



Lollipop newsletter

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LOLLIPOP (YORK & DISTRICT)

Supporting children, young people and families with deafness

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Welcome back



Anna Young
(Fundraising & Admin Officer)

Hello everyone! I hope you are well and coping through these strange times.

I finally returned to work last month after maternity/furlough leave and I have to say, it was an absolute joy to step back in the office and reunite with the wonderful Lollipop team. It was like I'd never been away!

Sadly, it was short-lived, and now we are all working from home as per Government guidelines.

But as ever, we are here to support you and help in any way we can. Please keep in touch using [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or drop us a line at info@lollipoppyork.org.uk or admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk.

We'd love to hear from you!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2GkLzGb>

Update from Anna continued...

With the recent development of the website and social media, Becky and I will be sharing the role of Fundraising & Admin Officer. We will continue to keep you updated via our monthly newsletters and really hope you find them helpful.

The last year and a half has been an amazing whirlwind of sleepless nights and toddler tactics and as pleased as I am to be back, it won't be for long as I will be off on maternity again in a few months!

That's right, George is having a little brother. Double trouble! Until then, I will make the most of being at Lollipop and hope you enjoy the brilliant online activities we have to offer.

Take care, Anna xxx



George, aged 16 months

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Lollipop AGM – save the date!



Penny McDonald - Chair

I hope you and your families are all well.

It's that time of the year again when as a registered charity we hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

This year it will take place online via Zoom on **Monday 19 October at 7pm.** There will be a family activity at 7pm followed by AGM business.

If you haven't already booked your place you can do so via this link:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lollipop-agm-october-2020-tickets-122673081489

The AGM is an opportunity for trustees, staff and members to celebrate what has happened over the last year and to discuss the future of Lollipop.

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

Lollipop AGM continued...

Discussing the future is especially important this year because of:

- the ongoing impact of COVID-19
- Lottery funding received over the last five years coming to end in April 2021.

This grant of £60,000 per year has paid for half of Lollipop's costs. But at the moment we're not sure if we will be able to apply for another Lottery grant or even if we would be successful.

Lollipop has some important decisions to make.

Please help us as trustees make the right decisions for you by attending the AGM and feeding back your thoughts on what Lollipop should offer. Thank you.

Penny McDonald, Chair

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR AGM PLACE](#)

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

Upcoming activities



WOW!! Where did the summer holidays go?

It's been such a busy few weeks, they seem so far away now. It's a shame that Lollipop staff have had to go back to working from home and that Coronavirus is still making it impossible for us to meet up face-to-face.

Deafness at any level is isolating, and with the new restrictions such as face masks and no group activities allowed, we need to find other ways of keeping in touch with our deaf friends at Lollipop.

Our monthly toddler group, **Sparkle Jelly Tots** is starting up again online and the first Zoom session will be at **10.30am on Thursday 15 October** – invitations will be sent by email. It will be great to see as many of you there as possible. Cheryl, Lollipop's Parent Liaison Officer, will be there and is looking forward to seeing some familiar (and new) faces.

All of us at Lollipop are still working hard to think of things we can do remotely that will be good fun. The online HQs didn't prove popular so we will pause those for now but would love to hear your ideas for future online events. Please send your suggestions to Deb at activities@lollipoppyork.org.uk

If you need any support using Zoom, please contact Cheryl (Parent Liaison Officer) at parentsupport@lollipoppyork.org.uk

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/30CGMXq>

Halloween is coming...



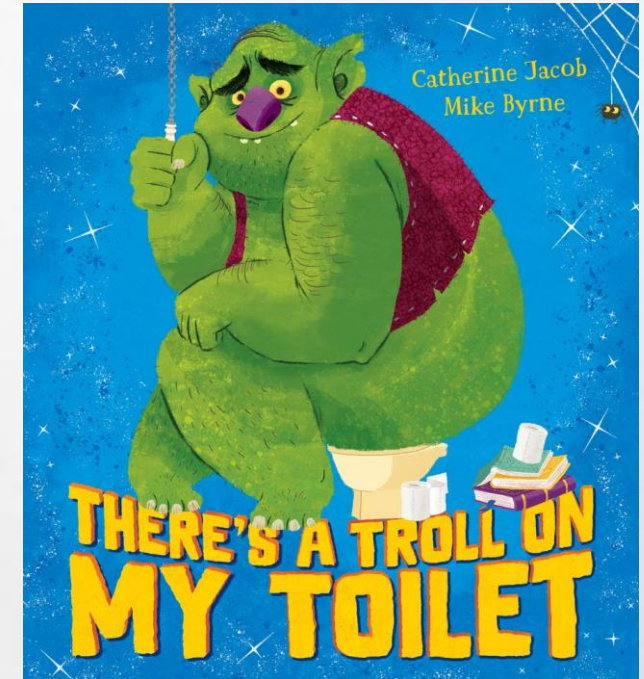
Our lovely friend Gemma from Hoglets has prepared us some exciting activities for Halloween.

