



Foster Carers Newsletter

October 2021



Welcome to your October newsletter!

It doesn't seem like five minutes since the start of term at the beginning of September and we're already at half term! This year is certainly flying by!

We hope that you're all keeping safe and well and hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter...

New Registered Manager

We've got some great news...**Jayne Figgett** has been appointed as our new Registered Manager!

We will hear from Jayne next month but in the meantime, I'm sure that you will all join us in congratulating and welcoming Jayne to her new role!

GYM | SWIMMING | FITNESS CLASSES | SPORTS



Free leisure passes for children in care

Ask your social worker or link worker to apply for a pass by emailing memberships@slt-leisure.co.uk

www.slt-leisure.co.uk



Registered charity (England and Wales registered number 1102431)



'Out There' film launch



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Our new fostering film got off to a great start this month with an official launch event hosted by the Fostering Network. 'Out There' is the latest joint production with other fostering services around the country, which started at a West Midlands initiative and is now spreading nationwide.

'Out There' is being supported by 34 local councils and Trusts from Northumberland to Brighton, and we are proud to have been one of the originators of the project that's also produced 'Giants' and 'There Was A Boy', both of which were shortlisted for national awards.

So far the Sandwell version of 'Out There' has reached over 11,000 people on social media and made its debut at the Hawthorns in front of 24,870 fans at West Brom's derby game against Birmingham City.

Which is great news, now we're hoping to get some new recruits to join our fostering family from 'Out There'. But you can all help – if you're on Facebook or Twitter, please 'like' and 'share' the film, which you'll find pinned at the top of our timelines.

<https://www.facebook.com/sandwellchildrenstrust>

<https://twitter.com/sandwellct>

Welcome to our new foster carers

A very warm welcome to our newly approved foster carers:

- Dionne Doiley & Scott Barnbrook
- Noreen & Shane White
- Craig and Rebecca Perry
- Amy & James Glover
- Susan Harris

It's fantastic that you have joined our family!



Pocket money – there's an app for that...

After hearing that some of you are already using pocket money apps to help the children you look after to learn about managing their money, we thought it was time to take a look at some of the options on offer. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Break-time!

Just a quick reminder, our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 5 November** from **10:30 to 11:30**.

It will be a virtual session and as always you can request the meeting link from Lynn Jones – just drop her an email lynn_jones@sandwellchildrenstrust.org

We look forward to seeing you there!

A graphic for a coffee morning event. It features a white coffee cup with a blue stripe on a saucer, with steam rising from it. The text "Coffee morning" is written in large white letters, and "Remember, remember - the 5th of November!" is written below it. The Foster for Sandwell Children's Trust logo is in the top left corner of the graphic.

Foster for Sandwell Children's Trust

Coffee morning

Remember, remember - the 5th of November!



Are you a **parent**
or **carer** supporting
a young person who
self-harms?

Midlands Parent Support Group.

This free service aims to bring people together who are caring for a young person who self-harms, to receive support and feel understood.

First Tuesday of the month.
5.30pm - 7pm

Hope Place, 321 High Street,
West Bromwich, B70 8LU

SPPARK@Kaleidoscopeplus.org.uk
07970040016

*Parents/Carers only.

Charity no: 1096473

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Payments over the Christmas period 2021



For details of payment dates over the Christmas period click [here](#)

We'll send you a reminder nearer the time – don't worry!



Halloween recipe

Strawberry Ghosts

Prep time
45 mins

Total time
45 mins

It doesn't get much better than a chocolate dipped strawberry! These strawberry ghosts are cute, easy to make and perfect for Halloween!

Author: Sarah @ Miss CandiQuik
Serves: 24

Ingredients

- 1 (16 oz) package Vanilla CANDIQUICK Coating
- 24 Fresh strawberries
- Mini chocolate chips



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Instructions

1. Melt CandiQuik in tray according to directions on package.
2. Place a large piece of wax or parchment paper on a flat surface.
3. Dip strawberries in melted CandiQuik Coating, remove and allow the excess coating to pour off onto the wax paper to form the "tail" of the ghost; slide the strawberry back and set on wax paper to dry.
4. Before coating has set, place two mini chocolate chips on as the eyes. For the mouth, cut off the tip of a mini chocolate chip and place on the strawberry with the bottom side facing up.

