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A message from our Chief Executive



Welcome to our first edition of **Changing Lives!** Thank you for taking the time to read about our recent work, which includes some amazing stories and some developments that we're really proud of.

The last few months have seen some great steps forward in the clinic. Andrea Male joined us as a new Therapist, and her first few months have been a wonderful success which you can read all about on page 16. We have seen more families than ever before this year. **As demand for our service rises we desperately need your support** to make it available to as many families as we can, and to take on more Therapists.

There's lots of ways to get involved too! You can Sponsor a UK Child, a lovely way of supporting our cause which in return gives you regular information about a child on the bibic programme. Also bibic events are back! Have a look on page 15 for details of a once in a lifetime trip.

To those of you that are supporting our work already thank you, and to those of you reading for the first time please join us! bibic provides a service which is so special, and so important for the development and opportunities of some of the most disadvantaged children in the UK. We see children achieve amazing things every day, see them grow in confidence and ability, and watch them and their parents grow in pride.

Please help us continue this life changing work. We can't do it without you!

All the best

Jon Shoemith
Chief Executive

Lewis's Story

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by visiting
www.bibic.org.uk

There were some problems during labour and when Lewis was born he looked grey and blue. He was a poorly little man and spent a week in the special care baby unit. During that time I noticed his head was getting bigger, day by day. I knew then that something was wrong.

We went for an ultrasound scan which showed a **large amount of fluid in his brain**. He needed an urgent MRI scan. I fell to the floor, sobbing. He was rushed to Frenchay Hospital where he had an operation to drain the fluid from his brain. We felt sick with despair. **Totally devastated with the knowledge that this would affect him for the rest of his life.**

The neurosurgeon told us that Lewis would grow up to be wheelchair bound and would have to completely depend on us for everything.

The next thing I remember was calling my mum, saying **I can't do this, I can't cope, screaming and crying, I was living a nightmare. My mum said 'you can do this' and that's when I pulled myself together.**

In the next couple of years it was one blow after the other. We found out that **Lewis was totally blind and that he had Cerebral Palsy**. He started having seizures and was **diagnosed with epilepsy**. As if that wasn't enough he had problems with his hormones and he would need injections for most of his life.

Worst of all we were told Lewis wouldn't live past 7 years old. Having to plan our little boy's funeral and prepare his last wishes document was one the most horrific things we will ever have to do.

Our family was under so much strain, we could barely cope. Then a friend told me about bibic. Before we knew it, we were in for a two day assessment. This was when our lives started to change for the better.

We finally understood our son and were shown ways to help him, to make his life less stressful. **We followed the bibic programme every day, then week by week things started to improve.**

First his terrible dribbling stopped. Then he started to be able to cope with noisy places, then, **best of all, he allowed me to cuddle him**. For so long he could not bare to be touched. The bibic programme includes basic vision exercises and on Lewis's last visit to the optometrist she was amazed to report some peripheral vision in his right eye!

Because of bibic, life is more manageable. **We are so glad we found bibic and can now make the most of the years we have left with our darling Lewis.**

Thank you. You don't know Lewis but you are so kind in supporting bibic's work which is needed, more than you can imagine. **Without you I don't know what we would do.**

Samantha & Frazer
Lewis's mum and dad

Sponsor a UK

Currently, just over 300 supporters regularly donate to bibic via the Sponsor a UK Child scheme. Collectively they raise enough funds to cover the costs of a full time bibic therapist who is able to work with over 100 children each year.

Disabled children living in the UK desperately need your help

7% of children living in the UK have a disability. Only 1 in 13 disabled children receive a regular support service of any sort from their Local Authority. Children with a learning disability are often socially excluded and 8 out of 10 are bullied.

Please change a child's life forever by Sponsoring a UK Child

By making a regular donation to Sponsor a UK Child (from just £5 a month) you can change the life of a child living in the UK who is enduring a difficult life. Your support will pay for bibic therapists to work with disabled children to show them how to make sense of the world around them. To help them to smile, communicate their needs and to make friends. Giving hope for the future.



