

Hannahs News – October 2019

Welcome

It has been a busy start to Autumn for everyone at Dame Hannahs. Our young people have been trying out new activities from table cricket to LED art as well as fitting in their last sailing trip and a roller disco. They have also been doing their own fundraising and welcoming special visitors. Meanwhile our supporters have continued to amaze us with their hard work and generosity.



Special Visitors

We were delighted to welcome two special visitors to our school recently. Hilary Bunston (now Dredge) was a pupil here 1950-60 and Elizabeth Harris (now Harding) was a teacher here in the early 1980s. They really enjoyed their tour of the school, meeting the staff and students and exchanging stories and memories.



Marimba

Thanks to the generosity of our friends at Santander, there is a new Marimba in the Hannahwood music room. Our young adults have had great fun trying it out and playing some lovely tunes.



Hannahwood Radio

Bex is one of the many radio presenters picking her favourite songs on the weekly Hannahwood Radio show. Remember to listen to Hannahwood Radio on Thursdays at 4pm.



Yellow Day

On World Mental Health Day 2019 we said #HelloYellow to support children and young people's mental health and raised money for the charity Young Minds. Marchesi bungalow were the lucky winners of a wonderful yellow box full of happiness in the raffle!



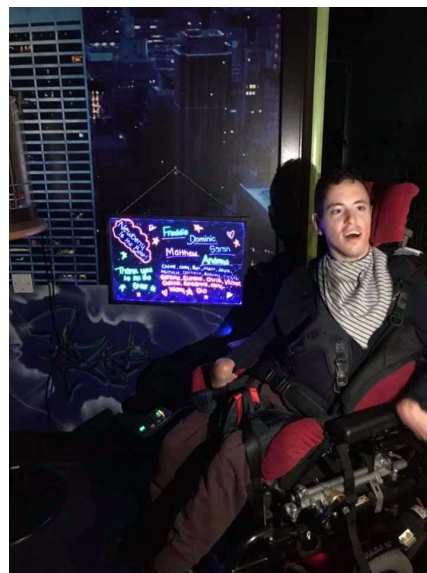
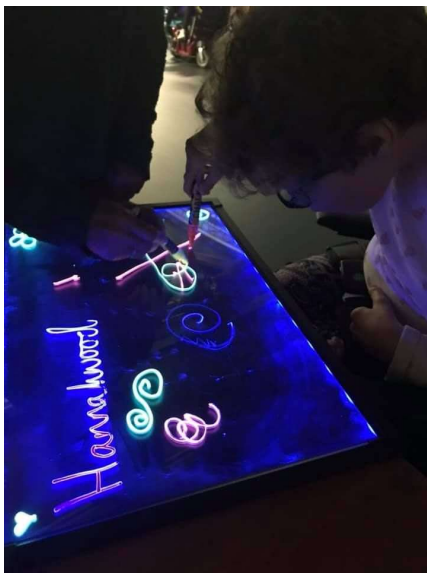
Table Cricket

Our Hannahwood young adults have been really enjoying the new table cricket, purchased using a grant from the Lords Taverners. Stephen Pritchard from Devon Cricket came to give them some training just in time for the start of their new table cricket league!



Roller Disco

The children from Hannah Avenue were in party mood last weekend. They had a wonderful time at the Roller Disco at the Plymouth Life Centre.



LED Art

Our young adults in the new special sensory art group are really enjoying and benefiting from the new LED art board, kindly donated by friends and families of Hannahwood.

Last Sail

Our Hannahwood sailors enjoyed their last sail of the season around Plymouth Sound this week. A big thank you once again to Horizons Sailing Charity for making this possible.



Santa Fun Run Launch

We were very excited to join the launch of the Plymouth Santa Fun Run at the Nuffield Health Devonshire Club recently. The Plymouth Santa Fun Run is organised by Saltram Rotary Club who have chosen Dame Hannahs and Shekinah as the beneficiary charities this year. Other supporters of the event were getting into the early festive spirit at the launch including Brights Solicitors, Womble Bond Dickinson and Plymouth City Centre Company. We are looking for Santas of all ages to take part in this fun festive family event on Sunday 8th December.



Harvest Festival Bounty

Loddiswell Congregational Church donated a wonderful Harvest Festival Bounty to Dame Hannahs. Two gentlemen from the church visited our school to present the generous array of home grown fruit and vegetables.



Shop Fundraisers

The wonderful volunteers in our Saltash shop have started organising 'pick a square' hampers every month. The first winning ticket was drawn by the very colourful and entertaining Brian Whipp! The next hamper will be full of Halloween goodies so head to our Saltash shop and pick your square now! If you would like to run a 'pick a square' or any other fundraising activities in aid of Dame Hannahs there are lots of ideas on our website.



Autumn Lunch

It was lovely to see so many supporters at our annual Autumn Lunch at Boringdon Park Golf Club. Organised by our wonderful Ivybridge Supporter Group, the event raised £1,884.50. A big thank you to Tom Cox for his fascinating presentation about Mayflower 400.

Little Fundraiser

A lovely little lady called Tegan visited Hannahwood last week. She raised £180 by running the Plymouth Half Marathon in the summer and bought our young adults lots of goodies from their wish list. They are so grateful for these special gifts and will have lots of fun using them!





Will Week donations

Local Solicitors Kitsons and Tozers have both made very generous donations following their participation in our Make Your Will Week. Every year we team up with a group of local solicitors in South Devon to run our Make Your Will Week and in 2019 we raised £4,445. The solicitors waive their Will-writing fee in return for a donation to Dame Hannahs. Our next Make Your Will Week will take place 9-13 March 2020.



Words for Voices

Words for Voices gave a very entertaining performance 'Seaside, Soldiers and Strychnine' - a glimpse into the world of Agatha Christie in prose, poetry and song in aid of Dame Hannahs and Step One recently. This was part of the Stoke Gabriel Community Concert Series and Dame Hannahs Sing to Raise initiative.



Big Noise Chorus

Big Noise Chorus and their founder Colin Rea presented a very generous donation to Dame Hannahs recently. The choir performed their Spring into Song concert as part of Dame Hannahs Sing to Raise initiative. The concert featured over 150 voices from Torbay's renowned pop choir and was a fantastic evening of song and entertainment. If you are interested in taking part in our Sing to Raise initiative and want to get your choir, band or singing group together to hold a musical event in aid of Dame Hannahs please contact: debbie.lumsdon@discoverhannahs.org

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers and fundraisers for all their dedication and hard work. If you would like to get involved please contact supportus@discoverhannahs.org

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