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Our

*children loved taking part in
experiments at
Techniquest, Wrexham.*

FORTHCOMING F.UN EVENTS

*Saturday 21st May 2.15pm
Gym & Jump Stars Trampolining Session, Fearnhead
(with assisting coaches)*

*Saturday May 28th 12.00 noon
Walton Gardens Zoo Visit with the Ranger*
**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FUN CLUB ON
THIS DAY.**

JUNE
*Crosby Lakeside Sailing Adaptive Activity
Watch this space for details!*

NEWS & REVIEWS

Undiagnosed Children's Day 2016

Today, Friday 29 April 2016, is Undiagnosed Children's Day 2016, organised by the charity [Syndromes Without A Name \(SWAN\)](#) to raise awareness of children living without a diagnosis.

There are a number of reasons why getting a diagnosis can be difficult, but it's important to remember that your child is still entitled to support. For example, you do not need a diagnosis to claim [Disability Living Allowance](#), the main benefit for disabled children. Nor do you need a diagnosis to ask the local authority to assess your child's needs to see what support might help your family.

Nevertheless, living without a diagnosis is often challenging.

Advice for Children Without a Diagnosis

If you suspect your child isn't meeting important milestones, or you are looking for a diagnosis you might find these guides helpful:

[Living without a diagnosis](#) For parents whose child has learning difficulty or health problem, but do not know its cause. It contains information on who can help you, what help and support you can expect, and top tips.

[Concerned about your child](#) How to identify the right specialist if you have concerns about your child's speech, feeding, co-ordination, teeth, toilet training, learning, behaviour or sleep.

[Developmental Delay](#) Explains what is meant by the terms 'developmental delay' and 'global developmental delay' and includes top tips from parents. The printed version contains a pull-out poster showing important milestones in a child's development. You can [download](#) the poster from [our resource library](#).

Even if your child doesn't have a diagnosis you may still be able to get extra help for them. These guides explain more:

[Getting social care services for your child with additional needs -England](#)

[Claiming Disability Living Allowance for children](#) - the main benefit for disabled children; explains how a child may qualify and how to fill in the form.

[Special educational needs in England](#) - explains how to get extra support in education.

All guides are free to parents who call the Contact a Family helpline on 0808 808 3555 or email helpline@cafamily.org.uk.

Saturday F.UN Club

Fearnhead Community Centre, Insall Rd, Fearnhead

Drop in session from 10.30 am – 1.30 pm

£2 per family per session.

Healthy lunchtime snack for the children, tea and coffee for parents.

Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who must be responsible for their child/children throughout the session.

NEXT FUN CLUB DATES

14th May

Please note there will be no Fun Club on 28th May

as we will be at Walton Gardens, 12.00 noon.



If you would like any further info on F.UN Club activities please call the F.UN Office on 0743 267 6713



ODEON hosts autism friendly cinema screenings every month. Tickets for the latest releases may come with a small charge of £1, on top of the normal ticket price.

ODEON's next autism friendly film screening is

The Angry Birds Movie on Sunday 22nd May at 11:30am.

- a relaxed environment where people understand the needs of children and families with autism
- lights left on low, sound turned down
- no trailers or advertisements (unless they are embedded in the film)
- staff trained in autism awareness
- disabled access
- freedom to move around and sit where you like
- bring your own food and drink

www.dimensions-uk.org/families/autism-friendly-screenings