



PIAM BROWN NEWS



Welcome to the third Piam Brown newsletter where we try to share our experiences and gratitude to those who support our families as well as letting you know what is happening on the ward.

Recent Outings & Events

All our trips and outings are open to those who have been treated on Piam Brown Ward, although children currently receiving treatment are given priority. Some of our families have recently visited Paulton's Park, Marwell and Legoland.



and his team, Maria and Andy, to cook fabulous pancakes all afternoon until no more could be eaten by patients, parents or staff. The traditional lemon and sugar proved to be the most popular filling closely followed by chocolate!

Many thanks to John Lewis Southampton.

Ghost the Musical

Six families were sponsored by WWL to see this fabulous production at The Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. The contemporary choreography, costumes and outstanding digital special effects made this a show to remember.

Many thanks to WWL for their generosity.



Pancake Day

Being in hospital does not preclude anyone on Piam Brown Ward from enjoying pancakes on Shrove Tuesday due to the generosity of John Lewis. Tracey the community liaison officer for John Lewis organised for Head Chef Andy

Mad Hatters Tea Party

As we go to print the final arrangements are being made for our Annual Mad Hatter's tea party hosted by Malc Drew at the Portsmouth Marriott Hotel. We are all really looking forward to the party which promises a disco, games, children's entertainer, indoor zoo, fancy hat competition and much more. Malc was a Piam Brown parent some time ago and fundraises each year through his small charity in order to host this event for our Portsmouth families.

Thank you so much Malc for all your support.

Christmas for Piam B

It was a busy time for Piam Brown Ward over Christmas this year. It started with our Children's Christmas Party generously hosted at The Concorde Club in Eastleigh. Around 150 children and their families were entertained with music, games, magic and of course Father Christmas, with a splendid high tea laid on for all the guests. Our teenagers were given an outing to Frankie and Benny's, followed by hours of entertainment at the Ten Pin Bowling alley in Eastleigh.

Presents for the children and chocolate selection boxes were given out throughout December and into January thanks to the extraordinary generosity of many groups and organisations. It is uplifting to see a smile spread over the face of a seriously ill child as they receive a gift and it is heartwarming for the families to know that people were thinking of them at that time of year.

Paulton's Park enabled our families to visit their Christmas Wonderland, with each child and sibling receiving a gift and special attention from Father Christmas as well as lots of fun on the rides in the park.

Lucy's Days Out and Wallenius Wilhelmsen Logistics (WWL) sponsored 10 families to enjoy the Marwell Wildlife Christmas experience. This was a delightful session spent with Mrs Clause and the team of elves in the Christmas workshop before meeting Santa himself who gave presents to every child.



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The families also had the opportunity to go to a pantomime due to the generosity of the Darren King Memorial Fund, Lucy's Days Out and the Otterbourne Village Hall. Families saw Robinson Crusoe at the Mayflower Theatre, The Nutcracker at the Nuffield Theatre and Cinderella at Otterbourne Village Hall. The productions were fantastic and it was an absolute joy to see the families laughing. We are thankful to all the sponsors for giving so many families this positive experience in the midst of their treatment.



Our Projects

Beads of Courage



This new scheme has been welcomed by the staff and families alike. The scheme involves stringing beautiful beads representing treatments and experiences which is a fantastic means of telling each patient's individual story. The annual running costs of the scheme are being generously sponsored by Sophie's Appeal.

Reclining Chairs

In our previous newsletter we mentioned that we were looking for sponsorship for 10



specialised reclining chairs which are now in use on the ward at each bedside. Having previously received sponsorship for six

chairs, (costing £1,375 each) our grateful thanks go to the following who have kindly agreed to sponsor the four remaining chairs.

- Exxon Mobile through their occupation health scheme.
- The Waltham Wolves who ran the Junior Great South Run, organised by Jo Davies.
- A Touch of Magic coordinated by Lara Ridge and friends.
- The Treadwell family inspired by the care their son received on the Piam Brown Ward last year.



Playroom & Schoolroom Re-furb

Our planned major project for this year is to redesign and equip the playroom and teenagers area which doubles up as a schoolroom during school hours. We have already received generous donations from Parkewood School of Dance (inspired by the bravery of the late Olivia), Ben's Heroes Trust, the TCW group, and A Touch of Magic together with support from the Teenage Cancer Trust, B&Q and Ikea.

Piam Brown Classroom News

Hello from the Teaching Team

We are now part of the Jeffreys Trust. This is a group of local schools that form an Academy giving us important educational links.

We welcome school age children who attend Piam Brown Ward as inpatients and also as day patients, for both long and short periods of time during their treatment.

Some of the exciting topic work we have done recently includes finding out about The Polar regions, focusing on penguins and bringing these to life making models of Emperor Penguins using junk, mod-roc and a little paint! We have an excellent result as you can see here.



In the last couple of weeks Nina our paper craft volunteer has made Valentine gifts with the children, which they were pleased to pass on to their loved ones.

