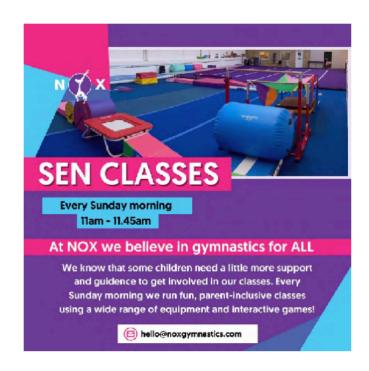












£2.50 per session, term time only. Free with a You Move Card (youmove@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

North Oxfordshire Academy, Drayton Road, Banbury OX16 0UD.

For more information, please email Ryan Jones on:-

If you are interested, visit

https://www.noxgymnastics.com/.../
gymnastics-taster.../

for more information or to sign up for a FREE trial!

Yarnton Garden Centre Soft Play SEND Sessions

Perfect for families that need a little less people, a little more space and a little more quiet. Undiagnosed children and young carers are also welcome.

The ideal place to chat with other families, make friends and feel safe. We ask you to pay for your child's developmental ability, rather than their age. We trust parents to make the right decision. One complimentary carer ticket is included per booking. You will need to show proof of diagnosis.

Email us at *magicgarden@bluediamond.gg* for your discount code or show proof on arrival. This could include (but is not limited to): DLA proof, Diagnosis Letters, EHCP, Blue Badge and Rainbow Cards.

Upcoming sessions:

Wednesday 29th October 2.30- 4.30pm,

Sunday 23rd November 2.30-4.15pm

https://events.bluediamond.gg/tickets

Sandy Lane, Yarnton. OX5 1PA





Accessible Screenings UK website has details of screenings - https://accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk/types-of-screenings/ should you wish to find out more.

Have you got a CEA card yet? This card enables a disabled cinema go-er (aged 8 yrs +) to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them to participating cinemas. Please go to their website for more info:-

https://www.ceacard.co.uk/





BOXING FOR CONFIDENCE

STARTING SEPTEMBER

Non-contact boxing sessions for neurodiverse children

- · Non-contact boxing
- Small class sizes (max 10)
- Build confidence & focus
- Led by Dave Earle MBE and Hyde, a neurodiverse coach

For schools and parents - message now to register interest

Contact via Spit n Sawdust Boxing club on Facebook



Make a friend online with Virtual Buddying

Sense's Virtual Buddying is for disabled people of any age in the UK. Video call, phone, text, or email with your buddy once a week from the comfort of your home. Together, you can learn a new skill, build your confidence, do your favourite activities – or simply have a chat and a laugh together!

It's really simple to get started and totally free! Once you register your interest and complete an application form, one of our team will be in touch to learn more about you and your interests. We'll match you with a volunteer who's a similar age, personality and who stares your interests and then we'll introduce you to each other. Call or message your new buddy for an hour a week, when it suits you. We'll check in with you regularly to see how you and your Buddy are getting on. Find out more and sign up by visiting our website https://www.sense.org.uk/our-sen/ces/meeting-people/virtual-buddying-befriending-sen/ces/

If you have any questions get in touch with <u>virtualbuddving@sense.org.uk</u>

Support for young carers and siblings of disabled people

Sometimes, we all need space to retax and share our experiences with people who understand us. That's why we offer support and activities to young carers and siblings aged 5-18, of people with disabilities. Your child could attend one of our virtual book clubs or games nights, or come along to a wellbeing session if they'd like to talk. The choice is theirs!

Most of our work with siblings and young carers happens online. This means you can access our sessions from wherever you are in the UK. We send out free activity packs in the post, so you can try your hand at something new! We'll also email you each month with a timetable of online activities. We can provide iPads and IT support to help you access these.

Depending on where you live in the UK, you might also be able to come along to one of our monthly meet-ups – right now we have groups in Birmingham and Bristol. These events give siblings and young carers the chance to spend time together, chat and have fun.

