Intergenerational Linking

What's been happening ?

Celebration Event at Mercure Bankfield Hotel

On Monday 26th June 2023, The Linking Network hosted a celebration event for all those involved in our Intergenerational Linking programme in Bradford.
180 people of all generations from schools, care homes and independent living schemes came together to celebrate all of the wonderful intergenerational connections that have been happening across Bradford. Guests from across the district, including the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Bradford, also joined in the celebrations.

"It was a wonderful event and we were really privileged to be part of it. The children and myself had a great time and it was lovely to see some of the residents there too."

Young and older people took part in activities together at the event including, singing, human bingo and some armchair exercises!

Gardening at Staveley Court with pupils from Beckfoot Oakbank

Beckfoot Oakbank School kindly donated a polytunnel which has been built in the grounds of **Staveley Court** and pupils from the school have been visiting to work in the garden. In July, some students also performed a cheer leader routine during their visit and impressed the residents with their moves!

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Performance Poetry

Year 3 & 4 children from **Wilsden Primary School** have been visiting **Laurel Bank Care Home** to perform some of their own poetry. The residents were very impressed and enjoyed the visit!

The school choir have also been visiting to share some songs with the residents. It's wonderful to see a whole school community involved in Intergenerational Linking.

Mural Painting

Art students from **Belle Vue Girls School** have enjoyed visiting **Bingley Wingfield Nursing Home** to create a mural in one of the lounges.

The students created a beautiful to to bring a little of the outside into the home. It also featured the home's cat as requested by one of the residents!

Animal Fun

Beckfoot Allerton Primary School and Willow Bank Care Home have been linking for a few years. In July, Year 6 pupils visited the residents several times and the final visit saw them joined by some special small animals including rabbits, chickens and guinea pigs. It was a great experience to share together and created an interesting starting point for conversation!

Ofsted Mention

Congratulations to **Heaton St Barnabas Primary School** for their recent 'Good' Ofsted inspection.

It was fantastic to see inspectors recognising the value of Intergenerational Linking within the report:

'Pupils make a contribution to the school and local community. For example, they held an Eid celebration to raise money for earthquake victims and take part in intergenerational aerobics with local elderly people.'

Do let us know Intergenerational Linking is recognised in internal or external reports.

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Health & Social Care Link

Students from the Health and Social Care department have been visiting Beanlands Nursing Home. They've played games together and given some pampering and manicures to some residents.
At first the students felt nervous but now they look forward to their visits as they've got to know the residents a little better.

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Upcoming Dates

The following upcoming dates might be opportunities for intergenerational linking activities:

- **Tuesday 31st October: Halloween**
  - Share spooky stories or artwork
- **Sunday 5th November: Bonfire Night**
  - Share some bonfire artwork, poems or memories
- **Thursday 9th November - Tuesday 14th November: Diwali**
- **Monday 6th November - Sunday 12th November: Children's Book Week**
  - Share books or stories with each other
- **Saturday 11th/ Sunday 12th November: Remembrance Day/ Remembrance Sunday**
  - Share memories. poppies, poems, WW2 songs
- **Monday 13th November: World Kindness Day**
  - Why not do something kind for your intergenerational friends?
- **November 13th - 17th: Nursery Rhyme Week**
  - Share your favourite nursery rhymes in person or online
- **Friday 17th November: BBC Children in Need**
  - Can you do some fundraising together?
- **Thursday 7th December: Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Thursday 7th December - Friday 15th December: Hannukah**
- **Monday 25th December: Christmas**
  - Send each other Christmas cards or visit to share songs, crafts and festivities

Don't forget to visit our website for more resources to support your Intergenerational Linking!