



Foster Carers Newsletter

July/August 2021

Foster for



Sandwell

Children's Trust



Welcome to your new look newsletter

We hope that you enjoy your new look newsletter!

As well as all of the latest from the Fostering team we have also added some new fun items for good measure.

As always this is your newsletter so we would love to hear from you and share your great stories! Have you got any special achievements? Any funny stories? Special events over the Summer? Please pass them on to your Supervising Social Worker so we can include them in your next newsletter!

Myth busting July

Our July 'myth busting' campaign was a great success! We released seven short video clips addressing some of the common misconceptions about fostering.

Some of them were used in a Facebook advertising campaign and others were posted to our page. So thanks to everyone who 'liked' and 'shared' them – it really helps!

You can see all the campaign videos here
<https://www.sandwellchildrenstrust.org/fostering/fostering-myths-campaign-july-2021-2/>



**fostering
myths
no.1**

Life work awareness sessions for carers

Our Life Work Development Officers – Deannie Harris and Trish Cox would love you to join them virtually on **Wednesday 15 September between 12:00 – 13:00** to discuss all things ‘life work’. They will enable you to access resources and provide you with advice and creative ideas for life story work and play.

To book your place email:

Lifework_development@sandwellchildrenstrust.org





Long term matching

We're so proud to let you know that we now provide all children and young people who are long term matched with a 'certificate of matching'.

Here are a couple of examples that we have created:



Summer activities programme

Our Participation Team have had some exciting activities taking place for our children in care during the summer period:

These have included a visit to Malthouse Stables with outdoor activities including canoeing. A CSE training course, running the '*Your story*' workshop, Kickboxing, and a Sandwell Valley picnic.

It's not too late to join in! They will be taking a group of children and young people to Drayton Manor Park on Thursday 26 August from 09:00 – 18:00

For further information please call **Raj** on **07760 995 855**



Break-time!

JOIN US FOR AN ONLINE VIRTUAL

FOSTER CARERS COFFEE MORNING

Friday 10.30-11.30am



Just a quick reminder, our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 3rd September, from 10.30 to 11.30am.**

As always you can request the meeting link from Lynn Jones – just drop her an email lynn_jones@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

It's just a bit of light relief, but we'd love to see some of you there!

We'll be keeping going with our virtual coffee mornings, until we can get together again properly in person.

Recommend a friend

If you know someone who would make a great foster carer and you suggest them to us, then both you and the person you recommend will get a 'thank-you' from us when they start fostering for Sandwell.

We'll pay you £50 when the approval of the new carer you recommended is confirmed at panel and we'll pay you each £150 when they take on their first placement.

If you want to recommend a friend, talk to your Supervising Social Worker.



Olympic Games Word Search

Here's a simple word search hiding a number of words which you might use in a general discussion about the Olympic Games.

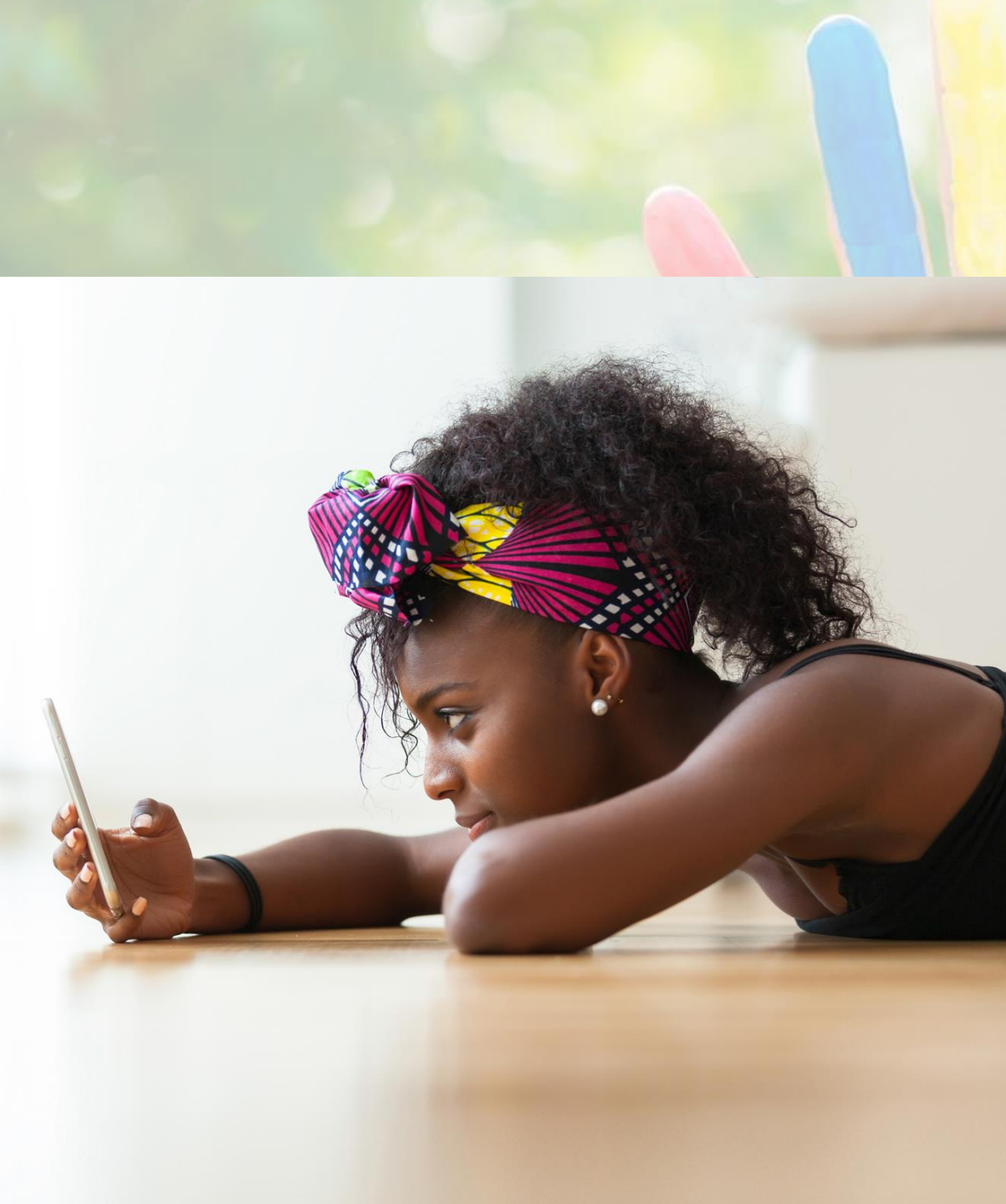
How many of these words can you find?

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| mascots | Olympics | events |
| countries | flags | medals |
| emblem | slogan | podium |
| winter | sports | ceremony |
| | | summer |



Just for fun! There are 6 differences in the 2 pictures below - how many can you spot?





That's it for this month!



We hope that you've enjoyed our new look newsletter and don't forget that we would love to hear from you! If you know about any great fostering resources, articles or web links just let us know via email at:

Fostering_info@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

or contact your allocated Supervising Social Worker.

We look forward to hearing from you – see you next month!