

What's the service been up to? (Jul - Sept 2018):

- Halloween half term week was buzzing and thoroughly enjoyed by children & Families! Attendance has fallen with wet weather.
- Sid the sycamore dragon has had the spring put back in his stride with a new coat of paint and some Sycamore TLC! Some other repairs to play equipment has taken place to ensure site safety.
- The management team at have undergone "restorative practice training" strengthening relationships & approach at the centre.
- Sycamore Adventure have won Participates BIG IMPACT award in recognition of our impact on local children and families lives.
- Our annual Christmas Fayre took place on the 22nd December with a wide range of family activities and stalls on offer.
- Santa visited 777 children through schools and public sessions.

What's the charity been up to? (Jul - Sept 2018):

- New branded promotional materials have been developed for the service thanks to community forum funding. 8,000 leaflets & 200 posters have been distributed to families via schools and events.
- Over 100 corporate support meetings have taken place with local businesses, seeing a series of relationships formed, income raised, corporate volunteering delivered & materials provided.



A huge thank you to all of our corporate supporters

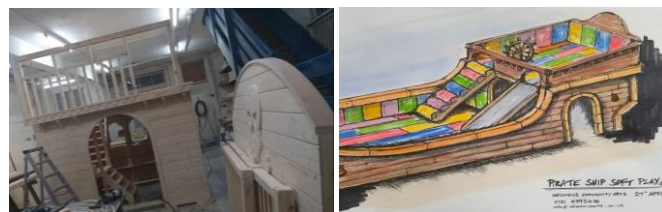
- Children from Swimforit Halesowen held a fundraising swimathon and raised a whopping £1,500 for the charity. Thanks so much!
- Business Smith and Wilson donated a whopping £2,000 to the charity just before our Christmas break. Thank you so much!
- Thanks to customer donations at Sainsbury's, we have been able to distribute toys to 111 children who Santa may have missed.
- Local parents joined Sycamore Adventure CIO to raise money for new equipment at the playground. Donna Haddock organised a Halloween disco enabling purchase of a slush puppy machine!
- Sycamore Adventure CIO's annual Christmas fundraiser bash at the Station Hotel was a sell-out event raising £1,300 for the playground. Well done to co-ordinator Nicole Bashford!

What's Occurring in the service?

- Sycamore adventure have worked alongside the Tenants and Residents Association to make an application to the community forum to improve children's safety via the provision of car park signage around the green.
- A tender is being released for an ice cream van to visit the site during play sessions in 2019/20.
- Online party payments is currently closed for ICT repair work.
- Public sessions are closed until Wed 6th Feb 2019.

What's Occurring in the charity?

- A bid has been submitted to Dudley Building Society for new sensory bean bags to support disabled children on site. The bid includes the opportunity to build business relationship with the building society for following year.
- A £4k bid has been submitted to Tesco Bags of Help to pay for extension of holiday play sessions during 2019.
- "Peaky Blinders" fundraiser event being held at Dudley British Legion 15th February, 7.30pm onwards, tickets £10 with funds going to Sycamore Adventure & the wellbeing centre. Call Donna for tickets (07760315346).
- The Mezzanine has been cleared and Npower have painted the sky blue backdrop for the AVIVA funded soft play pirate ship's January installation! A launch event is currently being planned for February half term!



Stats:

- Oct - Dec footfall: 4,158 people
- Online register: 10,084 children
- 5,299 likes
- 374 followers
- 244 followers
- 4.9 ★ rating
- 5★ website
- 5★ trip advisor

Focus on:



Joe
Waterfield
Playworker

Fave superhero: Spiderman
Favourite Food: Pizza
Hobbies: Playing Football
Best thing about their job: "Every Day is different"
Time at Sycamore: 4 years