

KIDS NEWS



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Sea Life

Thanks to a donation from National Trust we were able to organise a trip to Sea Life on the 5th April. Thirteen families attended and they had a lovely time.

"Our daughter enjoyed her afternoon especially all the colourful fish – it was a joy to see her smiling and so excited with all the new things to see."



London Zoo – Special Children's Day



We had a lovely trip to the London Zoo Special Children's Day last month, 74 people (19 families) came with us on the day! This trip was funded by the Newcomen Collett Foundation.

"We really enjoyed ourselves at the zoo, the children asked if we'll go again."

"It was really nice to see other families that are walking similar roads to mine. I saw so many children wearing their sound blockers like D. It was a lovely day I didn't have to worry about D having a melt down and people looking at me because I knew they would understand."



"We had a lovely time - so nice to be at the zoo as a family and everything is accessible to everyone! E loved the butterflies and lemurs."

Amazon Smile

Amazon now has a charity portal: www.smile.amazon.co.uk

If you are looking to purchase anything on Amazon, please do it through the link here: <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/275936-0>

Or go to www.smile.amazon.co.uk and choose KIDS as your charity and KIDS will receive 0.5% of your overall purchase cost. There is no cost added to your purchase.

Please spread the word!



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SENsational Play Group

A special group will run throughout the summer holidays at The Grove Children's Centre and aims to provide support around accessing nursery provisions for children with SEN. There will be opportunities to find out more about educational provision for children with SEN, access information and support from professionals, build a bank of evidence to share with your child's future Early Years provider to help secure funding, relax and play with your child in clean, comfortable surroundings and to get to know other parents and carers.

The sessions take place every Wednesday throughout the summer holiday: 25th July and the 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th August from 10am-2pm at The Grove Children's Centre, situated on Tower Mill Road, SE15 6BY.

This group is not organised or run by KIDS but a KIDS practitioner will be present for part of every session. For more information, please contact sensationalplay@grove.southwark.sch.uk

I see you – Poem by Alethea Mshar

I want you to know that I see you.

I see you running your child to therapy when your friends are running their kids to Little League.

I see you slipping out the of conversation when your friends are all chiming in about milestones and test grades.

I see you juggling appointments and meetings, always making sure you do the best for your child.

I see you sitting at your computer for hours researching what your child needs.

I see you cringe when people whine about the petty things that pale in comparison to your day.

I see you spread thin, but still going the extra mile for your family, and managing to do it with a smile.

I see you digging for depths of strength you never dreamed you had.

I see you showing appreciation to the teachers, therapists and medical professionals who serve your child with you.

I see you reluctantly rising early in the morning to do it all again after another chaotic night.

I see you when you're hanging on to the end of your rope for dear life.

I know you feel invisible, like nobody notices any of it. But I want you to know I notice you. I see you in the trenches, relentlessly pushing onward. I see you keep choosing to do everything in your power to give your child the best possible care at home, in school, at therapy, and the doctor. What you're doing matters. It's worth it. On those days when you wonder if you can do it another minute, I want you to know that I see you. I want you to know that you're beautiful. I want you to know that it's worth it. I want you to know that you aren't alone. I want you to know that love is what matters most, and that you have that nailed.

And on those days when you have breakthroughs, those times when the hard work pays off and success is yours to cherish, I see you then, too, and I am proud of you.



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