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THE ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH HAND OR ARM DEFICIENCY

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On behalf of the Scottish Branch Stacy and I would like to wish you all a happy Easter. We would also like this opportunity to welcome new members - the Dhesi family, the Craig family and the Wixon family. Hopefully we will see you at some event in the near future.

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Postage

Apologies to anyone who had to pay extra postage for the last newsletter. This was an error at the post office and Royal Mail are dealing with the complaint. Should you wish to claim back the fee

please let us know and we will be happy to reimburse you.

Nina and The Neurons

BBC Scotland held fun auditions for a CBeebies programme called 'Nina and the Neurons'.

Three REACH children were accepted for the auditions and as a result they spent a day at the BBC where they met Nina. They watched Nina carry out various experiments. Hopefully we will see Ciara, Adam and Beth on Cbeebies very soon.

Family Weekend

There are no spaces left for the annual Scottish Branch Family Weekend, which will take place at Ardeonaig near Killin from 27/06/08 – 29/06/08. The price, as usual, has been heavily subsidized. and will cost only £75 per family. (£10 deposit required, with the remainder to be paid by 20th May 2008) All equipment, meals and accommodation are provided in the price. If cost or

travel is a problem please do not let this deter you. Contact us in the strictest of confidence and we will do our best to help out. Listed below is the families who have responded and a space has been allocated.

Greer, Cant, Moran, Cullen, Roulston, Weir, Collie, Miller, Greig, Pettigrew, Brown, Cookman, Carr, Whitehall, wixon and Mullen

If your name appears above and you are unable to attend please let me know so another family can take the place.

Teenage Committee

Many of the outings that the Scottish Branch organize are not suitable for teenagers. In the last newsletter we asked for teenage volunteers to come forward to set up a teenage committee. This would be made up of three teenagers who will decide on outings and changes that they feel would be appropriate to the Scottish Branch

Coach for the AGM

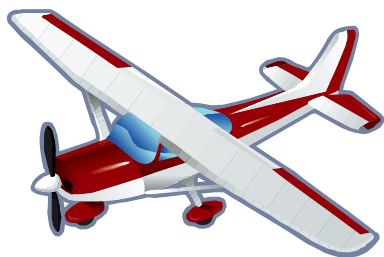
It was suggested that a coach be hired to take Scottish Branch members to the AGM. This years AGM will be in Bristol. At present we have had only one person say they may be interested. Unless there is more interest it will not be viable

Spring Meeting

There is a Reach Spring meeting organised for the 12th of April. It will be held at the Ibrox stadium, Glasgow. There will be entertainment for the young members and lunch will be provided. Touch Bionics, The Society of one armed Golfers and the Tree of Knowledge will all be attending. This event has had a lot of interest so if you are interested please get in touch as soon as possible. We may be able to accommodate a few more families. Attached to the newsletter is a programme for the event.

Smiling Wings Day

Aviation Without Borders and the Scottish Aero Club are hosting an 'introduction to aviation day' on Saturday 19th April 2008. The event is being organised and funded by Aviation Without Borders, and the Scottish Aero Club are providing the aircraft and the experienced pilots. A group of 10 children, each with a parent or carer, will be our guests for the day. The ages of the children should be between 9 -15 and they should be able to cope with a short flight.



The day will begin at Perth Aerodrome at about 1030 with a welcome, a brief talk on aircraft

and flight, and a safety briefing. A visit to the hanger or to static aircraft on the ramp will follow and the 20 strong group will be split into smaller groups for the tour. Lunch will be provided between about 1200 to 1300.

In the afternoon each child with their parent/carer will enjoy a short half hour flight. It is hoped that the day will be fun for all and that there will be lots of smiles. On safety, however, some points should be mentioned. Normally only the parent/carer will be permitted to sit up front with the pilot. Care should be taken not to distract the pilot. Seat belts should remain fastened at all times during the flight and smoking is not permitted. Champagne will be served by the stewardess but should not be accepted by the child. (Sorry, just kidding about the champagne and the stewardess.) It should be remembered, however, that there are no toilet facilities on a small aircraft so a visit before the flight is recommended.

Guests should also be aware that light aircraft flying is very much dependent on the weather and flying may have to be cancelled if the conditions are not suitable. Even on a sunny day the wind and turbulence can be too strong for flight. If flying is cancelled, where possible attempts will be made to reschedule the flying for another day.

(this is a copy of a segment of the email from Stanley Stewaet of Aviation without Borders) Another event may take place in the summer at Cumbernauld. The age restriction is flexible so some younger than 9 years of age will be approved.

Thank you's

Murray Foundation for kindly agreeing the use of the Thorton Suite for the Spring meeting.

Touch Bionics for kindly agreeing to attend the Spring meeting

The Society of one armed golfers for kindly agreeing to attend the Spring meeting

Stanley Stewart of Aviation without Borders for arranging a flying visit at Perth.

Kid's corner

Why did the child study in the aeroplane ?

He wanted a higher education !

Why was the broom late ?

It over swept !

What cheese is made backwards ?

Edam ?

What kind of hair do oceans have ?

Wavy !

What runs but never walks ?

Water !

Why did the clock get sick ?

It was run down !

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