

Lollipop newsletter

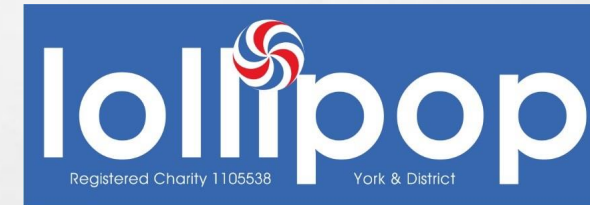
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LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Note: There are several links in this newsletter. To open them in a new window, hold down the Control key (or Command key on a Mac) whilst clicking on the link.

Cover photo: Prof. Fiddlesticks at the Lollipop Christmas Party, Melodie Park, Dec 2019. BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3Gk9YER>

Festive fun for all the family!

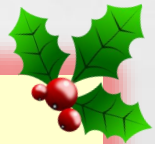
Last year we celebrated Christmas on Zoom so we're SUPER EXCITED to be able to meet in person this year!

WHEN: **Sunday 12 December**, 1-4pm

WHERE: [Melodie Park](#), Wigginton Road, York YO32 2RJ.

WHAT:

- ❖ Sing & Sign Christmas tunes with [I Can Play!](#)
- ❖ Buffet food*
- ❖ Festive family bingo
- ❖ 'Name the gnome' game
- ❖ Our fabulous [Prize Draw](#)
- ❖ Christmas bake-off competition
- ❖ A special message from Father Christmas



Check your email invitation for full details of how to book in person or virtually.

Book by **Sunday 5 December** to avoid disappointment!

*Covid measures will be in place to make the event as safe as possible without compromising on fun!

Plus we're making the bingo, Sing & Sign activity, and the Christmas Prize Draw available to attend via Zoom in case you can't make the party in person.

See the last page of this newsletter for a special pre-party message from Father Christmas (AKA Santa!)

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3ludGxO>

Name the gnome competition



A BIG thank-you to [Dunelm](#) (York) who've kindly donated this cuddly festive gonk for our 'Name the Gnome' competition.

Can you guess what it's called?

The gnome is currently living in Becky's home office but if you're lucky enough to guess its name correctly at our Christmas party, you'll get to take the newly-named gnome home! Woo-hoo!



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3rJoWjY>



Discover York's hidden secrets



WHEN: Saturday 22 January 2022 – 10.00-11.30am

WHERE: [Jorvik DIG](#) St Saviour's Church, St Saviourgate, York, YO1 8NN

WHAT: A hands-on archaeological adventure giving you the chance to become trainee 'diggers' and discover exciting objects from 2000 years of York's history!

- Roman
- Viking
- Medieval
- And Victorian!

Hear from a real archaeologist then grab a trowel to explore [four special indoor excavation pits](#) based on real-life digs in the city!



Keep an eye out for your email invitation and **book BEFORE 12.30pm on 13 Jan** to avoid disappointment!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3lDwwZq>

Other dates for your diary...

Lollipop Toddler Group



Have fun and make friends at our free, friendly toddler group!

Next session **Thursday 16 December, 10-11.30am** at [York CVS Priory Street Centre](#) (15 Priory Street, York YO1 6ET). Find out more at: [Lollipop Toddler Group](#)

Lollipop Online Quiz



Join our online fundraising quiz for a chance to win a cash prize if you're a top three quizzier! No need for a mic or camera - just you on your sofa with your phone or tablet. Next session **Thursday 16 December at 8pm.**

Find out more at: [Lollipop Monthly Virtual Quiz](#)

SPRING 2022



SAVE THE DATES – Following our January trip to Jorvik DIG, we've loads more exciting things planned for next term:

- Pizza-making at [Pizza Express](#) (York Designer Outlet) – **Sun 13 Feb 2022** (morning)
- [Clip N Climb](#) climbing wall (York Leisure Centre) – **Fri 25 March 2022** (early evening)
- [GR8escape](#) Escape Room (Colliergate, York) – **Sat 30 April 2022** (afternoon)

More details coming in the new year...

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3rLYs1V>

Striking a pose at Tenpin!

On 23 October, our Junior and Youth members headed to [Tenpin, York](#) to show off their impressive bowling skills! Here are a few of our favourite snaps! 😊



Left to right: Simas, Megan, Pippa, Grace, Molly, Edward

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3GnqyDQ>



Left to right: Keiran, Edward, Daniel, Ethan, Samuel, Hanna, Simas, Olivia, & Molly

Musical fun with 'I Can Play!'



On 21 November Lollipop, the National Centre for Early Music, and Music and the Deaf came together for an fun-filled afternoon of music as part of [York Disability Week](#).



We welcomed lots of familiar faces and some new ones too!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3lGGidn>



Everyone came together to perform along to 'Walking in the Air' from the beautiful Christmas animation 'The Snowman'. Just magical!

Join the toy box revolution!

#toylikeme

Stuck for ideas for Christmas presents this year? How about these stereotype-busting toys created to boost self-esteem and grow open minds!



[ToyLikeMe](#) is an arts and play based not-for-profit starting playful conversations about disability, difference and diversity.

Particularly when it comes to the toy market!