"Our experience at bibic was amazing. Thank you Andrea and Phoebe, you really are angels"



Ray 'You can change my life'

Ray was just 6 months old when his family discovered that he had suffered a stroke at the time of his birth. Doctors could not say what the future held. Would he talk, would he walk, would he ever live an independent life? His dad described the damage to his brain as horrendous. As you can imagine, Ray's family were devastated.

Child



Tilly 'Please help me'

It was clear from the moment Tilly was born that things were not going to be straight forward. From Doctors struggling to get her to breathe to failed hearing tests, syringe feeding tiny drops of milk, to life support machines. It was a traumatic and lonely time.

How will my sponsorship make a difference?

With your help bibic therapists will work with Ray to give his dad his biggest wish – for him to live a full and rewarding life and perhaps one day live independently. bibic therapists will support Tilly's family and teach them how to make life an easier place to be for their precious little girl.

What do I receive when I become a sponsor?

You'll receive a 'Welcome Pack' including a certificate, the 'Story' of the child you are sponsoring including photographs. From time to time we will send you updates on the child's progress which may include a letter from the parents, or a drawing from the child.

How long will my sponsorship last?

You may sponsor a child for as long as you wish, there is no minimum period. As there are thousands of children needing bibic's help we hope that you will want to remain a sponsor for some time. You can stop sponsorship at any time, if you so wish.

How will my donations be spent?

The demand for bibic's service is huge. Although you will receive updates on an individual child the money you donate will be used to help fund the service for every child that needs bibic.

“ We have to say that of all the charities we have ever supported none has given us greater pleasure than Sponsoring a UK Child at bibic. ”

Clive & Angela, bibic supporters

If you can spare £5 a month, please join our other regular givers and help us to double our number of members so that we can be here for even more children.

How do I become a Sponsor?

Just fill in the sponsorship form which is on the reverse of the donation form (enclosed) and return in the freepost envelope

or, visit www.bibic.org.uk 'Sponsor a UK Child' where you can set up your secure Direct Debit,

or, if your workplace offers a payroll giving service you can Sponsor a UK Child now by following this QR link or contact your HR department to set up a regular tax efficient contribution.

If you need any help please get in touch sponsorchild@bibic.org.uk or 01458 253344



In the first quarter of this year
73% of children on the bibic
programme achieved much
more than expected on their
individual goal setting

Can bibic help a child you know?

bibic can help children with any kind of developmental difficulty, almost without exception. Some examples of these are Autistic Spectrum Disorder, ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Down's syndrome, Dyslexia, Dyscalculia, but we do not need a diagnosis, and many of the children we help may not get or need a diagnosis.

We do not need families to know what the problem is at all, that's our job! We just need them to describe the difficulties their child is having, and they can do this in whatever way suits them best; phone us, send us an enquiry form via the website, ask a professional to make a referral for them or send us a letter. We can take an initial referral in any form.

Following that we arrange for a therapist to explore those difficulties with the family during a telephone interview to work out what we might be able to do to help, and we take it from there. It's simple and fast, and we make sure that families quickly get feedback from us as to what we can do to help.

Treating a wide range of difficulties

We have a versatile range of therapy methods that enable us to provide the right service to the right family. Here is an overview of some of the difficulties that our children have, that we can assess and support;

DIFFICULTY	
Running, jumping, using cutlery, self-care, teeth brushing	(Gross and fine motor skills)
Understanding what is said, unable to follow instructions	(Language comprehension)
Articulating oneself	(Expressive language)
Retaining and processing information, multi-tasking	(Working memory)
Interpreting visual information	(Visual perception)
Hand eye coordination	(Visual motor integration)
Reading, spelling and maths	(Academic skills)
Over or under sensitive to touch, light and sound	(Sensory processing)
Hearing instructions or learning	(Auditory processing)

100% of the children who visited bibic gave a 'very smiley face' for the people they met!



