

Our Place

Issue 8



Upcoming workshops...

Paul Isaacs is coming to Thomley...

Paul is well known locally for his fantastic training, advice and all round knowledge of the autistic spectrum. Paul himself has autism and often speaks at local events about his life experiences and provides coping mechanisms for living with autism.

Paul will be coming to Thomley on Tuesday 29th March and is available to have a chat with families throughout the morning.

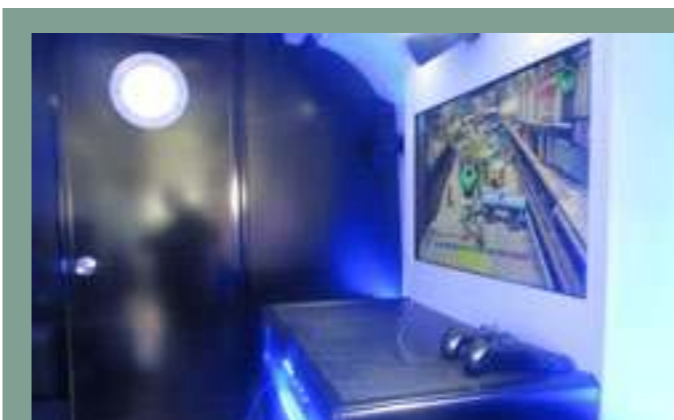
Whether you just want to chat to him about what he does, or get some advice for yourself or someone you know, Paul will be happy to help. There will also be an opportunity to book a one to one session with Paul in the afternoon, where he can hopefully offer families advice about their current situation. Whether you are trying to cope with a transitional period in your child's life, strategies for dealing with stress, certain behaviours or characteristics, Paul will try to help you understand and provide techniques to help your every day life.



To book one of these sessions with Paul, please ensure you do this in advance with Courtney: bookings@thomley.org.uk or call: 01844 338380.

Visit Paul's Facebook page to find out more about him:

<https://www.facebook.com/PaulIsaacsAutieSpeakerTrainerAuthor/?fref=ts>



Easter Holidays:

Tuesday 29th March, Family Day

Gaming Wagon, 11am-2:30pm

Are you into gaming? Do you like music? Come and play multi-player in this ultra cool wagon!

Golf Workshop, 11am-12:30pm

Zem Sports return for golf action, can you hit the target?

Monday 4th April, Family Day

Umbanda Drumming, all day

The ever-popular Pete and his magical music will get you bopping. Join in or just listen, either way it's fantastic!

Eyegaze clinic with smartbox, all day

Amazing assistive technology equipment, a must try! Limited spaces.

Saturday 9th April, Family Day

Ignite Sport, 1-2pm

Accessible Quidditch for an hour with fully qualified coaches. Great fun for all ages and abilities.



Giant bubble display, 2pm

Who doesn't love bubbles, especially giant bubbles!

Also in April and May...

Nick Cope Music, Saturday 23rd April

Soundabout, Saturday 21st May

Giant bubble display, Saturday 28th May



Be a part of the Thomley Youth Club...

Are you 13 – 19 years old and want to find something to do in your local area? Would you like to come and hangout at Thomley after school or college?

If yes, then join our fortnightly youth group based at Thomley, we have spaces available. In order to attend you need to enquire with our Play Coordinator Anna, she will discuss with you what the youth group does, when they meet and how it could support you. For more information, email: anna@thomley.org.uk



Changes to the Thomley team...

It is with great sadness that we wish Harriet (Fundraising Manager) and Courtney (Receptionist) the best of luck in their new jobs - as they both leave us this March. We thank them both for their hard work whilst with us.

Courtney wanted to say:

“It is with sadness I have decided to move on from the wonderful Thomley after two enjoyable years on reception. I will be going on to support young people in residential care, which as many of you know I have done previously and is an area I want to progress my career in. I am very grateful for all the support and fun times Thomley families and individuals have given me from day one, and I can assure you it has not been an easy decision, but I will be up often with my niece and nephew. My last day will be 23rd March and I hope to see you all before I go”.

