

LinkLife



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EVERYONE IS INVITED to DROP IN to the opening of Weir 2 WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER between 14.00 and 17.00

As many regular users of The Weir Link will know, we had to move some of our activities to the community rooms at St Stephen's Church as our space was not big enough to safely accommodate the numbers of parents and children attending.

In the summer The Weir Link was successful in obtaining funding to improve the community rooms at St Stephen's for use by The Weir Link...we're calling it Weir 2 @ St Stephens.

The formal opening of the new space will be on WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER the local community are welcome to drop in, see the new space

and pick up information from a variety of stalls. Just come and have a look around and find out the plans for this space

From October Stay & Play; Child Health Clinic; Toddler Tunes; Polish Stories & Singing; Wriggle & Rhyme; Coach your Kids will all take place at Weir 2. Also, Julie, our Outreach worker, will be available for confidential sessions in a quiet setting – appointments can be booked at the office.

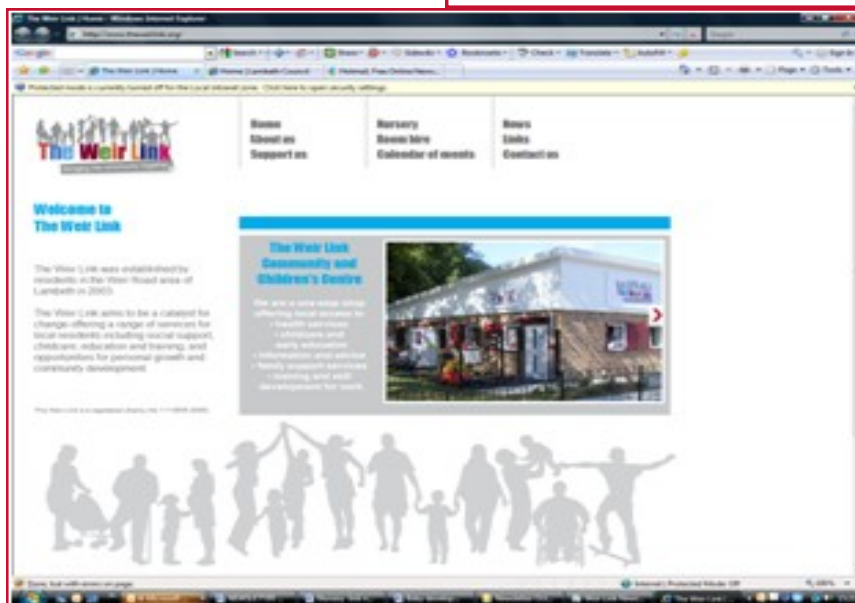
More information on The Weir Link can be found on our website .

New Look Website!



Our website has recently been redesigned and given a facelift! It's looking brighter and better so why not check it out?? Go to www.theweirlink.org

For the most up-to-date news and list of activities this is the place to go. If you'd like to feature on our website, please come speak to us in the office or email info@theweirlink.org



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The Weir Link Nursery

We have experienced and well qualified staff and with the increasing numbers of children we are recruiting even more staff.

We cater for 43 children aged between three months to five years old. We aim to monitor children's holistic progress in the 6 areas of Learning of the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and we do so in conjunction with the Every Child Matters.

Each child has a designated key worker who liaises with parents and other professionals should the need arise. The key worker observes the child, monitors their progress and extends their learning and this action is evident through our planning. Each child is treated individually and being an inclusive setting we also celebrate different cultural celebrations.

All the staff undergo training on different aspects of child development in order to enhance their knowledge on children's Learning and Development as well as being able to cater for children with specific needs.

We aim to include everyone and respond to the diverse needs of the children we serve. We ensure that every child reaches their high potential by giving them equal opportunities. We value diversity and ensure that all individuals are treated fairly with dignity and respect. We prepare the children by means of play activities to live in a diverse, multi-ethnic society by including all children regardless of their gender, disability, colour, religion or culture.



For more information about the nursery please call 020 8772 8597 or email: nursery@theweirlink.org

Coach Your Kids

Active Family Fun

Thursday 4.00pm—5.00pm at St Stevens Church

Coach Your Kids is all about you and your children

learning fun sports activities **together**. It has been created for 3-8 year olds and for parents and carers. To book a place on this free course (usual price £30) contact Tel: 020 8675 2481 or call in at the centre.



Have Your Say

Schools, children's centres, hospitals and council services in the capital face the most severe public spending cuts in 80 years.

Presenter, Jeremy Vine, brought politicians face to face with the families who will be hit by the savings - and those who are vowing to fight back and challenge where the cuts are made. Volunteers, service users, the chair of WERA Tennant and Residents Association and a member of staff from The Weir Link all joined the lively televised debate. The programme was aired on Thursday 9th September 2010.

The Weir Link is currently planning our own discussion group with guest speakers invited to lead and inspire discussions on a variety of topics that affect us all. Crèche, wine and nibbles will be provided so keep an eye on the notice board, or give us a call, for starting dates. Let us know if you have ideas for discussion topics or subjects you would be interested to learn



Participants and crew prepare for filming

About The Weir Link

The Weir Link is a Community Children's Centre managed by local people for local people.

Lambeth Council funds the centre to provide services for parents with children under five years old.

The centre provides day care from 8am-6pm; support for children with special needs; health advice and support; and education and training.

The centre is available to hire for meetings and social events in the evenings and at weekends.



Save a Life First Aid Tuesday, 16 November



The British Red Cross will be running a free first aid course at The Weir Link. The session will focus on essential life saving skills and provides an opportunity to practice newly acquired skills. Tuesday, 16 November from 10.00-13:00. To sign up please contact 020 8675 2481.

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Up Coming Events

Coach Your Kid Thursday, 7, 14 & 21 October, 16.00
Free First Aid Training Tuesday, 16 November, 10.00-13.30

LOOK OUT FOR THE TRAVELLING TOY LIBRARY VISITING WEIR LINK

What is a Toy library?

A Toy Library is a place you can visit on a regular basis to borrow toys to take home for a small hire charge.

The Weir Link has joined a local Toy Library so we can borrow toys to use for our activities to provide variety without the expense and storage problems of constantly buying new toys. It's also a way to test what would be useful future purchases.

Also, we've paid for a mobile service so the Toy Library van will visit the centre about twice a term, park up for an hour to enable local residents to look at, test and borrow toys to take home. Otherwise, you can visit the Toy Library in Tooting or Battersea. Individuals can become members of the Toy Library at a cost of £13 for a year and a hire charge toys loaned. We have leaflets at the centre for those interested.

Once we know the dates the van will visit we'll let you know.

Child Health Clinic

Baby Weighing will now be known as the Child Health Clinic. As well as the health checks for babies the health visitor will be providing check ups for toddlers. These sessions will be at same date and time Mondays at 9.30-11.00pm at Stephens.

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Opening Times
 Monday-Friday
 08.00-18.00



Celebrate Black History Month

Black History month is held every October with the aim of promoting knowledge of African and Caribbean history, culture and heritage.

As part of our celebration we will be holding a range of arts and crafts activities for parents, carers and toddlers. For details and dates of events please visit the centre, phone 020 8675 2481 or email: info@theweirlink.org.

