

NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2010

Sailing for Dyslexia Network Plus

At 12 noon on the 19 June 2010 [Thornton Steward Sailing Club](#) (near Bedale) annual 24 hour sponsored sail will begin. Last year we raised over £1700 for Air Ambulance, this year we are sailing for **Dyslexia Network Plus**.

We are expecting to have two or more boats sail round the clock for 24 hours, there will also be a safety boat which will be manned for the full 24 hours by two people.

This is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise funds for DNPlus — Previously our funding has come from grants which are time consuming to complete and we have to spend the funding on specific items and usually within a specified time frame. Which often puts pressure upon our small team of unpaid volunteers.



So firstly on behalf of DNPlus I would like to thank

Thornton Steward Sailing Club for giving us this wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our group.

Secondly can I make a plea that we make the most of this event, to help support DNPlus, in providing the services we currently do at as low a cost as possible, making it as affordable as possible for those people who need support with dyslexic issues.

We need your help

- If you can sail a dinghy and have some time to spare over the 19/20 June please get in touch with me as soon as possible, (camping is available at the venue for the event).
- Get a copy of the **sponsorship form from our web site** and get as many people as possible to sponsor the event, every £1 counts.
- If you cannot sail, but would support us, then pitch at the sailing club at any time during the 24 hours to support us.

Sara Perkins, Chairman — tel: 01845 574409

Dyslexia Network Plus — Website:

Our website is now up and running at www.dyslexianetworkplus.org.uk and we are getting a regular stream of 5-20 hits per day. Some of these are from people who have picked up our flyers or been re-directed by the BDA Helpline.

Judith McKenzie has a supply of flyers, so if you know a school, club or other venue that would display them do contact her (email: mckenzie343@btinternet.com).

After the booklet on Preparing for an Annual Review was put on the website and BDA Forum and SENCo Forum were made aware of the leaflet, there was a huge rush to the site of about 600 hits over the week! There were many complimentary comments from people who had also looked at other parts of the website.

Do keep looking on the site and if you hear of any interesting events related to dyslexia, do let me know and it can be added to the events page.

Several of you took advantage of the Sharks offer and hopefully your children are all enjoying trying not to be eaten whilst they improve their literacy/numeracy skills!

Judith Stansfield
SEN ICT Consultant

You could be entitled to free IT equipment and/or internet access

Home Access is the government programme that will help to ensure that more children in state-maintained education in England have access to technology at home to support learning, by providing them with grant funding to buy a computer and/or internet package. The Home Access programme began its phased rollout across England in January 2010. Initially the programme will target children in years 3 to 9 inclusive and will benefit more than 270,000 households that currently lack access by March 2011.

To find out more about Home Access Assistive Technology packages please check online at:

Home Access - <http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/>

Recent Tips spotted

Timetable Keyring - Provide children with a laminated "keyring" timetable. Each day is the size of a credit card and colour co-ordinated – eg. Week 1 is in red, Week 2 is in blue, etc. lessons which require extra equipment (eg. PE, art & technology) are in green. Each day is individually laminated, with a hole punched in one corner and connected to a metal keyring.

Spellings — Many dyslexic children find it easier to use spellings if they are directly in front of them rather than on the whiteboard or wall. The school may provide a spelling book but it can be quite time consuming finding the page that is wanted. What does help is to have a small book that has alphabetic tabs down the side. New words from weekly lists can be entered onto the correct page—over time they will not necessarily be in alphabetical order within the letter tab, but it is a start. If the child has a set of topic related words to learn, for example on Vikings, this list could also be entered on the V page as a topic list.

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Join the HERD

DROP-IN SESSION

for families with children of all ages



Join the HERD

Members may:

- * borrow games and resources
- * find support and information
- * just drop-in for a coffee and a chat

Wednesdays (weekly until half-term)

at Northallerton's Children's Centre

Fridays (fortnightly[†]) at Bedale C of E Primary School
both anytime between 3.30 and 5 pm, during term time

[†]Bedale dates: Friday 14.5.10—Friday 11.6.10—Friday 25.6.10 —Friday 9.7.10

HERD—Helpful Education Resources for Dyslexia

Summer 2010 Events

Nasen Live 2010 - Dedicated to SEN, 26th - 27th May

At Reebok Stadium, Bolton

Low cost event directed at people working in SEN. Includes exhibition of SEN resources and seminars. Full event details can be found at www.sounds-commercial.co.uk/reg/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1&Itemid=6 or call 0117 958 0283 for info.

Sponsored 24 Hour Sailing Dinghy Race, Sat 19th-Sun 20th June

Thornton Steward Sailing Club, near Bedale www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/

The sponsorship this year is in aid of Dyslexia Network Plus

BDA Members' Day Leicester, Sat 19th June 2010, 11am—4pm

Stoneygate Baptist Church. 315 London Road, Stoneygate, Leicester LE2 3ND. Contact www.bda-dyslexia.org.uk for details and to book.

Special Conference : DYSLEXIA MATTERS, Sat 3rd July

at Centre of Life in Newcastle upon Tyne, FROM 9am - 4.00pm. Contact Liz Ferguson 0786 826 3696 www.dyslexianortheast.org for details

Dyslexia Network Plus is a local Not-for-Profit organisation, run by parents to support families with dyslexic type difficulties

Information Line: 0845 22 60 240