

The Friends of Pendarren

Newsletter Spring 2008



Welcome to the Friends page of the Pendarren website. We will publish a newsletter every term of the school year to let you know about the work of the Friends and keep you in touch with developments at the Centre.



In October 2006 Councillor George Meehan officially opened the new facilities at the centre which include a High Ropes Course a Climbing tower and a 100metre zip wire. These facilities were finished along with the refurbishment of the Firs with aid of grant funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

We have been able to continue our project with a storyteller in residence and can report that almost a

thousand students enjoyed meeting and listening to the stories of Daniel Morden , storyteller and author of several books for children.



Projects for this year will be to complete a sensory garden project, create a pond and wetland area in our grounds. We have managed to secure grant funding for a tipi which is now in place in our grounds

If you would like to help the Friends complete these projects or just get involved in helping promote the activities we do, please contact us using the friends email address friends@pendarren.org.

The new facilities of the high ropes and climbing tower are already being enjoyed by the students visiting us this year. The photo gallery gives you an impression of the activities that make up the *Pendarren Experience*.



The centre's primary function is to provide a service to all of Haringey's schools, however, there are also opportunities for Haringey residents, employees and groups and societies within the Borough to come and stay here at Pendarren. We organise a number of weekends for families and adult groups, information about these can be found on our website www.pendarren.org.



The Firs is also available throughout the year and is becoming very popular. Brochures and booking information can be downloaded from the website.

Thousands of people from Haringey have enjoyed the *Pendarren Experience* since the centre opened in the 1972. Pendarren has continued to develop to meet the needs of successive generations. Haringey Council have demonstrated an unwaivering commitment to provide a centre of excellence for their young people.





Friends of Pendarren Open Day

This year we are holding our open day on July 5th from 3.00pm until 8.00pm.

The purpose of the day is to inform people of the work we do at Pendarren House and of course, to raise funds for the projects that the Friends support. We open the centre to guests and members of the local community who can come along and explore the facilities at the centre, take part in some of the activities such as climbing or the zipwire or just relax on the lawn with refreshments and listen to music provided by local musicians. It will be a family event with attractions for every age group.

If you would like to come along or would like to be involved in fund raising for the Friends of Pendarren please email us **friends@pendarren.org**