

# ROMSEY OPPORTUNITY GROUP

The Appletree Centre, Princes Road, Romsey SO51 8DS

01794 511927 (Tues & Thurs 9-1pm)

Registered Charity No. 266330



**March 2022**

## Dear Parents/Carers, Volunteers and Staff

We have certainly had a busy first half of the term with lots going on!

Janine, Sue and Carol have been covering Lyn's role and will continue until further notice. If you have any queries, please speak to one of us and we will be happy to help if we can. We now have a waiting list. During the pandemic we were only allowed space for 6 children to attend at one time, but Dick our treasurer has recently contacted Hampshire County Council to get permission to increase our numbers once again so from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 we will be able to have up to 9 children attending each morning, volunteers permitting of course. This is positive news but it means we need to have a few more volunteers to call upon so if you know of anyone especially on a Tuesday who would be interested, please let us know.



Diary Dates

Easter Holidays

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
2022



To our volunteers Sarah and Ellie who have recently joined team ROG. You are both AMAZING!

## Important Reminders for Parents/Carers

- If your child cannot attend a session, please text [Janine](tel:07970428770) on 07970428770 on the evening before the session or contact the Appletree Centre on 01794 511927 from 9.00am on the morning of the session. The earlier you let us know the better.
- Please bring a set of spare clothes re messy play.
- Please bring a coat into the playroom with your child as we now have hanging space.
- With the hot weather approaching please apply sun cream to your child and bring a sun hat to be worn.
- Please place your child's snack on the table in the parents' room clearly labelled.
- We have recently introduced an information board with the daily/weekly ROG session activities. You will find this in the parents' room.

## Volunteer Information

- If you are unable to attend a session, please text [Janine](tel:07970428770) on 07970428770 on the evening before the session or contact the Appletree Centre on 01794 511927 from 9.00am on the morning of the session.
- Helpers' meetings now take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday and 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 12.15pm.

## Update on Lyn

As you are all now aware, Lyn has been on long term sick leave. She has come through some very difficult surgery and has amazed the medical team with the speed of her recovery. Sue has been keeping in touch with her regularly and the children have sent her get wells cards. Lyn is always in our thoughts and prayers. Sue recently took a lovely fruit basket to Lyn from all the parents, children, staff and volunteers.



## Advance Notification

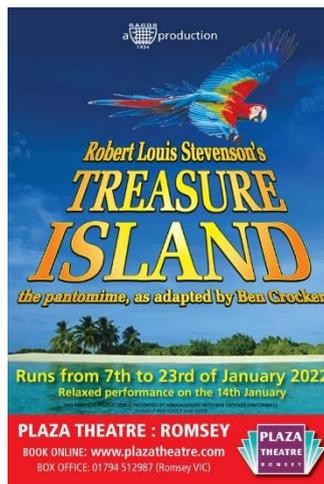
### Mayors Picnic 2022

We recently received an email informing us that it is planned to hold the popular Romsey Mayor's Picnic on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022. Third time lucky, hopefully! This plan is, of course subject to the Covid 19 situation at the time of the event.

### Free Let at Crosfield Hall

Our fundraising event at Crosfield Hall that was due to take in May 2020 is being put on hold for the time being. We will keep you updated with any new information regarding this.

## Group Activities



### Dress Rehearsal of local Pantomime

Once again Romsey Opportunity Group were invited to the dress rehearsal of the pantomime 'Treasure Island' at the Romsey Plaza Theatre. As it is always an evening performance, on a school night this is a chance for some of our past children, siblings and their parents to enjoy a night out at a reduced price. Thank you to everyone at RAODS for your kind invitation. One of the stars of the show was our lovely music lady Liz.

### Visit to ROG

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January we had Aimee Knell visiting ROG with her 3-year-old cocker spaniel NHS registered therapy dog. The children, parents, staff and volunteers really enjoyed Casper's visit. We really hope Aimee will return for another visit so the Thursday families can meet Casper and Aimee.



### Chinese New Year

We celebrated Chinese New Year at Opportunity Group on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. The children had great fun getting messy with the noodles!

## Valentine's Day 2022

Valentine's Day was celebrated in true ROG style, and the children made cards to take home to their parents.



## Spring is coming!



The Appletree Centre survived storm Eunice with just a couple of fence panels down. We hope no one suffered too much damage.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March the children marked the coming of spring making these beautiful daffodil cards for St. David's Day.

## Train Update



Dick our treasurer went all the way to Daventry with wife Anne to view a new train for the playground. As this newsletter goes out the trustees have given the go ahead. Here is a sneak preview. Money has been made available from Hampshire County Council, DP World, Keith Fisher and money raised via Walk the Test Way.



Thank  
You

Romsey Ukulele Group (RUG)  
Romsey PCC  
Fleur-de-Les retirement home  
Hearing Concern  
& Private Individuals  
for your kind very donations

A special thank you must go out to Hearing Concern who have recently given us a monetary donation when their group recently disbanded. Hearing Concern used to hold their meetings in the Appletree Centre and their session followed us on a Tuesday.

## Useful Information

In case you did not see this on our closed ROG Facebook Group below is a great resource. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/dsukpottytrainingdownsyndromeunder5>  
June M Rogers, administrator of this group, is generous with advice and support on the Facebook site. There are many more useful documents to download under the 'files' section of the Facebook group. Also, there are lots of posts from parents (and grandparents) who are working through toilet training with their children.

Visit our website <http://www.romseyopgroup.org.uk>

e-mail [rog@romseyopgroup.org.uk](mailto:rog@romseyopgroup.org.uk) or **01794 511927 (Appletree)** Tuesday and Thursday  
9.00am – 1.00pm term time only