We are therefore immediately looking for a new receptionist:

Full time receptionist role... (£15,000-£19,000)

Tuesday - Saturday, 9am-5pm. Flexible working hours / job share will be considered.

The receptionist role will include standard reception duties and administration support. For the full job description and application form, please visit: www.thomley.org.uk/staff-vacancies/

Closing date for applications: 15th March

For any further information about the role please contact Stan: stan@thomley.org.uk / 01844 338380

A message from the Centre Manager...

It was amazing seeing the 300 of you that braved the weather and came to play over February half term. From Bubble workshops to animation, there was much fun had by all! Thank you to all the grown-ups who called up and cancelled places they no longer needed. It allowed us to offer an extra 42 space to families who had been on our waiting list.

Take a look at our April and May planners as Amy and Anna have some very exciting workshops and activities planned. We also have some parent support happening on site and the Easter holidays will get booked up quickly so please give us a call and book to avoid disappointment. As always we look forward to seeing you at Thomley very soon!



Cafe and Music Box update...

So now that we are finally going to build the café, there's some stuff you need to know! Starting in March, we will hopefully have a shiny new café and social centre by October.

As the new building will be right in the thick of our site, your safety is our first concern. The contractors have been made well aware of our health and safety procedures and the unpredictability of some of our visitors. They will be vigilant in taking every measure to minimise risk. If you have any concerns at all regarding safety, please contact Stan on: 01844 338380 (ext 103) or: stan@thomley.org.uk

There will be some temporary changes that you need to be aware of:

- Due to the contractor's compound, the car park will be considerably smaller for a few months (with more space during holidays), and you will need to park neatly to make the most efficient use of space and to enable vehicles to turn around. There will be signage to direct vehicles to park i.e. for disabled access, minibuses and coaches.
- There will be signage to a new entry gate, which will be located to the right of the car park. The bell will be located on the new gate.
- The first few weeks may be noisy due to the fact that existing concrete needs to be broken up. We do not anticipate the rest of the build to be too loud!
- The old music portacabin will be moved and replaced with a new Music Box. There is a temporary music room whilst the ramp to the new one is finished, by the imagination room.
- For the first part of the build, the zip wire, rope assault course and climbing wall will be out of action.

We apologise for any inconveniences but it will be worth it in the end!

Vale Lottery - another way to support us...

Get your tickets for the Vale Lottery now - 50% of all tickets sold from our Vale Lottery page go to us! Join today and be entered into an additional draw for an iPad Mini, vouchers and theatre tickets! Tickets only cost £1 per week.

Get your tickets by visiting the following link:
<https://www.valelottery.co.uk/cause-data/8e9dd9f0-813f-4782-8ee6-c293a4448ab8/leaflets/fc96cd51-10ed-4213-9e2a-d9c0cc20ed54/march-2016-giveaway%20-%20digital.pdf>



Get involved in some of our upcoming fundraising events...

Oscars Ball - Sunday 29th May

Kirsty Montgomery, Manager of Destiny Hair Design in Aylesbury is doing a fundraising ball with all the proceeds coming to us! The ball is an Oscars themed ball at The Oxford Belfry Hotel. The night will include a three course meal, drink on arrival, live band, disco, auction and raffle. Tickets are £50 per person and we are looking to fill tables of ten people.

It would be great if a parent would be up for giving a very short talk at the ball, about what Thomley means to your family. If you are up for speaking, or If you would like to book tickets, please email Joe: joe@thomley.org.uk

Parallel London - 4th September

Would you be interested in wheeling, walking or running 100m, 1km, 5km or 10km and be part of team Thomley? Or would you just like a day out at the world's first disability running event? The day will have a charity village, technology and lots of other fantastic stalls / activities. Get in touch with Joe: joe@thomley.org.uk

If you would like to do any other fundraising for us, please get in touch. If you are looking for an event to take part in, here are a couple of events that you could sign up to:
www.thomley.org.uk/whats-on/events/