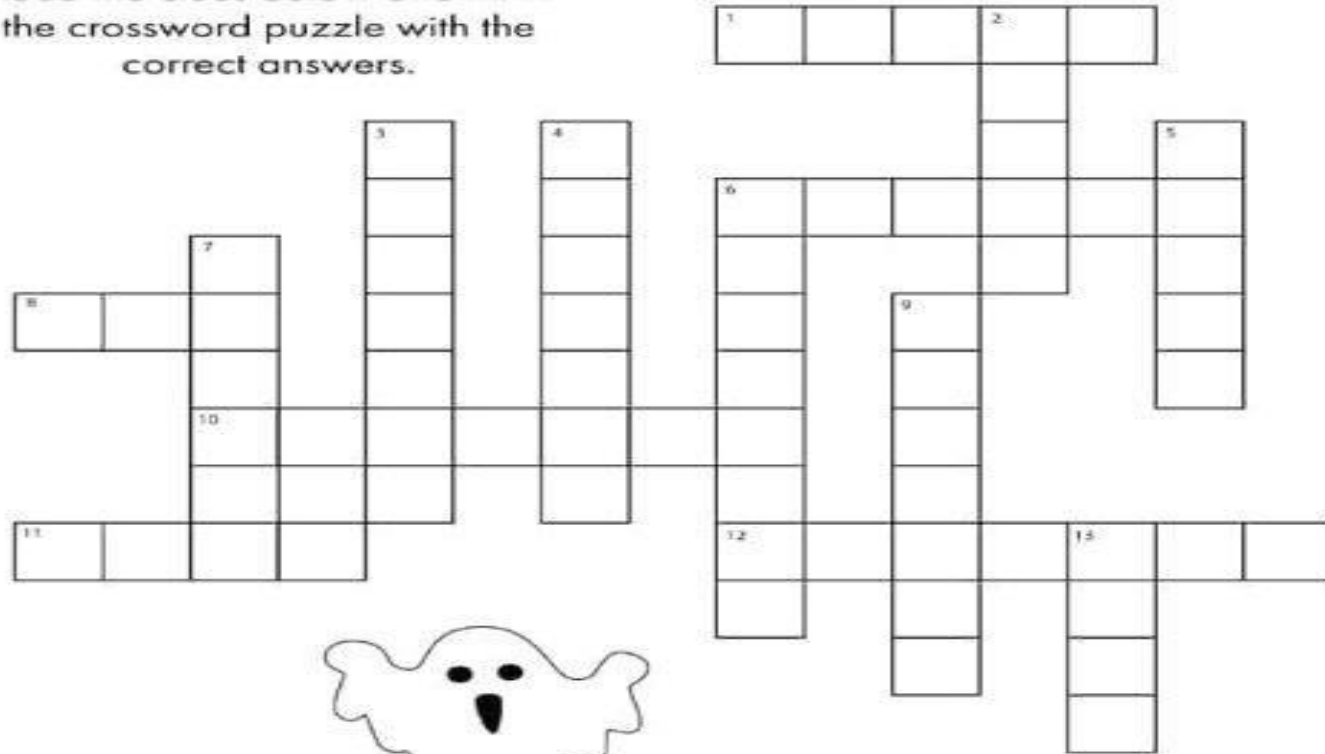


HALLOWEEN

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Read the clues below and fill in the crossword puzzle with the correct answers.



