



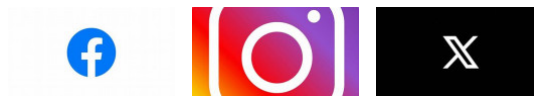
Dear Sarah

Welcome to our Summer 2024 newsletter (make sure you view in browser to see entire newsletter)



Please help us share the wonderful work of Footsteps, both to raise awareness of the Centre and the specialist therapy we offer, but also to help raise much needed funds for the Foundation.

By simply LIKING 👍, SHARING 📢 and FORWARDING 📧 our social media posts and emails you can help us in this mission, links below.



CENTRE NEWS



What's happening
at Footsteps
Centre...



On the 6th September 2004 Footsteps was born. Starting out as a small therapy offering for friends and contacts of our founders Pip & Christian Hoyer Millar, the Centre has grown, ebbed, and flowed since it's humble beginnings.

The constant thread running through all the years has been the unrivalled expertise, compassion and humour of the original therapy team, Filip and Gosia. Combined with the tenacity and vision of Pip and Christian, and the determination of their daughter Minty, these five incredible people have steered Footsteps through at least 4 moves, numerous staff changes and the Covid pandemic to say the least. Where other therapy centres have come and gone, Footsteps has weathered the storms and flourished, whilst always maintaining the core value of providing the best therapy possible to each and every child who visits. Over the past 20 years we have seen babies develop into children then young adults whilst achieving their very best potential. It has been an amazing feat to witness, and we continue to be humbled that our families have allowed us to be a small part of enriching their children's lives.

2024 doesn't come without its challenges and we are very aware that we cannot take our eye off the ball. We continue to embrace new ideas and techniques to ensure we provide excellent therapy, whilst always looking to expand our team. It has been the unwavering support of you, our Footsteps families, which has sustained us over the last 20 years, and we hope for many more years to come.

Kirsty, Centre Manager

Music Therapy

Since our last newsletter, we have been excited to welcome Lizz back to the Centre to deliver music therapy for our children. These are fun filled sessions, enhancing the physiotherapy already taking place. It's so lovely to hear the children enjoying themselves! These sessions are made possible by funding from Footsteps Foundation.



In May, we sadly had to say GOODBYE to one of our physiotherapist, Akshata, who has moved to a new job in Birmingham to be closer to family. Akshata has been a great addition to our therapy team and we already miss her cheery smile.



Welcome Hooria

Luckily, we recruited a fitting replacement in our new physiotherapist, Hooria, who is already proving a hit with our children. Welcome to the Footsteps Team Hooria!

Bookings

Bookings for the first half of 2025 are still open and there are still some sessions left this year. Please email kirsty@footstepscentre.com for availability.



FOUNDATION NEWS



What's happening at Footsteps Foundation...

DONATE

Welcome Claire

We welcomed Claire to Footsteps earlier this year. She is working as a Community Fundraiser for the Foundation. She comes with lots of ideas and enthusiasm for the charity. Come and say hi and meet Claire when you are in.



Fundraising Wows!



Pangbourne College Classic Car Show

A VERY BIG thanks goes to Tom Cheney, Pangbourne College (left) for donating ticket sales from the hugely popular Classic Car Show. Along with a donation from the Sporting Bears (right), and collections on the day, the incredible amount of just over £10,000 was raised. One of our children was delighted to welcome them all for a visit to our Centre to hand over one of the cheques.

Watch this space for a further collaborative project.

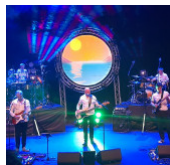


James Gesner's Golf day 2024

What a fantastic day it was. Claire was really pleased to be able to represent Footsteps on the day and helped on the 14th tee, where lots of fun and drinks were had along with some golf! We look forward to a generous share of the funds raised, of around £5000!

James continues to be a passionate and committed ambassador for Footsteps and we are immensely grateful for all he does.

James Gesner Estate Agents



Pink Floyd Concert

Thank you to James Winnicott and band for two evenings of superb entertainment at your Pink Floyd concerts in April. We were thrilled that just under £3,000 of funds were raised for our Foundation.



