



## Christmas Sensory Walks

We have had a wonderful time with our learners from specialist schools and colleges in our local boroughs getting in the festive spirit on our Christmas nature trail walks. They have been a huge success. The disabled children and young adults thoroughly enjoyed these sensory experiences, they touched fake snow, looked for decorations sparkling in the trees, smelt the gingerbread, danced to Christmas tunes and took part in a wide variety of arts and crafts activities.



## Tree Poems

We have a new literacy activity for the new year where school children will use inspiration from our nature trail to create their own poetry. Our volunteers rose to the challenge of a poetry competition to assist with this activity and congratulations to Pat Ealey and Lesley Nicolas whose poems were selected to be used as inspiration, they are wonderfully emotive and beautifully written. You can find these poems on our website.



# HIGHLIGHTS OF 2021



198 Education sessions delivered - mainly outdoors  
1868 children visited  
147 adults  
591 teachers and carers  
Of this number 515 people with a disability.

## GARDEN GROUP

18 weekly garden sessions delivered to Paddock School 6th Form pupils during the warmer months. 3 barrels of potatoes, baskets full of courgettes, many vases of beautiful Dahlias and 2 giant pumpkins! The pupils take the produce back to school to be used in cooking.



## MONDAY ART GROUP

In October we welcomed back our weekly Art Group for adults with disabilities. It was wonderful to have some familiar faces back who have been visiting The Centre for many year.

## SELF LED FAMILY TRAILS

30 self led trails for children with disabilities and their families to explore the nature trail. With nature arts and crafts and sensory activities along the way.



**CELEBRATED THE RE-LAUNCH OF OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS - MUSICAL ROOTS AND QUIZ NIGHT**

## WE HAVE WORKED WITH SOME WONDERFUL LOCAL CHARITIES

including Skylarks, Kingston SEND Parent Carers Forum, Knots Arts, Express CIC and Refugee Action Kingston.

## THANK YOU TO OUR FUNDERS:

The Barnes Fund, Richmond Parish Lands Charity, Barbara Ward Children's Foundation, The Victoria Foundation, Richmond Hill Open Gardens.  
And for all the fantastic support from The Royal Parks.

**NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEER TEAM - THANK YOU!**



## Merry Christmas!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our wonderful volunteers and to wish them, and all our supporters a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are looking forward to welcoming 2022 as we have some new and exciting activities up our sleeves - watch this space! Freya, our Education Centre Coordinator will be starting her maternity leave in January and we wish her all the best. In the meantime, we welcome Nicky who will be covering the role.

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