

NEWSLETTER

March 2010

Dear all

Please find enclosed your Contact magazine produced by the BDA and apologies that we are a little late sending it out this quarter.

Charity May Ball (May 8th)

The St Agnes and St Piran's Rotary Club are organising a charity ball in aid of the Precious Lives Appeal and Cornwall Dyslexia Association. It would be great if some members could come and help support this and if you get a table of eight together there's a 10% discount. If you'd like to join some of us to make up a table then please let me know! Great opportunity to put on your posh frock, or least find one in a charity shop as some of us are doing, and have some fun! For more details see enclosed flyer.

Membership

It is not too late to renew your membership this year if you haven't done so already.

The winner of the free laptop will be announced at the beginning of April and posted on our website.

£10 or £6 unwaged to CDA 19A Kenwyn Street, Truro TR1 3BU

CDA hits the big screen!

Watch out for our cinema advert showing in all Cornish cinemas during the Easter holidays!



Filming for the Cinema Advert to promote the CDA

Parent Support Courses

Free 2 hr workshops for dads, mums, grand parents and carers of dyslexic children.

To help you better understand your child's dyslexia and find out how you can help learning at home, minimizing stress with fun activities. Plus a 2 hr workshop for parents and children to try out teaching and learning games in an informal setting.

Please see enclosed flyer with dates - ask if you need help with transport costs. If you could put up one of the enclosed posters with the dates of your nearest workshop we would be really grateful.

For booking and more details phone **Sally Collard 01726 69336**

Rose Review of Dyslexia

Last year the Government asked Sir Jim Rose to set up a review of services for the identification and teaching of children with dyslexia.

The Rose Review was published in June 2009 and has made the following conclusions and recommendations:

- Training 4000 specialist teachers in dyslexia over the next two years;
- Boosting early identification (eg. from Year 1) and effective intervention for pupils with dyslexic difficulties;
- Making provisions for dyslexia awareness training for existing teachers;
- Putting more special educational needs training into initial teacher training courses;
- Acknowledging the need for specialist teachers and 1:1 interventions for severely dyslexic pupils;
- The need for schools to build a positive dialogue with parents and provide relevant information for them;
- That schools should provide support for children with dyslexia at transfer to secondary school;

- Continuing Helpline advice for parents and teachers.

In Cornwall the Local Authority has set up a forum to devise an Action Plan for the implementation of the Rose Review and, as Chairperson of the CDA, I have been invited to join this forum together with the Dyslexia Advisers, Sandra Page and Jane Beaumont and representatives from the Educational Psychology service, SENCos, Head Teachers etc.

This group has already met twice and we have had some very useful discussions and it is clear that those within the education authority in Cornwall are keen to implement the recommendations in the best way that they can in Cornwall.



Identifying and Teaching Children and Young People with Dyslexia and Literacy Difficulties

An independent report from Sir Jim Rose to the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families
June 2009

Committee Members Needed!!

We would very much like some more people to join the CDA committee. We have been trying meetings during the day at our drop-in centre in Truro, rather than in the evenings and so far this seems to be working quite well if we vary the days and times. We probably only meet about six times a year. If you'd like to be involved please do give me (Sarah - see below) a ring - meetings are very informal with lots of tea, coffee and biscuits!

Positively Dyslexia Days!



We are looking for people who would be willing to share their positive experiences of dyslexia.

Good problem solving, determination, new ideas, creativity, entrepreneurialism etc. are recognized as positive aspects of dyslexia. Whatever it is you've achieved that you're proud of we would like to hear from you - whether you're an artist, sports person, writer, run your own

business or someone who's rebuilt a tractor!

We hope to be able to put on an exhibition to celebrate your success during 'Positively Dyslexic Days' around Cornwall. If you would be interested in being on this list, please complete the questionnaire enclosed.



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Car Booters

We'd love to have a CDA presence at car boot sales around the county, so that we can let everyone know about the services we offer and at the same time this would be a great opportunity to raise some funds for the CDA. So if you could run a car boot sale for us, or perhaps we could put you together with others who are interested and have a team of car booters, please get in touch!

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