



# Piam Brown News

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

## PB Team-Building Relay Marathon



**Dr Amy inspired us all and entered a team for the Romsey relay marathon back in May. As news spread, more and more staff put themselves forward and we ended up entering three teams for the race.**



In total we had 30 members of the PB team including nurses, doctors, receptionists, dieticians, psychologists, pharmacists, surgeons, social workers and play leaders coming together to support the ward.

Some of us were runners, some walkers and some embraced the couch to 5k training schedule.

On the day the sun shone, spirits were high, running shoes and lycra was dutifully worn. There was lots of amazing sharing food and even some bubbly to celebrate our achievement at the end!

It was a fabulous day, inspiring great team spirit, which generated an amazing £2,484.91 for the ward.



# Events

## Thomas Trips

Once again the generosity of the **Watercress Line** sponsored our families for both the Easter and Summer Day Out with Thomas the Tank Engine and friends.



*"Thank you very much for a lovely day out with Thomas. It was a lovely day with great train rides and entertainment, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you very much."*

Daniel Coe and all the Coe Family

## Circus Starr

This annual event provides a fantastic afternoon out with the family, being wowed by acrobats, clowns and performers.



## Fire Engine Trip

The **Fire Preservation Service**, together with the **Wessex Cancer Trust**, hosted yet another fire engine trip for our families. This year 23 families enjoyed a ride in a vintage fire engine from **Southampton Leisure World to Paultons Park** where they had hours of fun on the rides. Transported once again by fire engines to **Romsey Fire Station** with sirens



blaring, the Romsey team hosted an amazing tea with entertainment from the **Romsey Old Cadets**. What a great day!

*Getting lost in candy floss*

## Island Adventure

This was a new trip for 2017, sponsored by **Superior Seals of Wimborne**. Our families had the sole use of **The Purbeck Princess** for a fabulous cruise around Brownsea Island. We had the pleasure of **Crazy M** to entertain us and freshly cooked fish and chips being delivered to us on board. It was a truly lovely day.





## Party on The Water

**Andi and Jay** from **The Princess Caroline** hosted a wonderful cruise around the Solent with afternoon tea and entertainers on board. This year they added the excitement



of a very speedy RIB boat who took our families for adrenaline filled spins around the pleasure cruiser. What fun that was!



## Teenager Theatre Outings

New for 2017, the charity **Welly Walk** has sponsored two theatre outings especially for the teenagers with a meal out together as well. **Sister Act** was a huge success, and the teenagers even met **Alexandra Burke** after the show. **Flash Dance** was equally successful, both with fabulous meals at **The Vestry** opposite **The Mayflower**.

## Avon Tyrrell Teenagers Weekend

**Avon Tyrrell Teenagers Weekend** was said to be the best yet. The teens were accompanied by the play team and many of the nurses, creating a safe and confidence building environment where the youngsters could push their boundaries and achieve the "Yes I did it" feeling.



## The Joe Glover Trust Sailing Trip

The **Joe Glover Trust** together with **Four Seasons Yacht Charter** offered our PB families a fabulous half day sailing experience. They set off from Haslar Marina in Gosport and had an amazing time sailing around the Solent. They very generously ended up organising three separate trips in order to accommodate the amount of interest from our families.

# Holidays

## Creative and Surfing Trips

The Caring Cancer Trust once again hosted two amazing holidays on the Isle of Wight to boost the confidence of our post-treatment young people.



The adventure holiday during the spring had our young people testing their bravery with high ropes, giant swings, quad bikes and all sorts of adventure activities. The summer trip hosted both the creative group, honing their musical and

painting abilities and the surfing group, another first for 2017, being taught to surf in the beautiful June sunshine.

## Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust

The four day sailing holiday offered by Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust was a brilliant opportunity for 12 of our 8-16 year old post treatment children this year. Sailing around the Isle of Wight, having treasure hunts, BBQs, water fights and lots more made this a truly inspiring trip.



# Regular Sponsors

## Clematis Kitty



Chelsea Flower Show announced a new clematis named after Kitty Aplin Haynes, a past PB and teenage young adult patient. Mum Kate said it was a "huge honour and so exciting."

## Sophie's Appeal Pamper Nights

Once a month on a Friday evening we continue to have the pleasure of three or four qualified therapists offering various pampering activities for our parents.



## Film and Pizza Night



Domino's Pizza continues to support our popular monthly film and pizza night. We have seen some super films recently including Sing, and Boss Baby.

