



Natural History Museum trip

On Friday of October half-term 26 families went on a great trip with IPOP to the Natural History Museum. Even though it was really busy, we all had a great time! Here's what our two budding reporters Sam Maskell and Cameron Lang had to say:



"I went to the Natural History Museum with IPOP during Half Term. First thing I did was to have lunch with my friends, we shared our lunch and had a great time. The best bit was Antarctica!

"We got to go into a cold room. Then try on some warm clothes. We also played on a game where you have to collect meteorites, it was fun to do but was harder than it looked. I also went into the mammals section and saw whales and dolphins with Cameron, Nathan, Harleigh and Annie. We all took it in turn to weigh ourselves and compare our weight to other mammals. We all had fun doing this."

By Sam Maskell

"The trip was exciting! We had to wait for the Antarctica Ice Station Exhibition. It was pretty crowded in the line, but once we got through, we were shown a video and then we went into a freezer room, which was quite cold. There were loads of games, which we played by swiping the bar code on our ticket. One was a snow mobile and one was deep sea diving. At the end we had to do an evaluation to find out how we did at the games. I did pretty well! We also had a look at the whales. I found out quite a few facts. The best bit of the whole day was going in the freezer! "

By Cameron Lang





COMMENT FROM THE EDITOR

In this edition of the jigsaw, we have a great article from our two young reporters Sam and Cameron on our excellent trip to the Natural History Museum and also we outline new ideas for a Young Adults programme to support disabled young people aged 18-25 to transition to age appropriate social activities. The whole programme is being led by young people for young people and will be overseen by a youth steering committee in partnership with our existing youth committee. We have already had some great suggestions from young people like going to music festivals and some we might have some difficulty with... for example, a visit to the casino! Nevertheless, we hope to make good progress and believe that working with our partners in the borough is central to making this transition-focused programme work. As this is our last newsletter of 2007 I'd like to wish everyone a very merry holiday season and a happy new year. As you can see, we are busy planning family and parent events for next year, so I hope to see you there.

Chris Sanford

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Sensory equipment over Christmas

Would you like to have the opportunity to have a chill out space in your home over the holiday period? We are inviting parents to apply to have Sensory Equipment throughout Christmas and New Year.

We have a large selection of beanbags, cushions and mixed sensory tubs, which contain musical instruments, relaxation and sensory aids, projectors, fibre

optic lights and much much more.

This is a great opportunity to set up a well needed place to relax and unwind during a hectic period and will entertain children and the rest of the family for many hours.

If you would like some equipment to help keep your young person amused please contact Margaret or Audrey at the IPOP office.

IPOP music school

Our music school is expanding! We offer a warm welcome to our new music teacher Ally Cooper. She is joining our Saturday morning music school team to offer small group sessions and new and exciting jamming sessions along with Sarah and Rastko and our support staff.

Ally brings with her many years of musical experience and plays a range of instruments including the piano, keyboard,

guitar and signing.

If you are a budding musician or have an interest in having a fun Saturday morning playing and experiencing different instruments, and meeting new friends to have a bit of a jamming session then contact Audrey at the IPOP office to register your interest. Brothers, sisters and friends are all welcome to join our new and exciting music school. We look forward to hearing from you. (insert photo of Ally)



New addition for the IPOP team

Karen Walkden has joined IPOP as Partnerships Coordinator. Over the next year she will be developing relationships with organisations in other boroughs and exploring the possibility of extending IPOP services across a wider area. This would enable IPOP to benefit more disabled children, young people and families.

IPOP are also keen to build partnerships and undertake joint ventures with other organisations within Barnet. This will enable us to develop a wider range of services and share expertise and resources. All to the benefit of disabled children, young people and their families in the borough.

Calling all young adults

Are you between 18-25 years old or going to be 18 soon? Want to go out more and meet up with your friends? If so we would like to hear from you! Some of you have told us that you would like IPOP to support you with outings and activities for your age group, but before get started we need you to tell us how to do it so we get it right.

Would you like to join our new Young Adults Activities Steering group which is being led by Paul, one of our Youth Committee members?

Come to the meeting on **Monday**

**26 November
5.30-7.30pm at
the IPOP Office.**

If you are coming, please call or email us to let us know and to tell us what kind of support you will need. We will be providing food and refreshments so please also let us know of any particular dietary requirements.

If you want to drop Paul or any of our Youth Committee members a line, then just email them at office@ipop.org.uk



PARENT SUPPORT PROJECT...

...Festive Shopping Trip heads out on **Wednesday 5 December** to the Harlequin Centre in Watford. Meet at the IPOP office for 10am.

... Festive Lunch is being held on **Wednesday 12 December** from 11.30am – 1.30pm. Join us at the IPOP Office. Bring along a dish to share.