Research shows that children who had completed an auditory stimulation programme at bibic made average overall improvements of over 30% in areas such as behaviour, following instruction and listening

We always assess children as individuals, according to their specific strengths, age, interests, circumstances and difficulties. We also support the family as a whole. We know that it's a family that needs support, not just a child, and that therapy like ours only works properly if you consider both. We are keen for siblings, grandparents, and any influential others around the child to attend assessments too, which enables us to give them that consideration.

Once we have seen a family we design a therapy programme that covers the next 6 months, with a view to making the difficulties smaller and life at home (and school) more functional, manageable and fun for everyone. As such we see families twice a year. In between visits to our centre our therapists maintain contact with the family via phone, e-mail and skype. This is to make sure that the therapy programme is working, to make sure we are properly aware of the family's day to day lives, the child's successes and struggles and so on. This gives us the chance to make any adjustments that the programme needs, to make sure it remains effective.

If you would like to have a chat about a child you know please contact our Family Services team on **01458 253344** or fill out our enquiry form by visiting the 'Your Child' section on our website www.bibic.org.uk

“bibic have so much knowledge and empathy that helps unlock your child's world”

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Bethany's Story

Bethany, our third child, was what we considered the perfect child. She never cried, we could take her anywhere and she never fussed.

At 15 months she failed her routine health check-up by a long way. I was not overly concerned at that time as I thought we had babied her too much and her siblings did things for her without her having to ask for it.

For the following three months we made a big effort to try to get her to reach the usual milestones, but when she was retested there was no difference. We then realised that she had some difficulties. We took her to a paediatrician who thought she had some sort of genetic problem and suggested blood tests.

Whilst waiting for the date for the blood tests Bethany was rushed to hospital whilst convulsing. They thought it was febrile convulsions and Beth would be observed for 6 - 8 hours. That hospital stay lasted 8 days. She had every test available including lumbar puncture and brain scans, which showed she had an arachnoid cyst on the left frontal lobe. We were told to wait for a paediatric appointment.

As a family we were stunned and left hospital in a daze not knowing what would happen, how serious it was or if it was life threatening. Looking back I am so glad we were in such a daze because I do not think we would have coped with the not knowing.

Eventually we got some answers. It was a cyst, it had caused brain damage and taking it out would risk further brain damage. We were told to keep an eye on her in case her fits increased as this could mean the cyst had started to grow.

We were told she would have some learning difficulties, she may do repetitive things and would find decision making difficult. We walked out of there not really knowing much more than when we walked in. We felt devastated. Her siblings were quite academic and had a multitude of outside interests and to suddenly have a child who was not going to do the same sort of things just threw us.

We did not know what to do. We scanned the internet for information to understand

Bethany better, but each and every cyst is different in each and every person. We just went day to day trying to give Bethany the help and support she needed.

Over the next few years we received some support from different NHS therapists like speech and language and Occupational Therapy. As she got older the differences became far more noticeable. **She was having difficulties talking and understanding, which led to great difficulties in everyday life.**

She could happily play alongside her peers but could not have a full friendship. **She did not, and never really has known she is different, which is a blessing.** Because of her lack of communication she became quite violent in trying to make people understand her. She had attended a special school, but they were increasingly suspending her for her violence.

As time went on Bethany just got more and more angry and her behaviour had become a major issue. We were using techniques we had used with her older siblings, time out, reward charts, etc. but her level of understanding meant that these techniques were way above her. **We had carers in to work with her, but they would leave on a regular basis because of the violence she used.**

We were at our wits end. No one had any answers and we were worried that Bethany would have to be placed elsewhere because it seemed whatever we tried did not work. Everyone was unhappy and exhausted.

It was by chance that I came across a magazine article about bibic and contacted them when Bethany was about 8 years old.

