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Welcome to the latest MAGIC members and to our 2nd newsletter of 2010. We have many dates for your diary so stick this letter and the enclosed dates to the fridge and enjoy the great things we have organised for the next few months. If you have any questions, require further details, please check the website.

CONTACTING MAGIC

The MAGIC office is open Monday to Friday 9am – 4pm, the phone number is **01634 326230**. Please be aware that volunteers man the office and we are not always able to answer your calls immediately. MAGIC has a comprehensive website **www.medway-magic.org** and often your questions can be answered by looking at this. If you need to leave a message someone will return your call as soon as possible or you could email on **medway-magic@blueyonder.co.uk**. MAGIC has a mobile **07739430436**, PLEASE USE THIS IN EMERGENCIES ONLY.

COFFEE MORNING

During term time on a Friday, 9.30am - 11.30am at Woodies, Arethusa Road, Rochester.

Our patron, **Dr Marietta Higgs** continues her popular question and answer sessions, dates are 18th June and 13th August.. **Trish Gayle** is running a Self Esteem course on 14th May and 28th May. It is free but booking is required to attend. **Liz Lee** from The Rainbow Court Training Centre and Home School Support Officer **Karen Foot** will be at coffee morning on 25th June. All our guests are extremely busy and we are grateful that they have made time for MAGIC.

YOUTH CLUB

Now Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6:30pm – 8.30pm at Woodies, Arethusa Road, Rochester.

From April 2010, MAGIC will be offering an additional night at youth club. This is due to the high level of demand and our need to offer youth club to as many of your children as possible, in line with the facilities that are offered to neuro-typical children therefore:

From Tuesday 20th April, we will run a youth club for 8-12 year olds, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Woodies. 50p per child per session.

From Thursday 22nd April, we will run youth club for those aged 13+, 6.30 to 8.30pm at Woodies. 50p per child per session.

The second Thursday session of the 13+ youth club will be the older session of Monkey Bizz, 6.15 to 8.00pm. Cost £4.50 per child per session.

For MAGIC members only. Children must be picked up between 8.20 -8.30pm from Woodies.

MONKEY BIZZ

The first (under 10's) and second (over 10's) Thursday of the month, 6.15pm – 8.00pm at Monkey Bizz, Medway City Estate. Siblings welcome at either session.

ACTIVITY DAYS.

Thank you to all volunteers who helped at the Easter activity days. Feedback from parents has been positive and we are planning two weeks for the kids in the summer and three days for October's half term. Places are limited so early booking is advised. For a booking form, cost, times etc please talk to Gayna /Steph or contact the MAGIC office. You can also download a form from the website and get it back to us asap. The activity days are funded by Medway Children's Trust who understand the need for autism specific services. Please keep checking our website for updates on what MAGIC can provide.

SWIM PARTY at Cascades Leisure Centre, Thong Lane, Gravesend. Saturday 22nd May 7.30 – 10.30. Cost Free.

Come and enjoy a swim from 7.30 – 9.30 followed by a buffet and disco until 10.30. . Booking/enquiries via the office 01634 326230 or at any MAGIC event, if you book a space but for any reason are unable to come, would you please try to let us know. Last minute cancellations can be made on 07739430436.

MAGIC Camping Weekend at Danecourt School, Gillingham Saturday 29th May to Sunday 30th May. Cost Free. Please book your places.

Site opens from 12.30 pm Saturday, till 12.30 pm Sunday. There will be a tea time BBQ, fun and games plus children's playground. If you don't have a tent or are inexperienced with camping – don't worry! Call the office to borrow a tent and there will be plenty of experienced campers on the day to help pitch your tent or give advice. Booking/enquiries via the office 01634 326230 or at any MAGIC event, if you book a space but for any reason are unable to come, would you please try to let us know. Last minute cancellations can be made on 07739430436.

FUND RAISING

Fund raising is an important part of MAGIC. Currently we are collecting plastic milk bottle tops, Tesco vouchers and scrap gold/silver. Please check our website for further details and other ways to help. Tesco vouchers finish in May so please be quick!

CHILD PROTECTION – IMPORTANT!

MAGIC's strict child protection policies prevent any adult MAGIC volunteer from responding or replying to any contact made by members children. Please can we ask all members to make their children aware that they should not email, text, write or send Facebook requests to an adult MAGIC volunteer. If they wish to discuss anything with an adult MAGIC volunteer, it should be done during a MAGIC activity such as Youth Club.

