

An update from Simon Toyne, Integrated Services Leader:



As we reach the end of the academic year I am very proud of the extent, level and quality of the services we have provided with children and families throughout these past three school terms. We recently discussed as a service those values that underpin all of the work we do under the umbrella of Aireborough Children's Services and it was a powerful reminder of the commitment we continually make during increasingly pressured times; namely to treat people fairly, retain a sense of fun and humour in our work, ensure that we are respectful, deliver on what we promise and above all make a positive difference to people's wellbeing and lives. I feel confident and hopeful that this mirrors the experience of the majority of those accessing our supports and services, and where we have not been able to make a difference directly, we have delivered our best and perhaps directed or signposted onto other services or supports that can help.

We are continuing to try and offer different and better ways to respond to issues and challenges faced by families – currently we are delivering workshops for Parents of Adolescents that initial feedback is extremely positive about the relevance and need for this type of support and information. We are also now offering monthly 30 minute appointments to be able to book on and drop-in for swift support and advice whilst awaiting a service or simply as a first port of call. To book a place on the remaining workshops or to book an appointment, please call 0113 250 6593.

Next week will see the wonderful showcase of talent at the Aireborough Performing Arts Festival with Let's Celebrate and Battle of the Acts Events. Please book your tickets in advance if possible using the links in the promotion at the bottom of this newsletter. These are well worth attending, either to see your own child on stage or to simply enjoy the many positive qualities of our children and young people and the collaboration of all 14 cluster schools under one roof.

I wish you an enjoyable memorable summer.

Celebrations & Successes

- Ticket sales for Let's Celebrate are rapidly selling out and it promises to be a great night. Seats are also available for Battle of the Acts with both Benton Park and Guiseley High School competing this year – get your tickets while you can.
- Initial take-up of our Parents of Adolescents Workshops has been promising and we have received some very positive feedback from parents.

Did you know....

- ⇒ "Aireborough" was originally the name of a fictional wealthy manufacturing town used in a series of short stories by Charles Friel in the late 19th Century.
- ⇒ The name was adopted in 1936 on creation of a new Urban District combining the townships of Rawdon, Guiseley and Yeadon.

2017 Arts Festival - Yeadon Town Hall

Let's Celebrate

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th June
6.30pm

Two spectacular shows celebrating the depth and breadth of talent across Aireborough schools

Battle of the Acts

Thursday 29th June
6.30pm

Schools will nominate their best musicians to compete for a chance to record and to win the Battle of the Acts Trophy.



Service developments:

- ⇒ The monthly advice clinic has been well attended - early indications are that this will be a valuable addition to our services.
- ⇒ With the summer break looming we are aware of the need for families to plan their time and activities. There continue to be many schemes and activities running much of which will be promoted and available on the Breeze website. We are currently updating our local Activities Directory so that families have another source of information to contact providers directly for information – look out on our website for the renewed version.



A Focus on.....

KidsHealth provides information about health, behaviour, and development from before birth through the teen years.

With individual sections for parents, kids, and teens, the website provides perspective, advice, and comfort about a wide range of physical, emotional, and behavioural issues that affect families.

The site includes articles, animations, games, and other content in language free of "doctor speak" that readers can easily understand and use.

www.kidshealth.org/

Upcoming Groups, Events & Workshops:

Start Date:	Group / Event / Workshop:	Venue:	Contact:
Every 3rd Wednesday in the month	Family Support/Therapeutic Advice Clinic. 1 - 3pm	Aireborough Children's Centre, Queensway Primary School, Coppicewood Avenue, Yeadon, LS19 7LF	To book an appointment please contact Julia Whiteley on 0113 250 6593 / julia.whiteley@aireboroughxs.co.uk
8th June 2017 for 6 weeks	'Parents of Adolescents' Workshops. Thursdays 4 - 6pm	Yeadon Tarn Sailing & Activities Centre, Cemetery Road, Yeadon, LS19 7UR	To book places please contact Julia Whiteley on 0113 250 6593 / julia.whiteley@aireboroughxs.co.uk
27th to 29th June 2017	Aireborough Performing Arts Festival 2017: Let's Celebrate (27th-28th) Battle of the Acts (29th)	Yeadon Town Hall, High Street, Leeds LS19 7PP	For further details and to book tickets go to http://codswallop.org.uk/box-office or call 0333 666 3366

What Parents and Young People have said about our services:

"My family support worker has been a massive support over the past few years. Even the times she hasn't been officially working with me, I have known that I can turn to her for help, advice & support" (Family Support)

"I liked being able to express how I felt without being judged or worrying if I upset someone" (Child & young person counselling)

"I have found the sessions very useful. They have given me time to slow down and think about how I feel." (Parent counselling)

"I could talk to her about anything and she would help me. She is very supportive & helpful and I felt she went the extra mile for us" (Family support)