We visited bibic and within 2 hours we were being told things about Bethany that we had no idea about and also, more importantly, how

to support her in the best way. We just felt that at last someone understood what we were talking about and **finally we had answers to questions that we'd had for the past 8 years. We didn't know whether to laugh or cry.**

No, there was no miracle cure, but we were given the right tools and information which greatly helped our understanding. This in turn helped Bethany far better than we had been able to previously. It was changing our approach to Bethany, which in turn helped Bethany to communicate her needs.

“It is so fulfilling to be part of a service that can have such a positive impact on children and their parents.”

Home was less of a battlefield and more a home again. School was given a copy of the programme set by bibic which meant that everyone was on the same page which made it less confusing for Bethany. Having less conflict in the home meant the other siblings could relax a bit more and not be waiting for the next attack, which in turn made everything more calmer.

bibic was, and still is, a sanctuary for us as a family. They have a complete understanding of each and every child's needs. At school and such like, programmes are made for the majority, whereas bibic work on the individuals and their families.

Bethany has managed to stay in school and she is now almost 17. bibic are always there for us and we can dip in and out when needed.

Because of bibic, Bethany is still living with us. Without their continued support and help I know that we would not be in the situation we are now. **We cannot thank bibic and its supporters enough.**

Maureen
Bethany's mum

Research by Contact a Family shows that 65% of families caring for disabled children reported feeling isolated frequently or all of the time – over half (56%) felt that the cause of their isolation was due to lack of support from statutory services, such as social care and educational services *



Gifts in wills

bibic's Legacy Message

Unfortunately, there are thousands of families we simply cannot reach due to financial constraints. But, by leaving a gift in your will to bibic you can help us to realise our vision for...

A brighter tomorrow...

A tomorrow where every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Building on their strengths and celebrating their differences.

Not limited by the things they cannot do but developing the things they can do!

A tomorrow filled with hope for the future, where families feel empowered and have access to the practical help and support they need

to give their children the best possible start in life, limited not by the challenges they face but by the unlimited opportunities they present!

In 2014, a Scope report revealed that 69% of parents with disabled children have difficulty accessing local services for their children, and 90% were worried about cuts to the local services that they need *

“ bibic embraced him for the wonderful boy he is and gave us hope and practical tools to use with our son. ”

Leaving a legacy to bibic is one of the most beautiful gifts our families could ever hope to receive. It is a thoughtful gift; a selfless gift. Like planting a tree whose shade you may never sit in, it will continue changing the lives of families and their children long after you are gone.

It will not only ensure that the work we do today lives on but will enable us to reach out and help

even more families desperately needing our support.

bibic receives no financial support from the government and the children we help rely on the generosity of people like you. **Please shine a light by investing in our vision for a brighter tomorrow.**

If you would like to leave a gift in your will to bibic, please let us know so that we can thank you, you will be made an honorary member of our Sponsor a UK Child scheme so that you can see now the type of impact your gift will make in the future.

How to give to bibic in your will

You should contact a solicitor to write your will. They will ensure that your loved ones are provided for and that your wishes are carried out. Any size gift that you are able to leave to bibic will be used to transform the lives of disabled children and their families.

What type of gift will you leave?

Residuary Gifts – a share of all that is left of your estate once loved ones have been provided for.

Pecuniary Gifts – a fixed sum of money.

Gifts in Kind – items such as a car, property, shares, jewellery, a painting or furniture.

Is there a simple way I can add bibic to my existing will?

A Codicil is a simple form that allows you to make additions to your current will.

Therefore, if you wish to add bibic as a beneficiary in your will, ask your solicitor to complete a Codicil.

If you wish to discuss anything relating to leaving a gift in your will please contact Carla Bloomfield on **01458 253344** or **carla.bloomfield@bibic.org.uk**



“ A gift in your will to bibic will last a life time and ...change children’s lives forever! ”

Children with a learning disability are often socially excluded and 8 out of 10 children with a learning disability are bullied *

Alice's Story

Over 410,000 children aged up to 19 years old have a learning disability *

When Alice started primary school, she began to struggle with learning. As a parent I felt responsible as if I had not done enough to help her. We would spend hours going through her school work but Alice just couldn't understand.