Some children were also fortunate to receive a book of their choice from the Readwell charity.



This organisation now supports us by providing new popular books that children in hospital can borrow throughout their stay.

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Please come in and say hello!

China for tea

Kate is a Piam Brown mum who has a passion for decorative china. Her collection of tea cups and tea plates has grown enough to inspire her to set up a novel fundraising project.

Kate is hoping to host tea parties and to loan out these beautiful tea sets for functions and events in order to raise funds for the ward. If anyone has any tea cups or tea plates they no longer want please let Rachel (charity coordinator) know who will put you in touch with Kate.

Thank you so much for all of your support!





An Amazing Day for Adam

Adam is an avid Portsmouth Football Club fan who is currently receiving treatment here on Piam Brown Ward. Adam's Mum said: "We escaped from Southampton General Hospital at 10am and just had time to go home and change (remembering to wrap up warm) before going off to Fratton Park. We were given VIP passes and were then taken to the dug-out for a photo opportunity where Adam and his sister tried out the comfy manager's seat!"

"Next we were off to the changing rooms to meet the players. We got photos with each player, they all signed the programme and Adam's football shirt.

"Kev the kit man' gave Adam a match football so that he could get all the players to sign that and keep, which naturally Adam was very excited about!"

"Adam was then lent a kit, taken onto the pitch with the mascots where they were clapped and cheered by the crowds. Just as the rain began Adam was directed into the tunnel to wait with the officials. Luckily the rain stopped in time for Adam to lead the officials and players out onto the pitch. He then changed back into his warm clothes quickly and joined us in the front row of the Fratton End for the match. A 1-0 win was a fantastic finish to a wonderful afternoon!!"



"Huge thanks to U Support and Pompey for organising this very special day."

Our Sponsors and Supporters

Our biggest supporters continue to be our families – too numerous to mention. A huge thank you goes to all our families for their support and generosity.



The Joe Glover Trust (JGT) provides support through the year

to our families, not only supplying TVs and i-pads, but also sponsoring several trips.

In December a group of nine young people were treated to the Union J concert in Bourne-mouth, where they were lucky enough to meet the band themselves.



During the February half term the JGT took six families for a special day trip to London by coach,

starting with lunch at Planet Hollywood then on to the fantastical Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at the theatre before returning to the hospital by coach. It was a fabulous day for those who went. One family who was unable to go on the day was generously sponsored to go to the show a week or so later by A Better Life.



Kiddicare, Hedge End provided £150 worth of new toys recently. The donation was particularly well timed as the New Year required the replacement of most of the playroom toys and equipment. The toys provided included role play and activity sets, hopefully going some way to making the time spent on the ward more fun.



Ann Jennings organised a charity night with her team raising £1,507.



Michelle Matthews organised a family fun day and raised over £1,250.

Calmore Community Association raised over £4,000 through a range of community events over the last year.



The 3k4k Team raised an amazing £11,629.73 by cycling the challenging three peaks.



They also donated to Leukaemia Busters.

Becky Way and Tracy Hudson organised a dinner dance at the Twin Sails Wharf and raised over £1,600.

Many local schools fundraise in support of Piam Brown Ward. Our grateful thanks go to **Cowplain Community School, Noadwood School, Bitterne School, Bitterne Manor Primary School, Hiltingbury Junior School, Edward Bryant School, Collingbourne Church of England Primary School, Crofton Secondary School, Havant Sharps Copse Primary School, Freegrounds Infant School and Fairisle Infant School.**



Thank you so much for your support

Vision Beauties...



1
no chance
wonky face...



2
used to dressing
up as a girl...



3
ugly lawyer...



4
gorgeous...!



5
favourite...



6
delighted to be
taking part...



Six brave guys dressed up for a pageant, one of the many activities put on by the TCW Group, who raised £6,717.47



...all in the
name of
fundraising!



Dates for the diary

Tuesday 15 April	Easter Party on the Ward	Saturday 21 June	Dirty Dancing at the Mayflower (Sponsored by Sophie's Appeal)
Sunday 27 April	A Day Out with Thomas (Sponsored by WWL)	18th-20th July	Avon Tyrrell Teenager's Weekend
Friday 9 May	Dreamnight at Marwell Zoo	Thursday 24 July	Lion King at the Mayflower (Sponsored by LDO)
Saturday 10 May	Fire Engine Trip (Sponsored by WCT and Paultons Park)	Wednesday 13 Aug	Popham Flying Day (Sponsored by Starlight)
Monday 26 May	Circus Starr	Thursday 4 Sept	Lion King at the Mayflower (Sponsored by WWL)
Saturday 14 June	Party on the Water (Sponsored by the Dave Wellman Cancer Trust)	Tuesday 28 Oct	Halloween Party with John Lewis

Have we got your email address? Please email with any thoughts about the newsletter or ideas for events in your area to rachel.funnell@uhs.nhs.co.uk
We are keen to enable equal access to trips, so please give us your ideas.

Please ensure that you have given permission to be contacted for events.

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