

Newsletter, Winter 2006

Down's Syndrome Scotland West of Scotland Branch



West of Scotland Swimmers won a very healthy 19 medals at the recent National Down's Syndrome Swimming Gala held in Reading. They are all members of swimming clubs based in the West of Scotland. Congratulations to one and all!

All the news from
WoS Branch 2006

- Fundraising news
- Events
- Website

Happy holidays to all our members and supporters!

Our Christmas Party is to be held this year on Sunday December 10th from 3pm – 7pm. It's for all Branch members – children and adults. The venue: The Jock Stein Suite at Celtic Park – Parkhead, Glasgow.

A delicious buffet meal and

an exciting programme of entertainment including special visitors are being organised. And it's FREE! To book a place, please complete the tear-off slip in the newsletter or email your party details to

santa@downswest.org.uk

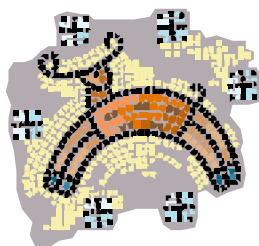


Recent donations:

- Williamwood Golf Club ladies section: £2,370 (picture above)
- Amanda Campbell and customers of the Hut Shop: £185
- Friends of the swimming group: £295
- Templeton Goodwill Trust: £1550
- API software: £100

Swimming news

On Friday 16th September 2006, Fiona Dawson, Catherine Kennedy, Laura Arbuckle, Nicola Keppie, Paul Fraser and Alan Jardine, set off to compete in the National Down's Syndrome Swimming Gala held in Reading. West of Scotland Branch covered the cost of the accommodation and traveling expenses. They all had a great trip – pictures and full story on our website .



BBC Children in Need has chosen to promote Down's Syndrome Scotland's work with schools on their website this year. View the video of Jordan – one of our young members who attends mainstream school - at www.bbc.co.uk/scotland/pudsey/

Our lively website www.downswest.org.uk received **228** visits in October 2006 – a new record!

Our **parent and toddler group** has been meeting every month and is now part of the **DISC** (Downs Information Support and Counselling) arm of the Branch. They provide a friendly and informal opportunity for interaction between parents and young children. They are looking to expand the provision of Makaton (a form of simple sign language) for parents and possibly professionals in schools. They are also investigating funding of speech and language therapists. This forward-looking group wishes to form groups for different age groups.

Phone our voicemail: 0709 2875734 to find out more.

**Our kids' favorite
Christmas joke:**

**What do you call a person who is
afraid of Santa Claus?**

Claustrophobic!

Ideas for events in 2007: with your support: -

Following on from our Christmas event we hope to provide in 2007:

- A weekend chill-out at lodges on the loch for families.
- Easter bunny picnic on the Forth and Clyde canal
- A visit to Dynamic Earth - 12-21 year olds
- Theatre visit with dinner for 18+
- West Coast trip
- Holiday Abernethy centre (or similar) 12-18's and over 18's
- Halloween Almond valley centre visit



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Please send this tear-off slip in by December 1st at the latest. **YES!** I want to attend the party on Sunday 10th December, 3 – 7pm . (Children and adults with DS & immediate family/carers only)

Name of contact person:
 Address:

 Postcode:..... Email.....
 Tel no:

We need this info for Santa:
 Total number attending: {.....}
 Details of ALL children attending and/or ALL adults with DS
 (use separate sheet if required)

Names of all children and/or all adults with DS	Age	(m/f)	DS (Yes/No)
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Send to: WoS Party 2006 c/o 104 Stirling Rd, Kilsyth, North Lanarkshire
 G65 0HY, voicemail: 0709 2875734 or email: santa@downswest.org.uk