I was speaking with her teachers constantly about my concerns that **even though she tried her best, she still couldn't understand what was being asked of her.**

The gap between her peers not just educationally but socially started to widen. I just wanted Alice to enjoy school but when she came home with marked work and sometimes a zero score, she lost confidence. Alice started saying things like she was "rubbish" and was afraid to undertake tasks at school without help.

I felt that there was something we were missing. Alice was not lazy. She just couldn't grasp it.

A friend of mine, is a child psychologist. When I had a heart-to-heart with him about Alice he suggested that I contacted bibic. He said that he had read many good articles about the organisation and that to help Alice he suggested she went through the standard tests, which would give us an understanding of her learning and any difficulties.

bibic has been amazing. The warm and gentle approach is just what Alice needed. Alice sat the various tests and we discovered

that she was dyslexic. **bibic was able to give us a real outline understanding about how Alice learns and gave us so much information for us to use to help her.**

We passed all the information to the school who then changed their approach with Alice and the classroom became the learning environment that she needed. By making changes both at home and school she has progressed in leaps and bounds.

Alice still has a way to go before catching up with her peers but she is getting there. But most of all, she is much more confident as she is achieving success from her hard work. We cannot praise bibic enough. Any advice or further support we need is just a telephone call away. bibic has made a real difference for Alice and with all their help she is achieving her potential.

Thanks to everyone who supports bibic's work. You have helped to change my daughter's life and given us hope for the future. You are wonderful.

Claire
Alice's mum

A big welcome to bibic's new Ambassadors

We are delighted to welcome three new ambassadors to bibic. They are all professional sports people whose careers embody the same principles that bibic therapy does, maximising potential, willing ourselves and the people around us to achieve ever increasing challenges and most of all enjoying the experience.



Mike Ford
Head Coach Bath Rugby

“I am thrilled to be an ambassador for bibic. The team does such great work supporting children and their families so I wanted to get involved and help spread the word about what they do.”



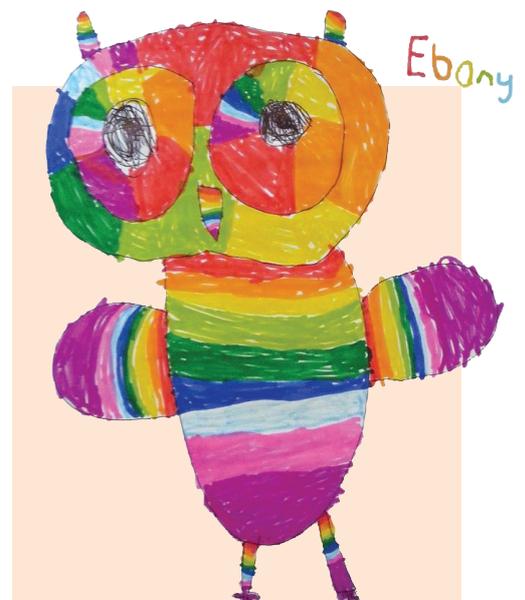
Mark Regan MBE
Rugby World Cup Winner

“It is a great honour to have been made one of bibic's ambassadors. I look forward to working with the organisation to help raise funds and awareness so that every child can have the opportunity to reach their full potential.”



Marlie Packer
Rugby World Cup Winner

“I am honoured to have been chosen as one of bibic's ambassadors. I want to be a role model for younger people and help them understand that whatever your background, you can achieve your dreams.”



Ebony really enjoyed the whole experience at bibic.

She is a child who finds new places and unfamiliar people incredibly difficult to adapt to and I will admit to being very apprehensive as to how the assessments would go.

