

To: All Dunannie Parents

12th May 2011

Dear Parents

DUNANNIE FUN RUN

The Fun Run will be on Friday 27th May at 1.30pm on the Dunhurst track. This is an annual event in which the children are sponsored for running or walking around the track. The children are encouraged to dress up and all parents who are able to come to watch encourage their children – the latter by often doing a few laps themselves! The theme for dressing-up this year is 'Seasons'. You may wish to bring a small picnic of energy type snacks and a rug with you. There will also be a Pimms and scones stall run by the Friends of Dunannie.

We usually raise a healthy amount of money and this year we hope to raise as much as we can for Whizz Kidz. Sponsor forms and further details are enclosed with this letter. Once again we will be having the Fun Run in the afternoon so that the children may go straight home with their parents when it finishes at 3.30pm.

Nursery Children

Nursery children are strongly encouraged to take part in the Fun Run; however, they should be collected as normal at 12noon. You are most welcome to bring a picnic to have with your child in the grounds before the Fun Run begins at 1.30pm. Please let Sharon know what you are planning to do, by completing the list in the Nursery Barn. All children and parents who are in the Afternoon Nursery are very welcome to attend, either as spectators or participants!

I look forward to seeing you all there and hope the day is a sunny one!

With best wishes



Jo Webber



See their web site at: www.whizz-kidz.org.uk

Why We Need Your Help

70,000 kids are still waiting

Here at Whizz-Kidz we believe that all children should have the chance to be something special... a kid. But there are an estimated 70,000 disabled children in the UK who are waiting for the right wheelchair, a wheelchair that will mean they can get up to all the things that kids like to do. And that's where Whizz-Kidz comes in. We provide kids with powered and lightweight manual wheelchairs, specialist trikes, and other vital mobility equipment. And in every community kids are having fun at our amazing wheelchair skills courses, meeting and making friends at our Ambassador clubs, and gaining the life skills they need for when they grow up.

Facts

Here are some key facts about disabled children that not only reinforce the need for our service, but also highlight the importance of ensuring we meet every disabled child's individual needs.

- There are an estimated 70,000 disabled children in the UK who could benefit from appropriate mobility equipment. This is approximately 10% of the total disabled child population.
- 29% people with a disabled child in the household live in poverty, compared with 21% of households with no disabled children.
- 84% of families with a disabled child are in debt compared to 47% of households with no disabled child.
- It costs on average 3 times as much to raise a disabled child as a non-disabled child.
- 1/3 of parents with a severely disabled child aged 2 and under use more than 3 pieces of equipment daily.
- Disabled young people are over twice as likely as non-disabled young people not to be in education, employment or training.
- The levels of unmet need for services by families with disabled children from black and minority ethnic communities (BME) have been found to be higher than for white families.
- Since 1975, the fastest growth in numbers of disabled people has been for children – from 476,000 disabled children under the age of 16 in 1975, to 772,000 in 2002. This represents an increase of 62%.

Please help us to change more disabled children's lives please [support Whizz-Kidz](#)