## Paultons Park

The Director of Paultons Park at Ower continues to show their immense generosity by providing tickets for our families through the season. At this point we have sent 44 families to enjoy a day out.



## Marwell



Due to the generosity of Marwell Wildlife we have been able to send 26 families for a day out at Marwell this year.

## Sporting Achievements Thanks to PB

We received this superb email from Joseph Parris's dad, and really wanted to share it with you all.



"I thought you might like to hear what Joseph has been achieving recently. He is the Hockey goalkeeper for Bournemouth U12 team and each year they enter a National Club competition. To get to the final they must get through a number of rounds. They became Dorset county champions which sent them to the South West Regionals in which they finished a close second putting them through to the National Finals. To get that place Joseph saved a sudden death penalty shoot out to claim second place!

"The National finals took place last weekend where they finished an amazing sixth in the country. To top that Joseph represented his school at Javelin yesterday in the New Forest schools competition, which he won by 4 metres. We are very proud, and he has a big grin on his face talking about it. A big thank you to all the Piam Brown team who enabled him to do this."

# Our Supporters

It is truly astonishing how much support we receive from extended family, friends, colleagues and the general public. Huge thanks go to the all the families who have been selling wristbands to everyone they know and to everyone who has donated. We would like to mention the following:



We were thrilled to have been selected as the **Charity of the Year for The Hampshire and New Forest Show** held in July. Nearly 70 volunteers made the Southampton Children's Hospital Charity visible around the whole show ground in our pink t-shirts, while we raised over **£8,000** specifically for PB.



**Louise Whitmore** embraced the challenges of **Tough Mudder** and raised over **£600** for PB.



**Tom, Kay and Toby** from **Port Regis School** took on the **Brighton Marathon** on an especially hot day. *"The atmosphere was truly incredible and something we will never forget. We are very proud to fundraise over **£2,300** for PB."*

**Helistrat** have chosen to support PB for a third year running and have now donated over **£8,300**.



**HMS Daring** senior ratings mess once again donated **£1,000** prior to the ship being taken out of active service.



**Rotary Southampton West** presenting **£1,000** from a **Fab Fourties Concert**.

**Hugh Cordle** presented an astonishing **£38,261**, his sponsorship from completing the **London Marathon**.

A brave set of teenagers swam the Solent in memory of their dear friend **Lizzy Murt**. To date they have raised a staggering **£11,879**.



**Lin and Paul Thompson** have been instrumental in making these beautiful bird boxes and selling them in support of PB. Their Grandson **Max**, who is cared for by PB even helps stick the fences together!



**Fin** has raised **£500** from selling wrist bands.



**Marcus Roebuck**, captain for **Blacknest Golf and Country Club**, fundraised for PB through the year and donated **£3,557.89**.



**Chris Farnhill** took on the challenge of the **Race to the Stones**, an ultra marathon, in support of daughter **Isabelle**. This involved completing the **South Downs Marathon** as part of his training! He has raised **£3,455**.



**KK Dance Students** presenting **£4,096**.

**Tom Ritchie and Family** donating over **£3,000**.



**Stacy Saxby** raised **£650** from her fashion show.



**Mandy, Kate and Matt** raised over **£3,500** from their skydive in support of **Charlie**.



**Superheroes Baby Sensory Event** by **Nicola Ball** raised **£3,957** in support of **Albie**, having been generously match funded by the **Richard Lawes Foundation**.



# Dates for the Diary

<b>The Railway Children at The Mayflower</b>	13/14 October
<b>VW Santa Run at SGH</b>	Sun 26 November
<b>PB Children's Party at Concorde</b>	Sun 3 December
<b>PB Teens Outing</b>	Friday 15 December
<b>Christmas at Marwell</b>	Sun 10/17 December
<b>Hetty Feather at The Nuffield</b>	Sat 16 December
<b>Snow White at The Mayflower</b>	Sat 6 January 2018
<b>Mad Hatters Tea Party</b>	TBC
<b>Fire Engine Trip</b>	Sat 28 April
<b>War Horse at The Mayflower</b>	Thurs 31 May



A happy day at  
Paultons Park



A day out with smiles

Do email me if you are interested in any of these trips.  
Priority will be given to those currently on treatment.

## Email Contact

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.uk](mailto:rachel.funnell@uhs.nhs.uk). We are keen to enable equal access to trips, so please give us your ideas.