



EXPAND YOUR

HORIZONS

The newsletter for families in the Border Busters Cluster

29th September 2008

WHAT IS BORDER BUSTERS ESC?

- Border Busters Extended Services Cluster
- Formed in April 2006
- Partnership of 14 local schools and their multi-agency partners
- The Cluster is focussed on providing a 'Core Offer' of:
 - * Access to childcare
 - * Activities and study support
 - * Opportunities for Family Learning and Adult Education
 - * Parenting Support
 - * Community access to community facilities
 - * Access to specialist support is as simple, quick and easy as possible

WHO'S A BORDER BUSTER?

Bournville Junior School

Bournville Infant School

St. Joseph's Catholic

Primary School

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic

School

Wychall Primary School

St. John Fisher Catholic

Primary School

St. Columba's Catholic

Primary School

Rednal Hill Infant School

Rednal Hill Junior School

St. James' Catholic Primary

School

St. Brigid's Catholic Primary

School

St. Laurence Church Infant

School

St. Laurence Church Junior

School

Our Lady & St. Rose of Lima

Catholic Primary School

FAMILY SUPPORT TAKES OFF IN BORDER BUSTERS SCHOOLS

Support for families in the Border Busters Cluster has moved into a new phase - the Family Support programme has grown to include all Cluster schools.

It is now easier for children, young people, parents and carers in the Border Busters Cluster to access support for difficult family issues, parenting, behaviour, accessing agencies, domestic violence, bullying, confidence and self-esteem, as well as support with getting into work, training or further education.

Working with Father Hudson's Society, Border Busters ESC have formed an all new Family Support team with recent recruits Sam and Mandy leading the way.

Sam Kiernan, who previously

worked in a similar role at Middlemore Family Centre, is responsible for delivering support to families linked to Bournville Infant

and Junior Schools, St. Columba's, St. James', St. Joseph's, St. John Fisher, Wychall Primary and St. Laurence Infants and Junior Schools.

If you are a parent/carer linked to one of the schools above and would like to find out more about the support available from Sam, you can contact her on 07912 480 894 or ask at the school office for a leaflet.

Mandy Delaney has joined the Cluster team from the Youth

Inclusion & Support Programme and will be working to support children, young people, parents and carers linked to St. Thomas Aquinas, Our Lady & St. Rose of Lima, St. Brigid's and Rednal Hill Infants and Junior Schools.

If you would like to talk to Mandy about a family issue, support-



Sam Kiernan

"I am really looking forward to getting started and providing help, advice and guidance to families in the Cluster."



Mandy Delaney

ing improvement in your child's behaviour or anything else to do with the wellbeing of your family life, you can contact her on 07894 406 263 or ask for information at the school office.

CHILDREN'S CENTRES: EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES!

The Cluster is lucky to be linked to not one but FOUR Children's Centres which work with partners in the local community to deliver a wealth of services and activities for the **under 5s** and their families.

Children's Centres are home to early education and childcare, but offer much, much more too.

Health advice including free health checks, exercise classes, blood pressure checks and breast

feeding clinics are on offer.

If you're looking for parenting advice and support, holiday activities and trips; or even guidance into employment, education or training, why not visit your local centre to see how they can support you?

Centres & Contact Details:

Wychall Children & Family Centre, Staple Lodge Road, Northfield. Contact Daisy Prentice on 0121 464 3169

Rubery Nursery & Children's Centre, Leybrook Road, Rednal. Contact Heather Jones on 0121 464 2158

Bellfield Children's Centre, Vineyard Road, Northfield. Contact Sally Wright on 0121 464 4855

Weoley Children's Centre, 109 Weoley Castle Road, Weoley Castle. Contact Lesley Harris on 0121 427 1058

Childcare & Activities: Your Key Contacts

Here is your quick glance guide to Childcare Clubs offering before, after-school and holiday provision around the Cluster.

You can get more information about your childcare options from the cluster website (www.borderbusters.org.uk) or by calling the **Family Information Service on 0121 303 3521**



Bournville

- * Breakfast Club at Bournville Junior School (0121 472 1259)
- * Breakfast, After School and Holiday Care at K@BOOM! (based at St. Francis Centre, 0121 472 7215)

Kings Norton

- * Breakfast Club & After School Activities (not childcare) at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary (0121 458 2458)

Weoley

- * Breakfast Club at Our Lady & St. Rose of Lima Catholic Primary (0121 464 2283)
- * After School Care at St. Gabriel's, Shenley Lane (0121 478 1787)

Northfield

- * Breakfast & After School Care at St. Laurence Junior & Infant Schools (0121 464 6499) - for years 5 & 6 see YMCA
- * After School & Holiday Care at Northfield YMCA (0121 427 4235)

- * Breakfast, After School and Holiday Care by Cool Clubs at St. Brigid's Catholic Primary (07801 434 644)

- * Breakfast, After School and Holiday Care by the Funtime Club at Wychall Primary (0121 464 3169)

Rednal & Rubery

- * Breakfast & After School Care at Rednal Hill Infant & Junior Schools (0121 453 2520)
- * Breakfast, After School & Holiday Care by Child's Play at Longbridge Methodist Church (0121 453 4365)

West Heath

- * Breakfast, After School and Holiday care by Westhill House Day Nursery (0121 458 2308)

If you have any questions, queries, comments or feedback about Extended Services in the Border Busters Cluster; or would like any of the articles sent to you in larger text, please contact:

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Or email
info@borderbusters.org.uk

Or visit the website:
www.borderbusters.org.uk

Don't Forget Childminders are based throughout the area too! Call 0121 303 3521 to find your local registered minder

St. Thomas Aquinas & Pertemps Coachright Training Sports Leaders of the Future

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School are working in partnership with Pertemps Coachright to offer Year 10 pupils the chance to gain a Level 1 qualification in Sports Leadership.

This exciting opportunity helps young people develop their communication, organisation and motivational skills by applying theory to a variety of different sporting activities.

It's a practical qualification where

pupils can learn through doing rather than written work and where their skills as a competent leader will be assessed by observation.

The course will take place after school at St. Thomas Aquinas between 3:30—5pm on Wednesday evenings beginning 5th November.

Coachright will be visiting the school to run assemblies and taster sessions in the run up to October half-term.

Keep an eye out for more information and opportunities to sign-up to take part.

Gareth Downie from Pertemps Coachright commented:

"We're really excited about working with young people from St. Thomas Aquinas and hope we can offer lots more courses and activities to the school in the future."



Adult Courses—Go Further with Border Busters

As part of delivering the Extended Services 'Core Offer', schools and local partners are working together to offer families lots of opportunities to take part in learning activities on school sites.

Bournville College is currently offering adult education courses in seven Cluster schools and working to put more in place for 2009.

Courses are open to the whole community and range from Listening to Children Read and Supporting Children's Learning to ICT, Childcare and Basic Skills qualifications.

If you are interested in finding out more about Adult Courses in the Cluster, contact your Extended Services Coordinator, Hollie Parrish on 0121 675 1256.

NEWSFLASH!!

Listening to Children Read

**Starting: Thursday 6th
November 08**

Time: 1-3:30pm

**Length: 10-12 weeks
(term time)**

**Venue: St. Brigid's Catholic
Primary School, Frankley
Beeches Road, B31 5AB**



Interested?

**Call Jane Bishop at
Bournville College
on 0121 483 1196**