

FUNDAY RESOUNDING SUCCESS

We are pleased to report that Funday was a resounding success this year with all clients, staff, friends and families having a wonderful day!!



All of the staff worked extremely hard to make the day one to remember, they pulled together and worked as a team to ensure all the clients and their families thoroughly enjoyed their day. We had a couple of raffles, a tombola, a huge selection of plants for sale and some games to play as well!! Over the course of the day we had dancing to start, then the drumming group performed for us. Andy and the Red Hats from our Making Music group took us up to lunch which was delicious sausages from Coleman's with a selection of sides. Performing after lunch we had a fantastic singer and vocal coach Leigh Thomas performing two sets and Andys band performing two sets, playing us out at the end of the day.



The date of Funday would have been Soji's 48th birthday, and we couldn't think of a more fitting tribute than releasing 48 balloons in Soji's favourite colour. Gill said a few words and whilst a few tears were shed, Soji would have loved his tribute.

July saw two students joining us for work experience. Phoebe Thomas came for 1 week from Philip Morant school. And travelling quite a bit further from the Netherlands to stay for three weeks, we were joined by Nienke Kievit! Both students thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and felt it gave them a great insight in how a role working with adults with learning disabilities can be one of the most rewarding and enjoyable jobs that they may choose when they finish their education.



GATEWAY AWARDS
STUDENTS ACHIEVE BRONZE, SILVER AND GOLD
AWARDS



THE GATEWAY AWARDS JULY 2016

Every year our students have the option of participating in the Gateway awards, where they get the opportunity to work towards a Bronze, Silver or Gold

award. The Gold Award is the pinnacle achievement and is no easy feat. The Gold award takes up to 18 months to complete and covers 5 different areas. The areas are Hobby, Fitness, Lifestyle, Volunteering and Challenge. All of the five areas have to take place for a minimum of 6 months for 1 hour every week. The students work extremely hard to achieve their award and this achievement is celebrated every year for those who have passed. This year was a wonderful ceremony with Stevie Ritchie (of X Factor fame) arriving (if a little late) to present the students with their certificates. Awards were presented to lots of students, representing Access Day Resource were Katie Bezencenet, Anthony Blizzard, Jackie Jones, Chris Mills and Marcus Pitman. We did have two other achievers this year who chose not to attend the ceremony, this was Leslie Brotman and Anna Mack!



Katie Bezencenet



Jackie Jones



Chris Mills



Marcus Pitman



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HOSTING A
COFFEE
MORNING IN AID
OF MACMILLAN
CANCER
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30th SEPTEMBER
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NEXT
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