Blenheim Triathlon 2024

William Hoyer Millar and team took part in the Triathlon raising an impressive amount of £2500. Great Work William!



Hadden Hill Ladies Team

A big thank to the Ladies Team at Hadden Hill Golf Club for their generous donation of £1,850 in February this year.



We would also like to thank all of the following for your recent fundraising, donations or grants; your support makes a huge difference to the lives of our Footsteps children:

Adam Arnot, Andy Loveridge, Aniko Griffiths, Castanea Trust, Commander & Mrs Eliot, Consuelo Vincent, Dave & Mary Hennings, Didcot Girls School, DLM Charitable Trust, Doris Field Charitable Trust, Golden Bottle Trust, Gordon Brown, Hayley Froud, Jane Hall, Janet & John Ayre, Julia & Hans Rausing Trust, Justin Phillips, Lisa Payne, Louise Van Heyningen, Maddeline Wyatt, Midcounties Co Op Community, Mr Doug Tillman, Mrs Violando Percival, Mrs Vlasta Fordova, Ms Rose Noorduin, National Lottery, Nicholas George, Oxford Lottery, Play2Give, Richard Dick, Richard Farrant, Sally Ahmed, So Charitable Lottery, Stephane Harrison, The Ammco Trust, The Aubrey Orchard-Lisle Charitable Trust, The C J C Whitehouse Charitable Trust, The Christopher Laing Foundation, The co-operative membership, The Edward Gostling Foundation, The Invesco Cares, The Payne-Gallwey Charitable Trust



Christmas Card Competition

This year we will be running a Christmas Card competition, which is open to all Footsteps children. We would welcome entries, no larger than A4, emailed to claire@footstepsfoundation.com or posted to us by Friday, 6th September. We would love it if you would like to incorporate the Footsteps feet logo above.

We will then sell packs of cards of the winning design from October onwards. If you would like to register an interest in purchasing packs of cards please email claire@footstepsfoundation.com

EVENTS



Saturday 24th August
2 - 5.30pm Dorchester
Abbey Tea Rooms

Footsteps will be running the Tea Rooms on the above date. We would be so grateful for VOLUNTEERS to help on the afternoon but also we would welcome and BAKERS DONATING CAKES for us to sell. Please contact claire@footstepsfoundation.com if you can either volunteer or bake for this event.

Friday 27th & Saturday
28th September 8 - 11pm
Dorchester Abbey

The Delicate Sounds of Pink Floyd will once again be putting on two evenings of outstanding music. Footsteps are their chosen charity to support and we will be there collecting for our Foundation on both evenings. If you could VOLUNTEER to help on either or both evening we would hugely appreciate your support, please contact claire@footstepsfoundation.com

Make A Difference



We would love to increase our team of volunteers, so if you could help at any of our events or are happy to be added to our volunteer list, please do get in touch by emailing, claire@footstepsfoundation.com or calling 01865 343851

Fundraising Events to be confirmed

November - Wallingford Fireworks - Evening

December - Waitrose Collection Day

How the Foundation helps families...



Emergency Fund

For those families struggle to attend Footsteps without help with fuel or accommodation we have our Emergency Fund.

Please speak to Sarah in the office or email her sarah@footstepsfoundation.com if you would like to apply.

Each application is looked at on an individual basis and will depend on how much is available in our 'pot'.

We cannot guarantee the same amount of help each time.



Grants

You can apply for a grant to help towards the cost of therapy if your household income is under £75,000.

20% Uplift – the foundation will give a **20% uplift** to grant families on your 3rd and subsequent sessions booked in a calendar year.

25% Uplift – the foundation will give a **25% uplift** to non-grant families on your 3rd and subsequent sessions booked in a calendar year.

[Family Grant Form 2024](#)



Equipment Bank

Shoes

Each child that attends Footsteps is entitled to a free pair of Memo shoes.

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Each child is entitled to help towards the cost of equipment recommended by their therapist. This is for 50% of the cost of the equipment, up to £200 in a year.

Wishing you all a wonderful Summer!

From all at Footsteps

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