

# NEWSLETTER January 2018



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## Christmas Activities at FUN



Our staff & members were very busy over the festive period. FUN have hosted parties & a disco, Santa's grotto and also a surprise visit from Santa himself!

FUN youth club and young adults club worked together with staff to create their first ever panto 'An Elves Adventure', which was performed to FUN members and parents and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Youth club & Young adults club members were responsible for the whole production, from singing in the choir to organising costumes.

Samira our Youth & Young Adults Coordinator was incredibly proud of all who participated and was impressed with members new found confidence, friendships made and skills learned. In fact, she was so impressed that the team decided to hold a mini awards ceremony after the panto to acknowledge the two clubs hard work and commitment.

## Saturday Club

Fun Saturday Club is thriving and growing! Our club is now at full capacity with 21 pre-bookable spaces available. Saturday Club runs 2 Saturday's per month term-time only. Saturday Club members have recently been enjoying outings to the Harpenden Panto and TOKKO youth centre's Climbing Wall. As we now have a very large waiting list, FUN are looking to expand and recruit more **Support Workers**. Please see our Job Opportunities section above for more information.

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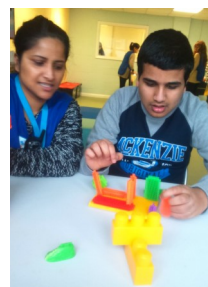
## Job Opportunities with FUN



FUN is looking to expand our dedicated team of **Support Staff** who support children and young people at our clubs and activities. All of our

support staff bring a caring and accepting attitude to their roles.

If you are interested in applying for a support worker role, please contact the office on 01582 420800 or see our website for a full job description and application form .



Thank You!



FUN would like to say a **big** Thankyou to **Jam Crackers IT Support** who have been busy organising fundraising events as we continue to be their chosen charity for 2017/2018.

In October they hosted a Monster Mash Fancy Dress party - with a disco, raffle and prizes for the best costume. Funds raised were used to help subsidise the cost of the Milton Keynes Panto trip.

Thank you to our sponsors & our supporters who came along on the night & helped raise a massive monster mashing **£1125.64!**



## Disability Awareness Training

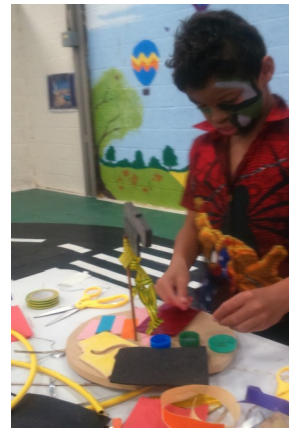
Are you or your organisation looking for training opportunities?

Families United Network is passionate about raising awareness of disability and it's impact on the lives of those affected, and their families.

FUN are able to offer Disability Awareness Training Courses, which provide a general introduction to disability, with a strong emphasis on real life experiences and solutions. All of our training is delivered by parents of disabled children and young people who can offer first hand experience of what it is like to access educational, health and other services whilst living with a disability; both from the perspective of the disabled person themselves and their family members and carers.

Training is for professionals and support staff working with disabled people; employers and other public and private service providers.

If you would like more information or to book your place then please contact the office on: 01582 420800 or email: [info@familiesunitednetwork.org.uk](mailto:info@familiesunitednetwork.org.uk)



**DO SOMETHING AMAZING IN 2018**

**7th May**

Superhero's Family Fun Run 3km & Half Marathon

**2nd June**

MK 5KM Colour Rush

**16th September**

London to Brighton 54km Cycle

**21st September**

Ben Nevis Trek

**28th October**

Love Luton 10k Run

Bungee jumping @ Wyboston Lakes &

Skydiving in Brackley are available throughout the Spring & Summer Please get in touch to pick a date!

## FUN is LTFC's chosen Charity!!



We are delighted to announce that FUN have been chosen by Luton Town Football Club to be their Players Charity for the 2018/2018 season!

FUN HQ was recently visited by players from the club who were able to join in our activities during Holiday Club. They were impressed with our great facilities and are looking forward to coming back to see us in the future



**Matchday Collection**



Our wonderful FUN volunteers attended the Luton Town v Cambridge match on 18th November with their bucket collection and raised a huge amount of **£1244.25**. FUN would like to thank all our volunteers that collected on the day, to LTFC for making this possible and to all our supporters for their generous donations.