

# THRIVE LIVE



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## Family Connections

THRiVE partner Family Connections continued to support families over the summer helping with routines, communication, boundaries. 37 children and 20 families enjoyed family play and learning activities. Smart Start back to school programme to parents at St James's PS & Whitehouse PS.



**"Spending time with our children and joining in with the games, learning how to get both children to play nicely together and learning that not spending money can make a difference and still have fun. Was a great service and staff were so lovely and friendly. Amazing, friendly, caring and we have had great time coming with the children."**

**Parent**

## Help Kids Talk

30 teachers from THRiVE nurseries and schools were trained to deliver the Early TalkBoost and TalkBoost programmes to help children with their speech, language and communication.





# WE CAN...

## #WeCanBeConnected

THRiVE Newtownabbey pulled together and shared a timetable of the various summer programmes for children and young people available through THRiVE partners in local youth and community organisations across the area.

New **WE CAN** posters were displayed in schools, Library, Community Centres and shops. On European Languages Day, We Can messages in a range of European languages were shared.



**#WeCanLearn** THRiVE Newtownabbey promoted the importance of transitions to new schools or to new training or jobs. A series of 'Pathways to Employment' videos were produced featuring people with connections to the local area talking about aspects of their journey through school into the world of work.



# Parent Champions

18 Parent Champions continue to be a vital part of the work of THRiVE Newtownabbey regularly sharing useful information with others on projects, events and opportunities. They are planning to get a survey out to parents to ask about their engagement with school and the priorities for families in the area.





# Sub-group spotlight

## EARLY YEARS



Top tips were shared with parents from **THRiVE** booklet designed with Abbey Sure Start.



**Teddy Bear Day** – we thanked our THRiVE early years partners for the work they do with our little ones.

## DESIGNATED TEACHERS

This amazing group of teachers in **THRiVE** schools met with **Education Authority** and **CAMHS** and **Social Services** to complete their annual safeguarding audit and talk about how to best keep children safe and happy.



## COMMUNITY AND YOUTH WORKERS

Local youth workers and community organisations met in September to talk about what children said matters to them and what type of support they need. This group also helped with planning for **WE CAN Awards** event in November.

## Listening to children and young people

THRiVE partner **Listening Ear** organised an event to listen to young people's views on their well-being. They plan to create a mural to share positive messages about looking after your well-being and reaching out for support from others.



# In Your Corner

THRiVE Partners **Monkstown Boxing Club** and **Abbey Community College** celebrated with pupils on the In Your Corner programme on GCSE Results Day.



**100%**  
of Students achieved  
**4+ GCSE's, 90% of  
students achieving  
5+ GCSE's.**



**"I never thought I could achieve what I received. I thought I would leave school with nothing, but I ended up leaving with 8 grades, this was because the support I received throughout my year with the boxing club."** MT

**"My son wouldn't have achieved what he did or become the young man he is if it wasn't for the staff and teachers in Monkstown Boxing Club. Thank you so much."**  
JH Parent



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