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for families

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Newsletter from Home-Start Lorn

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Home-Start Lorn **newsletter**, keeps the community and supporters informed of its activity within the Lorn area.

What does Home-Start Lorn Do?

Home-Start believes that children need a happy and secure childhood and that parents have the key role in giving their children a good start. Home-Start wants to see a society in which every parent has the support they need to give their children the best start in life. We therefore focus our support on the early years of a child's life, the most crucial time in a child's development.

Our family support volunteers provide non-judgmental and practical support. This support helps build a family's confidence and ability to cope. Volunteers provide one to one home-visiting support on a weekly basis.

Volunteer Recruitment

If you can spare an hour or two each week, and would like to be a home volunteer offering friendship and support to a young family this could be for you.

Homestart is always looking for new volunteers. If you are a parent or grandparent, and are interested in finding out how you can help, then please contact co-ordinator **Aileen** on **01631 566749**

or email to: homestartlorn@btconnect.com

A Preparatory Training Course for new volunteers is starting in February 2011. If you are interested please contact Aileen Binner.

Have a look at our Website

You can find our web site at:

www.homestartlorn.org.uk

Home-Start Lorn's Annual Report 2009-2010 can be found here along with other useful and interesting information. Have a look!

Funding and Financial Support

Home-Start Lorn relies on ongoing funding in order to deliver this important service. If you or your business can support Home-Start Lorn in any way please let us know. We are happy to receive gifts, donations, or offers of sponsorship.

If you make a private donation and are a tax payer, then please use our Gift Aid form so that Home-Start Lorn can recover tax on this donation. The form can be downloaded from our web-site www.homestartlorn.org.uk

Recent Home-Start Lorn Events

Evening Reception

In October Home-Start Lorn gave a reception in Oban for Anne Hart who started up a Home-Start group in South Africa after a chance meeting with one of Home-Start Lorn's volunteers and hearing about her work.

Anne gave a moving account of the hardships of young families in South Africa and the work she is involved in. Gifts were exchanged and Home-Start Lorn raised £450 for the Home-Start South Africa.



Anne Hart from S Africa (centre) with Home-Start Lorn supporters and volunteers

During her visit, Anne also met with a local family, volunteers and Trustees to hear about the workings of Home-Start Lorn.

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Primary School Art Competition and Exhibition

Home-Start Lorn ran an Art Competition for local schools in conjunction with Oban Rotary, the subject being to design a Christmas Card with the theme of "My Family's Christmas".

Entries were received from over 300 pupils from 6 schools. Each Primary year was awarded prizes for the best entries. Prize money was donated by McQueen Brothers Charitable Trust.



Competition Entries Exhibited at St. Johns.

Following the judging of entries, 2 winners rode on Santa's Sleigh and 2 other winners switched on the town's Christmas Lights. Exhibits of the

entries were on public view in St. John's Cathedral for 2 weeks. It is hoped the competition and exhibition will be repeated in 2011.

Christmas Party

Families and volunteers enjoyed their Christmas party in December. A total of 13 under 5's were present to enjoy the event. Each child was presented with a Christmas gift and the Mums and volunteers enjoyed getting together.

Burns Night

Home-Start Lorn had their Burns Night on 23rd January 2011 at the Waterfront Restaurant, courtesy of Alex Needham, who again put on the fundraiser on behalf of Home-Start Lorn. A truly entertaining and lively night followed the wonderful Burns menu provided by Alex and his staff. Speakers included Ian Weir, Jack Degnan, Ted Heath and Joyce Noble. The amount raised from the evening was £850.

Be a Supporter

If you would like to be a supporter of Homestart and receive regular information about fund raising events then please contact Aileen on 01631 566749 or e-mail to homestartlorn@btconnect.com

What do families say about the work of Home-Start Lorn?

- "..... has given me confidence.."
- "..... has made me happier and my husband sees the difference..."
- "I would be stuck without them."
- "You have no idea what a difference 2 hours once a week makes."

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