

YOUR NEWS

Aspire's Got Talent!

After weeks of practising, many of you joined us to audition for Aspire's Got Talent, our citywide talent show.

Over 3 days we travelled across the city to watch you perform. We saw dancers, singers, storytellers and comedians. You had us laughing, moving and some even brought a tear to our eyes!

Judging was incredibly tough- however we can finally announce our finalists:

ENE:

Kevin (Potternewton)
Amanda (Tech North)
Kerina (Crossgates)
Reece (Crossgates)

SSE:

Emma (Garforth)
Adrien (Joseph Court)
Damien (Garforth)
Chris (Middleton)

WNW:

Nicola & Lewis (Strawberry Lane)
Suresh (Holt Park)
Jamie (Strawberry Lane)
Nicola (Pudsey)



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Rugby Triumph!

Learning Disability Super League Festival

The **Learning Disability Super League (LDSL)** Festival was a huge success! Aspire had lots of familiar faces in the Leeds Rhinos team; including Debbie, John, Liam, Rajesh, Richard and Stephen. Everyone threw all their energy into it and the atmosphere was electric! Debbie even scored her first try as everyone cheered!

After the festival, the **Leeds Rhinos Foundation** finally unveiled their brand new LDSL kit and Stephen as their Aspire LDSL representative. Stephen was the first member of Aspire to join the Leeds Rhinos team and was the perfect man for the job. We're so proud of Stephen, the team and we can't wait for the next LDSL festival!

If you're interested in joining the LDSL team - contact Sports Co-Ordinator Ian Graham.

Round of Applause for YAMSEN!

YAMSEN recently opened their doors for a public concert.

Headed by Mavis, with Chris (Hillside) by her side, the group sang songs from a mix of decades and had everyone up dancing before the day was done! A huge well done to all the performers.



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“ Sensory Corner

The winner of Mays Sensory Award is Jason (Rothwell FLS).

Jason loves his Doctor Who memorabilia and can be get very anxious without it. But recently Jason has managed to put his memorabilia to the side for extended sessions on the Happiness Table, where he has been enjoying the racing game. Well done Jason!

To nominate someone for a Sensory Award contact:

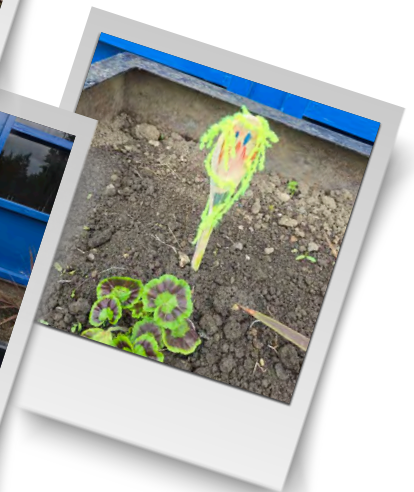
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Across the City

Lots of you came out to enjoy some festival fun at Pudsey Carnival. There was so much to do, from watching live performances from the Pudsey Pipers, watching the home-made floats in the parade, or enjoying the rides. Geoff, Tracey and Roddy's favourite was the display of classic cars- and William even managed to find his way into a tank! What a day! **WNW**

Potternewton recently welcomed 2 new faces to their gang. Newly hatched, these feathery friends have been cheeping their way into everyone's hearts! We asked the people at Potternewton to name the baby chicks, and we are proud to formally introduce Chick and Wings! **ENE**

Garforth have been working hard, planting flowers for their garden- but they were worried their hard work would be ruined by the birds! The team decided to take action and made their own scarecrows! Some of them are sweet and smiling and some are scary- with 2 heads! One thing's for sure- we know their flowers are safe now! **SSE**



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Across the City in Across the City in Day Services Getting Messy at Rothwell!

The Rothwell FLS team are experts and coming up with engaging activities for people of all abilities and interests. Recently the group have been rolling up their sleeves for some thoroughly messy sensory games! Angela and Karl enjoyed the sounds and textures of sifting through hard crunchy materials- pouring them into plastic tubs and baskets. Alex decided to put on an apron and take the plunge by playing with waters, ducks and jellies! He loved the feeling of water running over his hands and was not afraid to make a splash!

Across the City in Supported Living A Jolly Holiday

Carl, David and Jenny recently made their way to the coast for a summer retreat at Cayton Bay. The group enjoyed lots of delicious meals and tasty ice creams. They really made the most of their stay by taking day trips to Filey and Scarborough, enjoying time in the arcades and even got to meet the camp mascot! All this whilst getting to go back to a beautiful caravan for some peace. The group really enjoyed their time by the sea and can't wait for their next holiday!



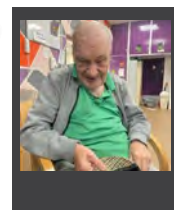
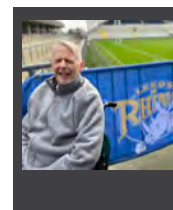
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This edition has been dedicated in fond memory of Francis and Alfred



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