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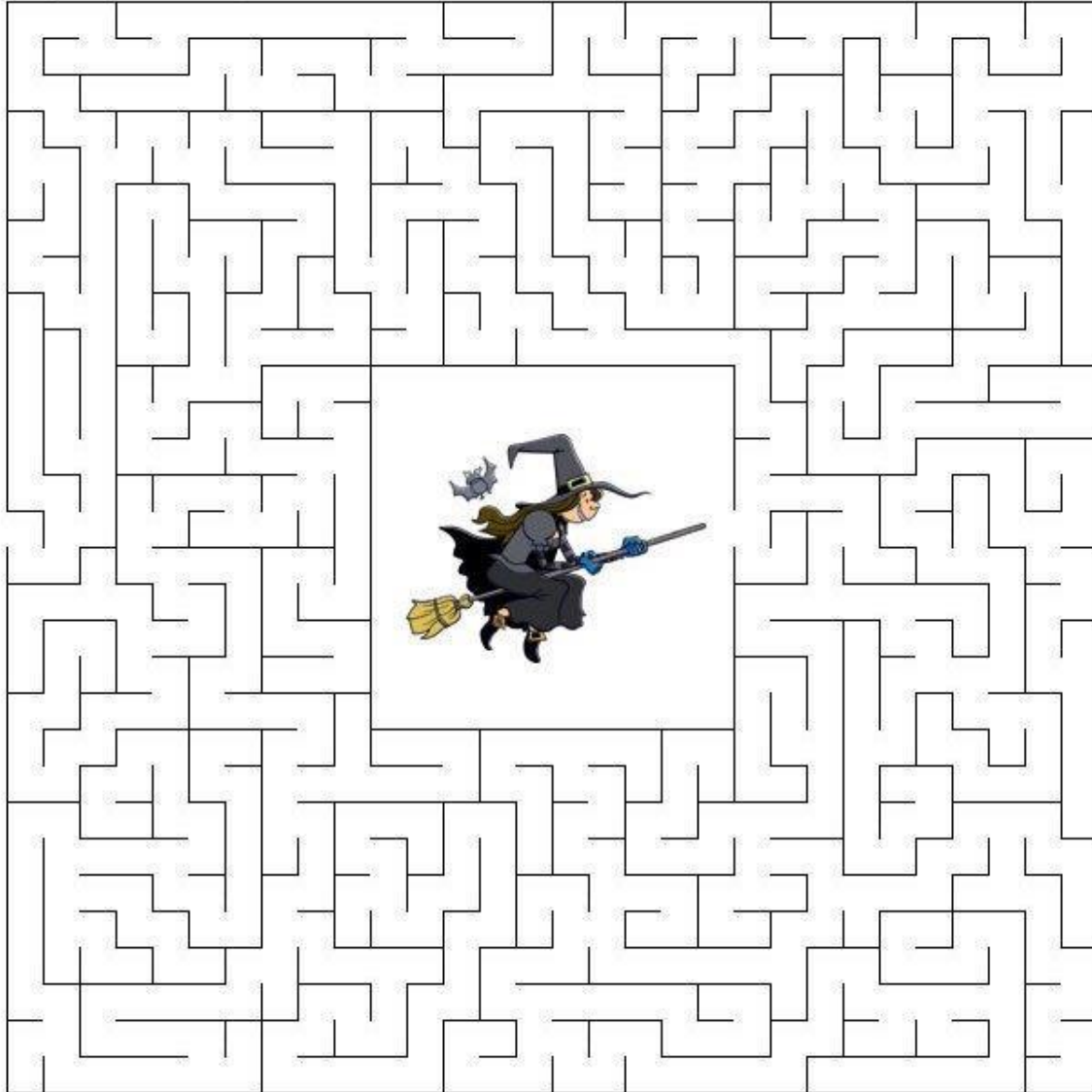
1. She rides on a broom.
6. A _____ spins a web.
8. Something a ghost says.
10. He drinks blood.
11. You wear this to cover your face.
12. Halloween is always on the 31st of _____.

DOWN

2. What you get when you go trick or treating.
3. You wear this when you go trick or treating.
4. Carving a _____ is a fun Halloween activity.
5. Trick or _____.
6. He is made of bones.
7. They like to howl at the moon.
9. You might see a ghost in a _____ house.
13. These flying animals come out at night.

Ideas for Halloween...

Help the witch escape from the maze on her broom.



Back to School word search

How many of these words can you find?

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|-----------|------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|
| alphabet | Drama | History | numbers | Science |
| Art | elementary | homework | pencil | Social Studies |
| backpack | English | Language Arts | Physical Education | Spelling |
| books | friends | learn | reading | students |
| classroom | Geography | library | recess | subjects |
| crayons | grades | Math | school | teacher |
| desk | Health | Music | scissors | writing |



Back to School

X G O W P Z D R A M A F K Y R A R B I L
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That's it for this month!



We hope that you've enjoyed this month's 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!

