



**Climbing and
Ariel Assault**
Thursday 8th April
Price: £10

Leaving the Beehive
9.30am - returning to
Beehive 5pm.

You need to bring a
packed lunch and if
you wish, some money
for snacks and drinks.
Please wear loose
comfortable clothing.

Go Karting
Friday 9th April
Price: £10

Leaving the Beehive
10am - returning to
Beehive 3.30pm

You need to bring a
packed lunch or money
for food.

**Berwick Film
Academy 'Shoot'**
16th - 18th April

**Look out for the May
1/2 term activities
and Summer
holiday activities
programme!**



*Go Karting on Friday 9th April
Come along and enjoy the challenge!*

Canoeing Sessions

A series of 5 canoe sessions
have been arranged with
Berwick Youth Project and
Sport Unlimited during April
and May. Prices are £10
for all 5 sessions or £3 per
session.

Transport from your local
Youth Club is provided as
are wetsuits and buoyancy
aids.

Each young person will
require a complete change
of clothing / footwear a
towel and some warm
fleeces / jumpers and pair
of trainers to wear whilst
canoeing which may get
wet. Drinks and snacks may
also be brought.

**Please contact Merrick
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more information.**

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New affordable housing in Ladywell Place

Building work has begun for
affordable housing on land
adjacent to Berwick Children's
Centre in Ladywell Place.
Contractors have begun
work on clearing the land in
preparation for 21 houses and
bungalows. Staff are urging
children and parents to be
aware of the increase in traffic
as diggers and lorries move in
to clear the site.

Contractors have been
advised to report daily to staff
at the Children's Centre and
have been advised of busy
times for parents dropping
off and picking up both at
Tweedmouth West First School
and at the Children's Centre.
We are also encouraging staff
and parents to walk to the
Children's Centre if they can!

If you are visiting the Children's
Centre please be aware and
keep yourself safe. We will
be sending out monthly
newsletters to keep everyone
up to date with progress.

See inside for what's on near you over the next few months!

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NEWS FOR FAMILIES

Your newsletter from Sure Start and
Berwick Extended Services Team

*Developing People, Improving Lives,
Berwick Borough Partnership*

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What's On / News



Eleanor & the Dragons of Death

Join local children's author Amanda Baker at the launch of her latest book Eleanor & the Dragons of Death on Saturday April 24th from 10.00-11.00 a.m Come along to see & touch a dragon's egg!

Amanda will read extracts from the novel, which is suitable for children aged 9 and over.

Signed copies will be available for purchase on the day at Berwick Library.



Aqua-Natal, every Tuesday 6-8pm at the Swan Centre for Leisure, an hour long class with muffins, coffee and chat after. Midwives Paula and Caroline take it in turns to instruct the class and are available after the session to discuss any problems or worries the mums may have. It is encouraged that all expectant mothers should do some form of exercise to keep fit during their pregnancy and hopefully continue afterwards, aqua natal is ideal. We are aware that some mothers are shy and do not want to come on their own, therefore they are very welcome to bring a friend to support them. Aqua natal is fun, non competitive and a great way too make new friends.

New Venue for Courses

The Children's Centre is about to get a much needed extension. Building work will start in the summer and the end result will be fantastic. On the down side however, courses will need to be run from different venues in the meantime so please read any posters and fliers carefully so that you don't end up in the wrong place!

Art Club

Mondays 3-4pm, Scremerston First School - All Welcome, 25p per person.

Bounce and Tickle

Come and join us at Berwick Library from 2.00 - 2.30 on Fridays - April 9, 23, May 7, 21, June 4, 11, 18, July 2, 16. We welcome all babies, toddlers and thier parents and carers to join us for rhymes, songs and stories aimed at children from 6 months to 2.5 years. For more details phone Diane Wright on 01289 334051.



Course	Tutor	Venue	Dates	Time
Beat the Credit Crunch	Mel Arbon	Salvation Army Hall	19th April-12th July - 12 sessions apart from 31st May	1.15 - 3.15 pm
This course will make sense of money matters, show you how to D.I.Y. at home and help everyone to stretch your dosh just that little bit further. If not - you'll still have fun and learn loads!				
Early Start	Mel Arbon	Salvation Army Hall	19th April - 24th May - 6 sessions	9.30 - 11.30 am
Early Start covers a little bit of everything you need to know about your developing child and the importance of play.				
Child Psychology	Mel Arbon	Salvation Army Hall	7th June-12th July - 6 sessions	9.30 - 11.30 am
A very popular course which helps us identify how we care for children and how this can be managed or modified to promote positivity. We look at why children behave the way they do and what influence carers/parents can have on their child's development.				
Computers from Scratch	Mel Arbon	Berwick Library	19th April-25th May - 6 sessions	4.00 - 6.00 pm
In line with the government's new scheme to provide free computers to homes where children are eligible for free school meals, we want to make sure that everybody is happy to use one to help their children learn. It really doesn't matter if you haven't a clue - it's why we are here.				
Beach Crafts	Ellie Noble	Spittal School	Summer Term - look out for posters	To be confirmed
Learn how to recognise free treasures under your nose and how to make beautiful things with them.				
First Aid	Northern Training	Bell View Resource Centre, Belford	One day course Friday 30th April	10am - 3pm
How and when to respond to the most common types of injuries in adults and children.				
Child Psychology	Mel Arbon	Cheviot Centre	6 session during summer term	Look out for posters
Look out for our posters and if in doubt - please phone Lorna on 07786 706 633				

Think Make Grow Are On The Move..

Think Make Grow is on the move from it's base at artspace in Tweedmouth to a new home in The Maltings. Everyone at TMG is really excited about the move as our presence in The Maltings building adds an additional dimension to both their and our work and the possibilities for future partnership working are immense. From 1st of April we will be based from Room 1, The Maltings Theatre and Arts Centre, Eastern Lane, Berwick.

If you want to join in with any of our activities such as Open Up, After School Art Club, U3A Jewellery Class, The Generic Berwick Story, Mental Health Awareness and Wellbeing at Work training please get in touch; 01289 330661 (option 1) or info@thinkmakegrow.co.uk. Sorry there is no Imagine this Easter because of our move. All being well, there will be a fun Summer programme to look forward to.

Advisory Boards

Thank you to everyone who responded to our call our of the Parent Advisory Panel. We have some new members and are looking for more. If you would like to have you opinions heard, would you like to hear what other parents and carers think, then join our new parent / carer 'talk' group, meeting once a term, the group will run from Berwick Children's Centre at a time to be agreed by the group, refreshments, travel and childcare will be provided. Contact Jan on 01289 309734.

Students from Berwick High School have successfully completed an advanced course at their new Microsoft IT Academy.

The academy programme allows students at the school, local business partners and the community to follow professional IT courses and to gain internationally recognised qualifications. The 16 high school students from all year groups attended the 12-week course after school to learn how to use advanced features of word-processing applications. Not content with being highly proficient in this aspect of Office software, on successful completion of the course all of the students decided to aim higher and gain official recognition as Microsoft Certified Application Specialists (MCAS) by passing a strenuous exam designed to test their technological know-how. The MCAS qualifications, usually found in the world of business and commerce, are an internationally recognised validation of IT skills, and are a valuable addition to any student's CV. Whilst the whole group have shown themselves to be very able, one result in particular which serves to illustrate their outstanding determination is that of Year 9 pupil Jake Birkett; one of the youngest on the course, he is also likely to be one of the youngest people in the UK to hold an MCAS qualification.