



2021 Winter

Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Cumbria Foster Carer Support Group – Friday 14th
January 10am-12:30pm

Yorkshire Foster Carer Support Group – Friday
14th January 10am-12:30pm

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Well done to the winner of our Christmas Card Competition Rylie, age 2.

As seen pictured above, Rylie designed a Christmas Candle which will be used on this year's Family Fostercare Christmas Cards.

We had so many amazing entries that it was a really tough competition, which ran on our social media channels, so well-done Rylie. And a huge well done and thank you to all of our entries, we have displayed your art work on the next page



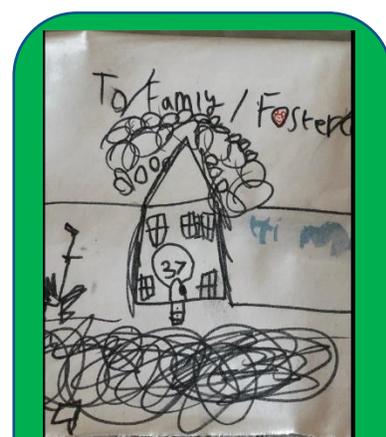
Our 2nd Place
By LB, Age 9



Our 3rd Place
By AR, Age 17



By RF, Age 6



By RL, Age 6



By EL, Age 9



By LS, Age 10



By TS, Age 10



By CB, Age 11



By SB, Age 11



By AM, Age 6



By LB, Age 5



By EL, Age 9

Well done to Martha who has passed her driving test! We can't wait to see you out on the roads.



A big well done to TS, who has been chosen from her class to attend the Arete programme at an Academy for English. This is aimed at high ability students to allow access to challenging topics within a secondary school context.



Congratulations to Grace and Kelsey Williamson

on making the commitment to share the same surname going forward.



We are really proud of LS who has been working hard with St John Ambulance, after school, and has now achieved his Level 1 and Level 2 Young First Aider.

CB has been working really hard at school to make the right choices, he has completed his sticker chart and managed a dip in the golden bag!! Well done C!

Arsha has secured herself a job at Tesco alongside her studies, keep up the hard work Arsha! It's great to see.



EL and EJ have been very busy volunteering every week at Aspatria parkrun and EJ climbed her first Lakeland mountain!



A big well done to JH who has received 2 awards for Spanish and History in the autumn term. We have been told that you try really hard in all of your subjects but commended specifically in these two. Keep up the good work J!



SB has been working hard and got creative making a shadow puppet at school.



Congratulations to AM who has been awarded a gold certificate at school for his fantastic attitude to learning. Well done A!



LB has been showing off her dancing skills when she received star of the week at dancing. Well done



L, we are very proud of you.

T gave a show stopping performance playing a Shepherd in her school nativity!



L has been doing amazing since being placed with the Rogers family in August. When L first arrived she did not like to play or join in with anything. Now she loves to get involved and this weekend joined the family in making a chocolate house! We love to see how much she is coming on.





HALLOWEEN PARTIES

In the October Half Term both the Yorkshire and Cumbria regions hosted Christmas parties for the families in the agency.

We hired local village halls and bouncy castles as well as eating lots of yummy snacks, playing fun games and disco dancing.

The children got stuck in with things like the toilet paper mummy game and the spaghetti worms hand dip!

Oh and let's not forget how fantastic everyone looked in their spooky costumes!



SONS & DAUGHTERS MEET UP

In November our sons and daughters group met up in person for the first time! After nearly a year of virtual support groups we got the chance to get together and have some fun.

Sons and daughters of foster carers from both the Yorkshire and Cumbria region met up with staff at The Trafford Centre in Manchester.

We had lots of fun playing a game of bowling, lunch at pizza hut and then free time to hit the shops!





FOSTER CARERS CHRISTMAS MEAL

At the beginning of December, we celebrated the Christmas season with all of our foster carers.

Our first meal was held in our Beverley region, at the Kings Head.

Our second meal was in our Cumbria region, held at The Greenhill Hotel.

And our third and final meal was in our Doncaster region, held at Scawsby Mill.

Thank you to everyone who joined us!





Our family Support Worker in Cumbria, Penny, is changing her job role, as of January she will be returning to her previous role with us as a bank family support worker. Penny will still be around and picking up support with our families but will focus more on this side and we will be recruiting to hire another support worker to focus on the other aspects of the role such as events.

We are recruiting! If you know anyone who has the potential to be a Foster Carer and can provide a safe home for a child, then please encourage them to contact us. We still have the £500 referral bonus in place for our Foster Carers once a new family, which you referred, gets their first placement.

Our family support worker in Yorkshire, Emily, is leaving us at the end of December and we have recruited a new support worker to take on Emily's role, we look forward to welcoming them to the team. A message from Emily before she leaves:

"I want to say a huge thank you to all the Foster Carers, children and staff within the agency for an incredible couple of years and for showing me so much support during my time with Family Fostercare. Thank you for letting me into your homes and lives and letting me get to know your families. It has been a pleasure to see the children grow and progress with the love and support you all show them each day. I truly will miss you all and I hope to see you around at future events. But in the meantime, goodbye for now."