Find out more and sign up by visiting our website https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/support-for-children/support-for-young-parers-and-siblings/

If you have any questions get in touch with siblingsandyoungcarers@sense.org.uk

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It's really simple to get started and totally free! Once you register your interest and complete an application form, one of our team will be in touch to learn more about you and your interests. We'll match you with a volunteer who's a similar age, personality and who shares your interests and then we'll introduce you to each other. Call or message your new buddy for an hour a week, when it suits you. We'll check in with you regularly to see how you and your Buddy are getting on. Find out more and sign up by visiting our website https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/meeting-people/virtual-buddying-befriending-service/

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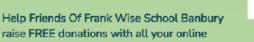
To visit the calendar of all upcoming events at Thomley go to:https://thomley.org.uk/calendar/





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Autism and Behaviour We Find Challenging – for parents

A 5-week online course for parents & carers

Dates: Five Mondays, 13th, 20th Oct and 3rd, 10th, 17th Nov

Times: 09:30 AM - 11:30 AM (2 hours)

Format: Online

If you are a parent/carer of an autistic young person whose behaviour can be challenging, then this course is for you!

This course will change the way you think about behaviour!

This highly popular course acknowledges that parent/ carers often experience behaviour and situations which are difficult to manage in the home and/or elsewhere. We will explore many aspects of challenging behaviour including causes, our response, therapeutic approaches to behaviour management and practical strategies.

We will focus on the needs of the family and will provide an open and friendly online environment where participants can learn and will be invited to share your experiences of autism - both wonderful and difficult, if you wish.

The trainer is Becky Loveless, our Operations Manager who has over 20 years' experience of working with autistic young people and their families and is a skilled trainer. With an inspiring guest speaker - Patrick is an autistic adult who will share his incredibly inspiring journey from childhood, his challenging behaviour, what he was experiencing, what helped, what didn't help, and his successes into adulthood.

For full details and to book visit our online booking page: https://bookwhen.com/afsotraining



You Are Not Alone - Free Parent Online Drop-In

Parenting an autistic child can feel amazing, confusing, and overwhelming, sometimes all in the same day. That's why we host our no-cost monthly online drop-in sessions for parents and

First Tuesday of every month

7pm - 8.30pn Platform: Zoom

Erik Wagter - host of the drop-in

We've created a safe, non-judgemental space where parents can bring their questions, share worries and connect with others who 'get it'

- Understanding and responding to challenging behaviour
- Making sense of autism on a deeper level
 The ups and downs of family relationships and dynamics
- Working with schools and professionals
- · Meeting like-minded parents and realising you are not alone

What parents can expect to take away:

- Feeling heard, appreciated, and understood
- Knowing they are seen as the experts on their own child and family.
- Feeling hopeful and having gained practical ideas

I'm Erik Wagter, co-founder of Autism Family Support Service. Alongside being a social worker, trainer and Solution Focused family coach, I also bring over two decades of personal lived family experience of autism.

If you would like to join please send an email to sallywagter@gmail.com and we will send you

Autism Family Support Service www.autismfamilysupportservice.com

About this group

We are an independent parent carer support group ran by Dads for the Dad's, Stepdads, Grandads and Carers.

This Drop-in space has been created as a safe space without judgment, where you can share your thoughts, feelings, concerns, and queries about life as a SEND parent carer.

Men's mental health isn't talked about enough, and we get it; it's hard to open up to others and share things that are bothering us, which is why we have created this group - so that we can all support each other.

If you are struggling to reach out, we have put together a post with links to mental health charities—the post has been pinned under featured posts.

Thanks for joining us

SEND Dads Drop In Team See less

Private

Only members can see who's in the group and what they post.

Visible
 Anyone can find this group.



See the Short Breaks
Newsletter with
activities and
information for those
with SEND at -

www.oxfordshire.gov .uk/shortbreaks





The Banbury Community Fridge which is housed in Banbury Mosque car park has food available to families in need of support.

The fridge is open

9-4pm Mon to Fri and 10 - 4pm on Sat & Sun





No diagnosis is needed to join Weekly informal events such as:

- Morning Coffee and Chats (fortnightly on a Friday morning)
- Pub Nights (Tuesdays)
- Family Sessions (Tuesdays)
- Night Off Sessions for parent/carers

There are two Facebook accounts.

An open page Bicester Autism/ADHD that provides information to non-members and the general community about events and articles of interest.

The second group (Bicester Autism/ADHD Chat group) is a closed chat group for members only.





SEN Support Group Banbury

About us

A support group that is run every other Monday to help support parents/carers of children with SEN, diagnosed or undiagnosed. Tea/coffee and refreshments will be provided. £1 donation per person.

Find us on Facebook: SEN Support Group Banbury or message us 07432003645

Cromwell Lodge Hotel, OX16 OTB. Every other Monday 09.30am-11.00am.