For our younger members there is a story session “*There’s a Troll on my toilet*” and for older members a workshop on how to spook up our regulation face masks.

The activities will be shared in time for half term – keep checking your emails for details.

Clear face masks

Lollipop have got a stash of facemasks with plastic panels for easier communication. If you need one please get in touch with Deb at activities@lollipoppyork.org.uk and she will be happy to post it out to you.



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/2SxIFAk>

Moving on to secondary school

In the [summer newsletter](#) we included a '[Back to School](#)' feature covering what to expect and how to prepare for the changes introduced to keep people safe from COVID-19. But going back to school and making the transition from primary to secondary school can be difficult at the best of times.

Youth Charity 'Leap' have produced a [Transitions handbook](#) for children to work through alone or ideally with a parent to help make that transition easier. It will help them to:

- Know themselves and their strengths
- Reflect on their journey at primary school
- Think about friendship
- Know how they feel and how to manage their feelings
- Understand more about conflict and how to manage it
- Know who to ask for help

Why not give it a go?



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/30Dsh5x>

Fundraising update

As we are not able to hold face-to-face fundraising events at the moment, here are some ideas for little ways you can show your support for Lollipop... every bit helps!



20p Jar Race!

Do you have one of our fundraising jars at home?

There will be a small prize for the first ten that are filled up with 20p's! (they hold approx. £5).

Send us a photo of your full jar and donate the money via our PayPal Giving Fund page. We will send your prize to you in the post!

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/3182047>

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/34wpxYK>

Fundraising update continued...

Shop online and earn donations for Lollipop

Amazon will donate to Lollipop when you do your usual Amazon shopping through Amazon Smile!

Click on the link below to find out how it works and how you can do a little something to support Lollipop, especially in these tricky times!

www.lollipoppyork.org.uk/donate-to-lollipop-by-shopping-with-amazonsmile/

It's a really easy way to show your support for Lollipop.

Try visiting www.smile.amazon.co.uk next time you're shopping online.



BSL video: <https://bit.ly/30xPkyP>

Fundraising update continued...



Fundraising at home

One of our members recently raised £42 by having a plant sale at the end of their driveway!

They left out a box for donations explaining that the money from selling the plants would go to Lollipop.

Could you do something similar and send us the pictures?

We would love to see what you come up with!

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to share with us how you have been raising money to support Lollipop, drop us a line at info@lollipoppyork.org.uk or admin@lollipoppyork.org.uk.

THANK YOU!

