



MAY NEWSLETTER

Welcome

Welcome to the May newsletter. Mental Health Awareness Week takes place Monday 13 May to Sunday 19 May on the theme of “Movement: Moving more for our mental health”.

Movement is important for our mental health. But so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you’re watching television – it all counts! There are lots of ways for schools and settings to take part in Mental Health Awareness Week. For more information: [Mental Health Awareness Week in schools](#) | [Mental Health Foundation Moodboosters \(bbc.co.uk\)](#)

Jen Teasdale
Early Years Service Manager



‘Transition is a process, not a one off event’

Transition Event

Monday 13th May 1-4pm at Sefton PDC

The transition event will be even better and bigger this year! We currently have over 120 schools and settings due to attend which shows the incredible commitment that you have to ensure a smooth and well informed transition for all children. Thank you!

If you haven’t yet booked on, please do so!

Alongside the all important sharing of information, we will also have a number of stalls to really celebrate Early Years in Sefton!

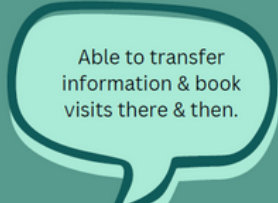
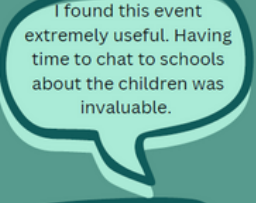
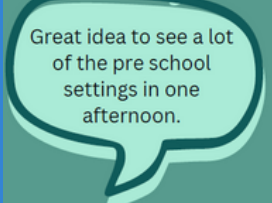
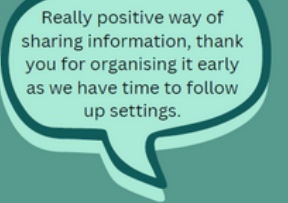
The Early Years SEND Team, Complex Needs Team and colleagues from Children’s Social Care will be available to discuss our most vulnerable children.

A range of free resources will be available to share with parents and carers, as well as some resources to use in school and settings.

This will also be an opportunity to network, to meet some of our new Standard Leads in Sefton and to reflect and plan for the new year ahead. Bring your diaries to co-ordinate school visits!

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Feed back from last years event

-  Able to transfer information & book visits there & then.
-  I found this event extremely useful. Having time to chat to schools about the children was invaluable.
-  Great idea to see a lot of the pre school settings in one afternoon.
-  Really positive way of sharing information, thank you for organising it early as we have time to follow up settings.



CONGRATULATIONS...

School of the Year!

Huge congratulations to Holy Trinity in Southport who have been crowned the 2024 Sefton School of the Year by Southport.

The school 'with a huge heart' wowed judges with the way they welcome children and their families into the community at a school where English is an additional language for over two thirds of pupils.

Holy Trinity Headteacher, Linda says that she is 'feeling so proud of our amazing school'.

Please follow this link to read more...

<https://standupforsouthport.com/southport-school-where-children-speak-24-different-languages-crowned-sefton-school-of-the-year-at-2024-pride-of-sefton-awards/>



Gold Award Winners....

Congratulations to Springwell Park who have achieved the GOLD award for Attachment and Trauma Sensitive Schools with Dr Jennifer Nock. The gold award recognises the culture of compassion and nurture throughout the school and with all stakeholders.

The school has become a beacon of best practice for other schools working towards Attachment and Trauma Sensitive School practice.

This is a fantastic achievement! The school welcomes visitors who would like to learn more about their innovative and inspiring practices.

If you are interested in taking part in the Attachment and Trauma Informed Bronze Award in the next academic year, please contact heather.pearce@sefton.gov.uk



'Springwell Park ensures that 'trauma informed knowledge, narratives, language, values, principles, assumptions and processes are embedded deep into the culture of the whole school, and are owned, moulded and maintained by everyone who is a part, regardless of role or status.'

Dr Jennifer Nock

Seftons Conversation Model for Referrals

From May 1st 2024, changes are in place for the process of referring to Children's Social Care and Early Help.

CHAT TEAM: 0151 934 4013 If you are worried about a child or young person and think they may be at risk of neglect or harm.

FAST TEAM: 0151 934 4545 if you or a family you work with need support from the Early Help Service.

EMERGENCY DUTY TEAM: 0151 934 3555 outside of working hours, weekends and bank holidays.

CHILDCARE EXPANSION UPDATES...

Childcare Expansion Update Session

Hourly briefings on the progress of the Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wrap Around Programme. All Schools, Early Years Settings, Wrap Around Providers and Childminders are encouraged to attend.

13th May 9:30-10:30am

Repeated

14th May 2:30-3:30p

Sessions will include:

- Sufficiency/ Supply and Demand mapping
- Early Years expansion-update and next steps
- Wrap Around Childcare-update and next steps
- Recruitment and Retention and the Financial Incentives Pilot

Both meetings will be held on Teams and are bookable on the Early Years portal.<https://seftonearlyyears.uk/>



Recruitment and Retention

We recently held a Working in Childcare course funded by sefton@work for unemployed residents with an interest in working with children. Participants were able to hear from a range of professionals about their varied career journeys, including:

Paul-Kristaval

Debbie and Becky-Fun4kidz

Kayleigh and Jayne -The Grange Primary School

Gill-Early Years Consultant

Sue-Quality Improvement officer

Claire-Principle Early Help Worker

Thank you to all for sharing your experience, enthusiasm and knowledge with the group and for being fantastic advocates for the sector!

Ahhh opportunity.

Business Support for providers

Are you an Early Years or Wrap Around provider considering your delivery model in response to the expansion of Early Years and Wrap Around childcare?

Childcare works have launched the Hub which contains some useful videos on different elements of business planning.

<https://childcareworks.org.uk/>

Need more support?

Invest Sefton can offer individual advice. You can also sign up to their newsletter and keep up to date with some workshops that they offer:

<https://www.investsefton.com/>