Overall the experience has made an enormous difference to us as a family. We had become immune, over time, as to how abnormal our 'normal' is. We know that Ebony faces daily struggles in many areas but had not realised the extent of those struggles. **bibic has helped us identify the wonderful little girl behind the struggles...** and that in turn helps us to enable her to become the best she can be and to experience the most she can from life in a way that she can understand. We've been recommending bibic ever since!

Calling all Community Groups

bibic relies heavily on Community Groups to generate funds for its service. These are some that have done just that over the last few months;



Bridgwater College

...raised £200 after they digitally turned staff and fellow students' hair purple for a calendar.



The Bridgwater Young Farmers

...made a fantastic donation of £1,500. Members of the group took part in supermarket bag packing, a large auction and also walked the Bridgwater Carnival collecting money.



A Floral Art Group from Farmborough

...near Bath made a donation of £750 following a coffee morning and lunch.

The Christmas Crew

...recently donated £625 by collecting donations last year on their decorated trailer while touring around Somerset villages.

Pupils at Wellingborough Preparatory School

...have chosen to support bibic's work throughout the academic year 2014/2015 and have already held fundraising events to raise money to help children with learning difficulties, including worst Christmas jumper day!

Portishead Charity Events

...recently raised £2,000 with a black tie and cocktail dress evening, which included dancing, supper, raffles and an auction.

Fivehead Golf Society

...raised £800 after hosting a Golf Day at Wedmore Golf Club.

Anyone can organise their own one-off or series of events in aid of bibic. From a sponsored walk to a coffee morning, and we're always keen to hear all your exciting and inventive ideas! bibic needs your help to continue changing children's lives in your area.

If you are able to help, please do.

We need you more than ever.

If your Community Group wants to get involved in raising funds to pay for therapists to work with the most disadvantaged children we would be so grateful.

**Please contact Mark Flower on 01458 253344
or email mark.flower@bibic.org.uk**

Love challenges? We've got plenty of them

We will be climbing the highest free standing mountain in the world, fancy joining us?

February 11th to 21st 2016 – Kilimanjaro

The challenge will take place over seven days and you must be over 18-years-old to sign up. Trekkers will walk along the beautiful Machame route that approaches Kilimanjaro from the South through forests all the way up to the mighty snow-capped summit at 5,895 metres for simply breath-taking views.

There are two pricing options for people wanting to take part in the trek. Option A includes a non-refundable registration fee of £299 plus a minimum sponsorship amount of £4,000.

Option B is self-funded. People will need to pay a non-refundable registration fee of £299 and will then need to pay the challenge balance amount no later than eight weeks prior to departure. There is no minimum sponsorship target but people are encouraged to raise as much as possible.

Included in the price are return flights, all accommodation, transfers, tents and other camping equipment, thin sleeping mats, all meals and celebratory dinner, porters, cooks, food, water and other supplies, permits and National Park fees, English speaking guides, Global

**To change a child's life today,
please make a donation**

Adventure Challenges leader from the UK and a full, comprehensive first aid kit.

The trek has been designed to be challenging but achievable as long as people train beforehand. Training tips can be found at www.globaladventurechallenges.com and a number of training weekends will take place in the run up to the climb.

Once registered participants will be supplied with a list of kit they will need as well as a fundraising pack in order to make fundraising as easy as possible.

Anyone interested in the challenge should call Mark on **01458 253344** or email mark.flower@bibic.org.uk

For a full list of events including runs, golf days and festivals, please visit www.bibic.org.uk and click the 'Events' tab.

99.1% of disabled children live at home and are supported by their families, and only 1 in 13 disabled children receive a regular support service of any sort from their Local Authority *

The best job in the world



There is nothing more rewarding than feeling that you have in some way made a difference to a child, young person or their family.

When I was offered the post as Children and Young People's Therapist, I couldn't contain my sheer joy, I was truly thrilled. The training was intensive, supportive, structured and thorough. I loved it all and each and every day continues to bring new learning experiences.