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3jDySo7>

BSL e-books for children



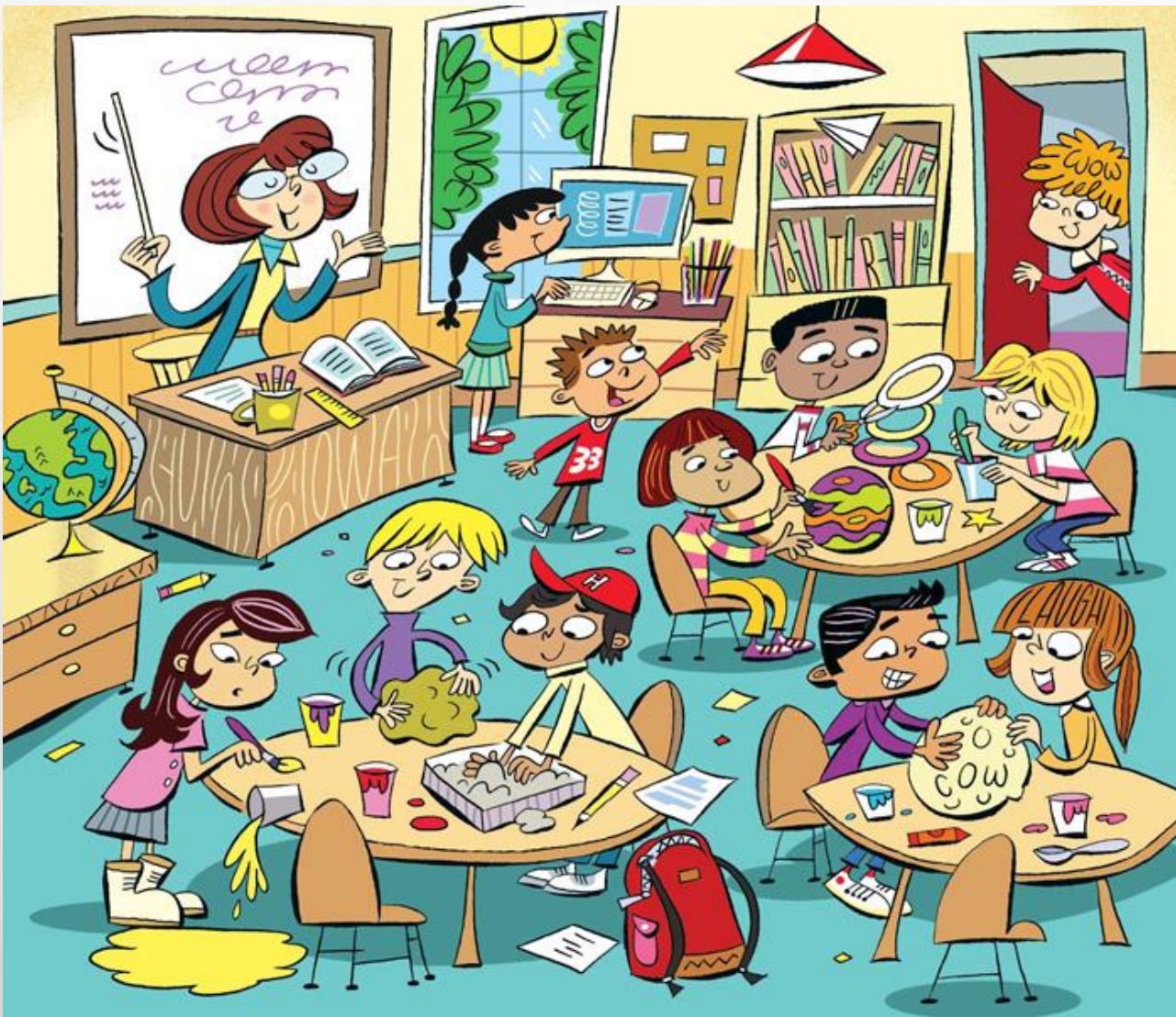
Over the summer the [Frank Barnes school for deaf children](#) collaborated with the Deafness, Cognition and Language Research Centre ([DCAL](#)) and several U.S. universities to create bilingual books for children around the world!

The e-books explain COVID-19 to deaf children who use British Sign Language, and have been translated into 20 languages – both spoken and signed! Click on the links below for the English/BSL versions!

1. 'Bunty and Bubbly: Covid19': https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6_KpeU_kwA&feature=youtu.be
2. 'Hello, My Name is Coronavirus': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FU4ZiwDE5nU&feature=youtu.be>
3. 'Coronavirus - A Book in BSL': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5WvrWn2CTU&feature=youtu.be>
4. 'Step and Wash for Covid-19': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtPB1NvViSY&feature=youtu.be>

Blanche Neville School for Deaf Children also has some great signed stories for children: www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDn2xBF0Xjhmos88MPHGhw/videos

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



Fun and games

Summer bingo winners

Congratulations to Andrea Gitsham, Daniel Mackintosh, Lexi Anderson, Joe Powell and the Dixon family who aced the Zoom bingo event held on 21 August and won some fabulous shopping vouchers!

Hidden words puzzle

Just for fun, but can you find all 6 words hidden in this classroom?

Answers to the hidden words puzzle in our [Summer edition](#) were:

BLOOM, DIG, FARM, GARDEN, SEED, VINE

How did you do?

BSL video: <https://bit.ly/3iBB3ak>