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CyberZone Newsletter - January 2006

Dear All,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As you all know Phil has gone to New Zealand for the year and I am happy to report that I have taken over as Manager of CyberZone.

Other staff news

1. Magdelene gave birth to a baby boy before the Christmas break. He is called Emanuel Caleb and both he and mum are doing very well.
 2. Angela has joined us as an IT Tutor. She has many years experience in teaching Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Publisher to adults and young people in an informal setting. She also teaches Internet and E-mail. So if you want to learn how to use a computer, brush up on your basic computer skills or develop them to an intermediate or advanced level please speak to Angela – she will be happy to help.
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Learning Computing: Are you *bursting* to learn new computer skills or brush up on your existing ones? Well Angela will be teaching a range of computer skills in short 20 minute *bursts* between 10am and 12noon and between 1pm and 3pm for the next 8 weeks. You can either book a *burst* with her or just turn up on the day. Here's Angela's proposed schedule:

| Date | 20 minute bursts between 10am and 12noon | 20 minute bursts between 1pm and 3pm |
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| January 21st | Internet Safety – for adults and children | Word Processing Practice |
| January 28th | Word Processing Practice | CV Writing and Letter Writing |
| February 4th | Creating Folders to save Documents | Using Menus and Icons |
| February 11th | Clip Art and Word Art for cards, leaflets and posters | Internet and E-mail |
| February 18th | Internet and E-mail | Clip Art and Word Art for cards, leaflets and posters |
| February 25th | CV Writing and Letter Writing | Internet and E-mail |
| March 4th | Internet and E-mail | Word Processing Practice |
| March 11th | Clip Art and Word Art for cards, leaflets and posters | CV Writing and Letter Writing |

If there are other IT skills you want to learn please talk to Angela and we will do our best to help.

Computer Skills Swap: We are setting up a computer skills swap scheme. If you have computer skills that you think other families at CyberZone could benefit from learning and you would like to show them, or if there are computer skills you would like to learn from other families, then please speak to Angela and she will arrange skills swap sessions.

Fun with Food: This has been a wonderful success and Julie has done a fantastic job of both encouraging and teaching young people at CyberZone to cook as well as helping them prepare some delicious lunches for us. We would like to encourage more families to get involved with Fun with Food and enjoy new cooking projects with Julie as your family's personal tutor! If you would like to get involved please let Julie know. She's usually in the kitchen from 10.30am-2pm.

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Fun with dance, sports and games

Kasane will be running dance and *indoor* sports and games sessions at CyberZone on the following days:

| Date | 1.30pm – 2.30pm |
|---------------|------------------|
| January 21st | Dance |
| January 28th | Sports and Games |
| February 4th | Dance |
| February 11th | Sports and Games |
| February 18th | Dance |
| February 25th | Sports and Games |
| March 4th | Dance |
| March 11th | Sports and Games |
| March 18th | Dance |
| March 25th | Sports and Games |

We may do *outdoor* sports and games when the weather improves so watch this space for more information.

Friends of CyberZone: Saturday 4th February 2006 at 11.00am

There will be a Friends of CyberZone meeting in February when parents and carers can get together to discuss CyberZone activities and help plan events. If you have any ideas that you would like to raise then please do come along to the meeting.

CyberSignal: This will be a mid-week evening project by CyberZone and Signal for young people aged 16-25 years. We had hoped to have the project up and running this month but some arrangements are currently being finalised. I will let you know the launch date as soon as it has been set.

Quiet Time: Some families requested quiet time. This is available in the small IT room from 9am-10am.

Holiday CyberZone: The next dates for this will be Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February 2006. Places must be booked in advance so please speak to me if you are interested.

Laban Centre: Our dance session at the Laban Centre at Deptford Creek was a great success last October so we are planning another session. Children and young people as well as parents and carers can take part so if you would like to go please speak to me and I will book another session if there is enough interest.

Dads and Dinghies: Phil previously mentioned the Dads and Dinghies scheme. This is a scheme where you can help build a 12 foot sailing Dinghy from a kit, and be trained in Dinghy Sailing to RYA level 1 and 2 standards. This engages Dads and step-Dads to learn to sail in order to then go on to teach their children - hence family learning while participating in a challenging sport. You can also gain a nationally recognised qualification; become a volunteer with AHOY; socialise with other families in the community; and learn to sail a dinghy which you helped build yourself. If you would like to take part in this please let me know (even if you already told Phil) and we will try to get some funding for it. This would be a project in partnership between CyberZone and AHOY.

That's everything for this month's newsletter.

Sadhana
CyberZone Manager