I remember the first assessment that I observed, it was a highly emotional situation and the stress was clearly weighing heavily on the whole family concerned. I could never have predicted that the parents would have left bibic just two days later feeling empowered, enlightened, and joyful and much more equipped to be able to go back home and manage the needs of their young family together.

It all felt so right, and knowing that they had the follow up help and assistance through bibic's key working system

made me recognise just how important the whole bibic process is. From the initial enquiry right through to the ongoing support and I am grateful to have the opportunity to be part of it.

In my first 6 months I met families that had travelled from all over the UK to access bibic's services. Many parents comment that bibic is such an inclusive place to be. Anxieties about their child's behaviour or condition can be left at the door along with any feelings of being judged about their parenting skills. It is so fulfilling to be part of a service that can have such a positive impact on children and their parents.

Children never cease to amaze me. With all that life has dealt them, their individual personalities still shine through and it is always an honour to be part of their incredible journey.

“ The bibic programme was life changing and made us realise the potential of our son and appreciate what he could do and who he is as a person. ”





You are invited to a
Charity Christmas Ball
In aid of **bibic**

Saturday 21st November 2015
At the Grange St. Paul's Hotel, London EC4

Champagne reception, 3 course dinner, silent & live auction,
entertainment, live music & dancing!

Tables of 10: £150 per person
Includes 6 bottles of wine per table

R.S.V.P: Paul Brett **01494 762450** or pbrett@inlandplc.com

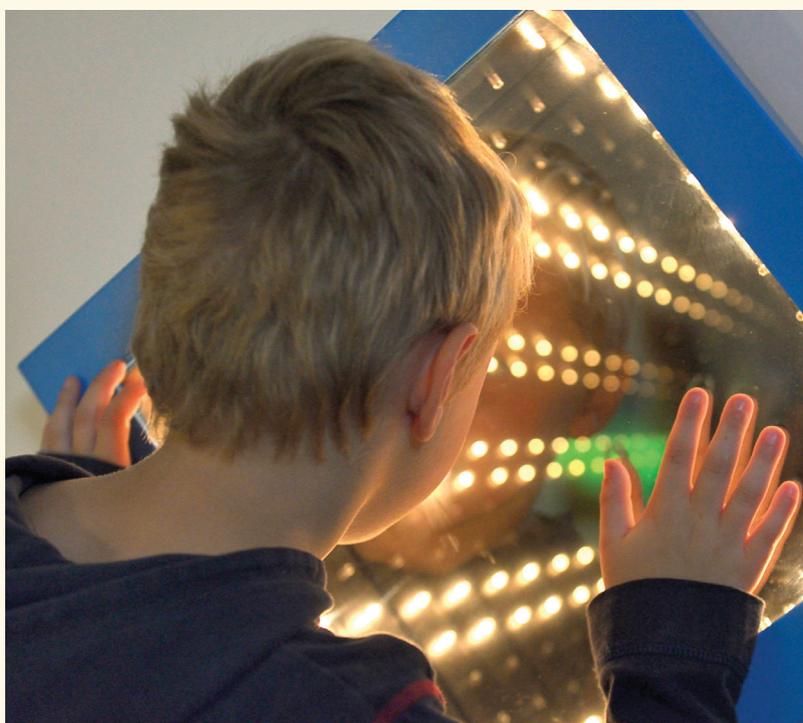
...Trusts and Foundations

We are extremely grateful to all the Trusts and Foundations that, cooperatively make a huge contribution towards the work we do.

bibic doesn't receive any government funding, and so grants from charitable trusts and foundations provide vital support for our work and we are always looking to build lasting relationships with trusts that share our vision.

We would like to build relationships with new Trust donors and have a range of projects which need support. If you are a Trustee or Grants Administrator for a Trust or Foundation and would like to learn more about bibic and how your Trust could support our vital work, please contact our Fundraising and PR Manager Mary Matthews.

