


## Setting up new Play Radnor projects

Name of pilot:	Cheeky Monkeys	Location covered: Llandrindod area
Date of initial contact:	August 2016	Anticipated start date: September 2016
Initial contact with:	Name(s): Monica Rusiecka Ben Webb - Play Development Officer	Phone: Email: Monica has a private email which can be disclosed if necessary.  <i>GDPR: Need to advise that this personal data will only be used in relation to this project, will be deleted if project doesn't go ahead. Data will be kept securely until project end.</i>
Who is/will be involved?	Individuals:  Monica Ben Webb - PDO	Rep's & their Organisations: Monica Rusiecka, parent & volunteer
Project concept:	To provide a safe and fun environment to play and develop for children on the autistic spectrum while parents can hopefully relax with a cup of tea. An opportunity for building support networks for parents of children on the autistic spectrum. Monica and her child had previously attended Thumbs Up group but felt that it was too noisy for her child and identified a need for a specific group.	
How funded?	PDO post funded by Arwain. Proposed group to be led by volunteers using the Play Hub space	
Target age(s):	Approximately 8 - 12	
Expected outcomes:	To create a space for a small number of children to socialise and have fun whilst recognising their individual needs; to create opportunities for friendship among the young people and for friendship and support among their parents	



Next Steps:	PDO to meet with Monica and discuss <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates/Times</li> <li>• Age group</li> <li>• Format - how the group will run, types of play opportunities</li> <li>• Recruitment of additional volunteers - Monica to speak to potential vols. Play Radnor will DBS</li> <li>• Fundraising - funding needed is low but Monica is keen to fundraise locally and run small fundraising events</li> <li>• Promotion - Steve to produce poster following discussion with Monica. Jessie to promote group on PR facebook page</li> <li>• PDO to provide on-going support to Monica, meeting regularly to discuss any issues that might arise.</li> <li>• PDo to inform insurance company of additional group</li> </ul>	
Staff required?	If yes, how many? What experience/qualifications? DBS?	
Volunteers required?	If so, how many and any already identified? DBS?	3 volunteers, all DBS checked
Project Name:	Cheeky Monkeys	
Start date:	9th Sept 2016	
Marketing plan:	Using Play Radnor Facebook and posters; word of mouth among those already attending Thumbs Up group and within the community. This is intended to be a small group so widespread publicity was not sought.	



	 <p><b>cheeky monkeys</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 5-6PM AT PLAY RADNOR PLAY HUB, TEMPLE STREET, LLANDRINDOD WELLS</b></p> <p>This is an autism friendly group for children with additional needs, but other children are welcome to book in and attend.</p> <p>TAKE PART IN INTERACTIVE STORY TELLING EXPERIMENT WITH MUSIC AND BUILD INSTRUMENTS TAKE PART IN YOGA AND FUN CREATIVE DANCE</p> <p><b>arwain</b></p> <p><b>TEA AND COFFEE AVAILABLE</b></p> <p><b>BOOK EARLY AS LIMITED PLACES</b></p> <p>For more information contact Play Radnor on Tel: 01597 829440 Email: admin@playradnor.org.uk Registered charity number 1021896</p>
3 month review	<p>Cheeky monkeys running well, with an average of 8 children attending regularly, there are 16 children on the register though they do not all attend every week. Monica plans appropriate activities weekly and alongside 2 other regular volunteers the group runs successfully. Monica has run a number of small scale fundraising events which have provided funds to engage practitioners to run workshops such as pottery, art, drama</p>
End date:	December 2017
Lessons learned:	<p>A successful group with 16 members and 1-8 attendees on any given week. The group was dependant on the key volunteer, Monica, and was supported by others over the life of the project</p> <p>Monica's paid work changed which meant she became unable to support the group any longer. After discussions with the parents it was agreed to end the group at Christmas 2017 and options are open to reconsider this after Spring 2018.</p> <p>Update June 2018 - Following further discussion with Monica she would like to restart the group and look at how we can use this as a model for provision in other parts of the county.</p>

*This document will be used as evidence for our ARWAIN grant and may also be used to inform future grant funding applications.*