OVER 11 YEARS OLD & NEVER BEEN...

... on holiday with IPOP? Now's your chance! In **February half-term 2008**, we are going to Lee Valley Youth Hostel in Cheshunt for two nights for great activities of canoeing, caving, climbing and much more. It's just for those of you who have never been on a holiday so you can try it out. Expression of Interest forms will be sent out early December. You need to be on the IPOP membership to get a form so do give us a call to make sure you are.

EXCITING NEW YORK TRIP!!

We are organising a parent weekend away to the Big Apple **Fri 1 Feb – Mon 5 Feb 2008** Cost will range from £350 - £400 Please register your interest by 30 November.

What's on in Barnet?



Phoenix Cinema

Kids Club runs from 11am on Saturdays they have a different activity every week followed at midday by a fantastic film.

17 Nov: The Goofy Ghost (U) 1h43

An ancient castle, an evil countess, secret treasure and the ghost of an unlucky knight. A perfectly silly spooky tale! Meet the screenwriter Dirk Ahner at this screening! German, with English subtitles read aloud.

24 Nov: Adventures in Silent Animation (U) 1h30

Six magical animated shorts selected from the earliest days of cinema, including one of Walt Disney's first animations. With live piano accompaniment.

1 Dec: Mee-Shee: The Water Giant (PG) 1h34

After a cancelled Disney World trip, Mac thinks a lake sounds pretty dull for a holiday, until he hears of a mysterious legend!

DANCE FOR THE OVER 18s

IPOP are pleased to be supporting the new dance class for over 18's that Finchley Youth Theatre & Barnet Mencap are running on Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm at Barnet Multicultural Centre in Hendon. If you would like to know more, call Marie at Finchley Youth Theatre on 0208 359 3541



YOUTH BASE: YOUNG PEOPLE'S CENTRE

This is the place to go for information & advice on issues including careers, drugs, benefits & sexual health. If you need access to a computer to write letters, update your CV or to do some research, drop in. Open Tuesday & Thursdays 11am – 6pm. 44 Church End, Hendon NW4 4JT. Tel: 020 8359 7847 Email: james.lewis@barnet.gov.uk Web: www.barnet.gov.uk/youth-support

Current Vacancies

IPOP supports disabled children/young people to access mainstream activities.

We are looking for energetic and responsible people to enable disabled children /young people aged between 5 - 18yrs to attend inclusive settings during term time.

If you believe that disabled children have a right to join mainstream groups and clubs, would like to work in an inclusive setting and are available for during the week and weekend work then we would like to hear from you.

CURRENT OPENINGS:

Job Title: Development Coordinator

Salary: £23,749 – £25,320 (pro rata)

Hours: 24

Location: High Barnet

Type: 9 month contract to cover maternity leave
March 08 – December 08

Job Title: Music Support Worker

Rate: £8.00/hr

Hours: Saturday 9am – 1.45pm term-time only

Location: East Finchley

Type: 30 weeks per year

Job Title: Football Club Lead

Rate: £12.00/hr

Hours: Sunday 3.30 – 5.30 term-time only

Location: Mill Hill

Type: 30 weeks per year

Job Title: Group Leader

Rate: £9.50/hr

Hours: 15 hours per week term-time only

Location: IPOP Office

Successful applicants must be available to attend an essential training programme starting on **11 December 2007**. As well as essential training we offer a full training programme to all staff.

Closing Date: 30 November 2007

Interviews: Week beginning 3 December 2007

For more information or an application pack on any of the above vacancies:

Call us on 020 8441 0404

Visit us at IPOP, Salisbury Road, High Barnet, EN5 4JP

Email us at work@ipop.org.uk

All jobs are subject to satisfactory references and enhanced CRB disclosure

Dates for your diary...

IPOP CLOSING DATES FOR:

After School/Youth Club sessions

Friday 14th December

Term time support for After School / Youth Club sessions begins on Monday 7th January 2008

Dance

Thursday 29 November

Friday 30 November

Sunday 2 December

Music

Saturday 1 December

Football

Sunday 2 December

Log Cabin

Saturday 8 December

Family Music Parkfield Children's Centre

Thursday 13 December

Family Music Rossiter Field Children's Centre

Friday 14 December

Safeguarding Children Training

Level 1 (CM Dwyer) 22 January 2008

6.30pm - 9.30pm at Wesley Hall

Call the office to book a place or book online at www.ipop.org.uk

Don't forget...



...there is a wealth of information at your very finger tips on our website. From our services to our structure, coffee mornings to courses it's all there in glorious technicolour. You can even find back issues of this newsletter in PDF format so you can send them onto your friends! You'll also find all the information you need to donate personally or through your company with tax deduction.

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.