

SYCAMORE ADVENTURE

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 Friends of Sycamore Adventure

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What's been Occurring, (Oct – Dec 2016):

- INTU Merry Hill donated their old timber play area which was then recycled at Sycamore Adventure. With the support of Barclays, Legal & General & INTU staff we removed it, transported it and then built an outdoor tool craft area and a pirate ship as requested through consultation with local children.



- Friends of Sycamore Adventure Charity held its Annual General Meeting on 21/10/16. Moira Shaw took place as chair, Cheryl Dando as treasurer and Christine McEwan as secretary.
- Our Halloween themed Half Term week was a huge success with nearly one thousand children attending. This quarter has also seen bonfire night celebrations, black history month awareness, pamper evenings and lots of Christmas celebrations at the playground.



- "Russells Hall NHS service improvement team" volunteered their time to decorate the centre and grotto ready for Santa's arrival.
- Santa is at Sycamore Adventure this December and is due to see over 350 children via public play sessions and school bookings.
- Friends of Sycamore Adventure's Christmas Party at the Station Hotel on Friday 2nd December, was a complete success with 120 revellers present and £1,300 raised for the adventure playground.
- On the 19th of December 1-4pm, Sycamore Adventure will run the first of many Fayres, with stall holders selling gifts to families, while their children enjoy a range of festive activities on site.
- All of the Dudley employed play team have received up to date first aid and safeguarding training this quarter.

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- Friends of Sycamore Adventure have applied for funding from the borough wide community forums to implement an online registration system which will dramatically improve the way that we register children, collect data and are able to analyse attendance figures. It will also save significant staffing time.
- Legal and General staff return in January to paint the building and deck the floor of the new tool use area.
- A funding application has been submitted to purchase six new walkie talkies to improve staff communication and child safety on site.
- Consultation with the local community and local ward members for the delivery of Sunday Parties at the adventure playground has been very positive. We aim to be able to provide Sunday Parties as of April 17.
- Following a creative planning meeting, a series of new party options have been added to our party menu to enhance customer's experiences.
- New school package deals have been developed enabling schools to inform us how many trips they need each year. A price incentive scheme reduces the cost of trips for those schools who visit us more.
- Sycamore Adventure are going through a tendering process to have an ice cream van present on site at public play sessions, (hopefully starting in Easter 2017).

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Stats:

- Oct-Dec footfall: 3,100 children
-  2,776 likes
-  4.9 ★ rating
- 5 ★ web feedback
-  133 followers

Focus on:



Will Gannicliff

Senior Playworker

Favourite superhero: Gambit

Favourite Food: Fajita

Hobbies: Xbox gaming

Best thing about his job:

"seeing children being free in their own space"

Time at Svcamore: 7 years