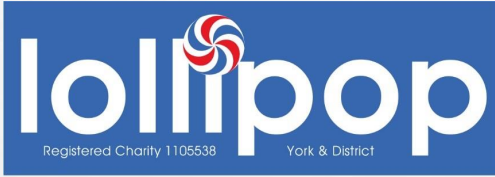
Click here to discover [ToyLikeMe toys and where to buy them](#). You can view ALL TOYS or filter the results by 'Hearing Aids and Cochlear Implants' or 'Deafness'.



They've scoured the internet and dug deep into toy boxes the world over looking for toys that better represent all children!

#ToyLikeMe/BethMoseleyPhotography

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3lEmSWE>



Deaf Services Fair 2022



Lollipop plan to host a Deaf Services Fair in Spring 2022!

The fair will be held at Temple Hall at [York St John University](#) during the first week of April (date/time TBC)

We're inviting local charities, organisations and services of interest to host a stand so Lollipop members and members of York's D/deaf community can find out more about local support and opportunities available to them.

We hope you'll come and join us to help share information and build positive working relationships for the future.

If you'd like to host a stand or know an individual or organisation who might, get in touch with Heidi for more info at: servicemanager@lollipop.york.org.uk.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3EwpTzu>

Fundraising news

Aviva community fund update

The lovely people over at [AVIVA](#) (plus many of our wonderful Lollipop families) have been pledging their support to help us raise vital funds for communication support (BSL interpreters, lip speakers and live captioning) at our activities.

Thanks to their generosity we smashed our original £2,000 target which activated a new stretch target of £5,000.

We're delighted to announce that we reached our £5K target with time to spare which is absolutely amazing!

These vital funds will allow us to organise even more inclusive trips and events over the next 12 months!
Thank-you so much to everyone who has supported us!



If you would like to support the project, donations can be pledged until 7 December 2021.

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3EyFzT0>

Fundraising news (continued...)

Lollipop Christmas Prize Draw

So far we've raised over £375 through sale of online tickets and are on track to get very close to our £1,000 target if all of our paper tickets are sold...

We've got some fabulous prizes this year so fingers crossed!

Don't forget you can [buy tickets online](#) or in person at the Lollipop Christmas Party on 12 December.

Community donation

A massive thank-you to the [Charles Brotherton Trust](#) for their generous cheque for £325.

Put an Amazon Smile on our face

Remember you can support Lollipop for FREE by doing your Christmas shopping with [Amazon Smile](#). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases when you select Lollipop as your charity of choice.

1. Visit 2. Login 3. Shop



Simply visit AmazonSmile, log in to your Amazon account as usual and start shopping!

Thank-you to ALL our supporters. We couldn't do what we do without you! BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3pAXYZ6>

What are YOU doing for your birthday?

If your birthday is coming up, why not do something extra special to celebrate this year?

Like the lovely Ann Daniel who used her recent birthday to help raise £95 for Lollipop! Thanks Ann! 😊

Whether you're celebrating a big birthday or planning to keep things low-key, a birthday fundraiser is a great way for friends and family to show they care by supporting a cause close to your heart.

Could you start a Lollipop fundraiser for your next birthday?

If so, please make sure you tag the Lollipop page [@lollipop.york](https://www.facebook.com/lollipop.york) so we can thank you for your support!



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3lovYKm>

'Thank-you card' competition!

When an organisation or individual sponsors Lollipop, makes a donation, or performs a little act of kindness to support our work, we send them a card to say THANK-YOU!

Our original thank-you card was designed by Lollipop member Lexi (now aged 9) when she was just 5 years old!

We still love it to bits so will continue to use it!

But it would be great to have more than one design so we don't send the same card out every time!

Could you design our next THANK-YOU card? We'd be super grateful if you could! And just think, your design will be famous, just like Lexi's!

To enter this competition, send your picture to admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk by **Friday 28 January** with the subject line 'Thank-you card'. The chosen design will be revealed in our next newsletter. Good luck!



Original design by Lexi

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3Gp9Zay>

Festive Fun

Can you reunite Santa with his reindeers?

Santa has been Christmas shopping but his memory isn't what it used to be and he can't remember where he parked his reindeers!

Can you help him find them?

We'll reveal the route in our next newsletter...

GOOD LUCK!



ANSWERS FROM LAST TIME

Did you have a go at the hidden words puzzle in our [November edition](#)?

If so, here are the 6 words you were looking for...

CLOUDS, DAMP, PUDDLE, SHOWERS, STORMY, WET

Bit tricky this time. Did you manage to find them all?

Very well done if you got all 6!

Bonus points if you can remember (or find out) the names of all of Santa's reindeers!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/302o1jZ>

A pre-party message from Santa



Father Christmas (AKA Santa)

Ho! Ho! Ho! I hear you're having a Christmas Party on 12 December!

Santa is very busy getting ready for the BIG DAY so he's asked me (Head Elf, Cher!) to pass on a message to you all.

He's been keeping a close eye on who's been naughty and nice and has been especially impressed by the Lollipop gang this year!

Getting around the world to see everyone is a huge challenge so it's really important that he keeps safe and well so he can get everything done on time!

But I know that Lollipop is very close to the top of his 'TO DO' list so (between you and me) I reckon he'll do his best to 'Zoom' by the Lollipop Christmas Party to see you all.

**Till then, keep being good and sending him your Christmas wishes!
Fingers crossed he'll see you there!**

DON'T FORGET TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AT THE LOLLIPOP XMAS PARTY!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3pvWFKZ>



WE WISH ALL OUR VALUED MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY,
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR!