

the Jigsaw

December 2008



iRangers are up and running

Following the great response from our March/April newsletter the scheme is up and running.

For those of you that may have missed it the IRanger scheme is a project to provide play opportunities for small groups of 3-5 disabled children/young people. With the help of an IRanger they will have fun, make friends and become more independent. The IRangers will support children and young people and the club for one term to help them feel comfortable and become fully independent to attend without extra support.

Please contact us at the IPOP office at any time if you feel your child/young person would benefit from the IRanger scheme. The IRangers are in the office on Mondays between 9am and 2.30pm or leave them a message and they will get back to you.

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right: Bradley and Geraldine



A Big Thank You to Wickes



On Friday 31st October 2008 some very keen workers from Wickes invaded the IPOP office.

Each year a team from the Wickes head office get together and go out in the community to provide help in gardening, painting, decorating etc. and IPOP were chosen this time.

8 willing helpers entered the office on a very chilly morning and got to

work on our back and front garden, clearing all weeds, planting bulbs and making Gardeners World look easy!

Some of the other workers painted and decorated the Director's office making it beautiful for the next Director. After all the hard work they were rewarded with pizza and soft drinks and our grateful thanks. Thank you Wickes for all your help.



Interim Director For IPOP

We extend a very warm welcome to Robert Silberman as our interim director. Robert has a strong background in the voluntary sector, including disability and will be with us for 2 days per week to the end of February.



Kids meeting

IPOP were delighted to have the chance to tell 40 professionals from London and the South East all about our work.

We hosted a Kids network meeting on 19th November for those involved in inclusive play. Speakers included John Fitzpatrick from Skills Active, Paul Durr from Play England, Maurice Hines as well as Karen Walkden.

The overall theme was quality in inclusive play - and culminated in the presentation of a handy tool for play settings to use to assess their practices. There was a lot of interest in our approach and we are hoping to welcome a number of visitors to Barnet who are keen to find out more.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year 2009

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POP INS

Parents and families our "POP INS" are being introduced again! Please feel free to come along to chat to the IPOP staff, pick up information, relax, have a cup of tea and have fun with our planned activities.

Once a month on a Sunday at the Old Barn, Tarling Road, East Finchley N2 8LB. 2pm – 4pm.

18th January 2009 – New Year Party!
22nd February 2009
29th March 2009

For more information please call the IPOP office 020 8441 0404.

Christmas Holiday Activities

We know about a number of holiday activities for 8-19 year olds. If you are interested contact the IPOP office as soon as possible and we will let you know more.

MISSION STATEMENT:

IPOP's mission is to provide opportunities for children of all abilities to play and socialise together, to offer support and information to families of disabled children, and to raise awareness of the benefits of inclusive provision both in play settings and more widely.