Contact details:
mary.matthews@bibic.org.uk, **01458 253344**



Our thanks to YOU!

With thanks...

...to our very kind Individual Givers, who respond to our asks for help.

Your donations are behind our vital service for children with disabilities. Each and every donation we receive is valued by us and the families we see every day. Your donations are spent wisely on making the most impact for disadvantaged children. Big or small, your kind gifts give hope for a brighter future.

We couldn't change lives without you. Please give what you can spare to allow us to continue changing lives of those who are less fortunate.

**Please change a child's life
today, by making a donation
visit
www.bibic.org.uk**

...to those who remembered bibic's children in their will

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Thank you to absent friends for remembering bibic in your will, your kindness will never be forgotten.

...to those who gave gifts in memory of a loved one

By giving a gift to bibic in memory of a loved one, you can celebrate the life of someone who is no longer here, and offer a better future to someone whose life has just begun.

We have received generous donations from collections at funerals and some have created a tribute fund online at www.muchloved.com and www.justgiving.com. We are tremendously grateful for these donations.

...to those who Sponsor a UK Child

bibic really values all the people who make regular donations via Direct Debit, Standing Order and Payroll Giving. Can you believe that accumulatively regular giving via the Sponsor a UK Child scheme raises enough money to pay for a full time therapist! We can't thank you enough and hope that you love being part of the scheme and enjoy reading about Ray and Tilly.

...to the Brett family

Our friends the Brett's have done it again. They have helped us so much over the years. Last Christmas they cajoled their friends into a combined donation of over £40,000. They are holding one of their famous black tie balls for us again in November this year. Thank you so much, you truly are a remarkable family.

**Donate £5 now by texting
KIDS20 £5 to 70070**

It's business as usual

bibic are looking for corporate partnerships, which benefit both the charity and the company.

Here are some businesses who have recently chosen bibic as their Charity of the Year.



Urpad Estate Agency

Ian Clark, Managing Director at Urpad Estate Agents, "We made the decision to support bibic as I have a brother who has autism and the corporate relationship they offer is a real gift for us. It's an honour to work with such a wonderful, forward thinking charity".



Rumwell Farm Shop

Anne Mitchell, co-owner of the farm shop, said: "We are all really excited to be raising money for bibic in 2015. This is the first time we have supported the charity and we are looking forward to raising funds to help children with developmental conditions. We think bibic is a very worthy charity."



Planned Departure, who look after people's digital assets. Komal Joshi, co-founder and Director said: "We approached bibic last year as we felt digital legacies could be a great way for the charity to gain funding. The services we provide allow people to manage their digital life and ensure their digital legacy is protected and remains in safe hands after they're gone. When putting their affairs in order people will be able to select bibic as a beneficiary and we will donate 15% of revenue generated to the charity".

We would also like to say a huge thanks to **Publicity Matters** who have been committed to helping our cause for a number of years. They have produced much of our design work free of charge.

Can bibic help with your CSR?

- Increase brand awareness
- Engage customers and staff
- Generate positive PR for your company
- Show commitment to your local community

“We're now able to do normal family things. Her academic skills have improved, she now sees to her own personal care, and gets herself about at school”

“bibic was the first experience, in 5 long years, that we felt our child has been understood, our issues have been understood and we have been offered constructive help – if you could do anything better it would be to do this for more people”

Facts

78% of adults said they'd be more likely to buy a product if it was associated with a charitable cause.

66% of people said they would swap brands if the brand was giving a donation to a charitable cause.

54% said they would pay more for a product if they knew a donation was to be made to charity.

Note: Facts taken from, Cone/Roper Cause Related Trends Report

To have a chat about a mutually beneficial relationship with bibic please call Mark Flower on **01458 5253344** or email mark.flower@bibic.org.uk

Our appeal to you...

We can only continue to be here for the children who need us with your support. We receive no government funding so **please make a donation today**. We promise to spend it wisely.



Thank you for changing the lives of children with learning disabilities

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