

VIBE



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VIBE Summer 2021

Welcome to the Summer VIBE newsletter. We hope you are well and you have been able to enjoy some of the sunny weather recently.

Apps for Android

Our Early Years Visual Impairment Play Specialists have recommended some applications for Android tablets as an alternative to Apple products. We hope you find them useful.

Sensory Baby Toddler Learning

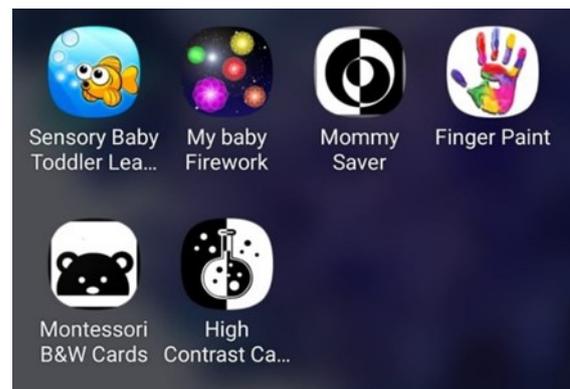
My baby Firework

Mommy Saver

Finger Paint

Montessori B&W Cards

High Contrast Cards for babies



Best Practice Guidance for Early Years

The Nursery World Awards 2020 took place recently and the Best Practice Guidance for Early Years won the award for Best Professional Book. The Sensory Service contributed to



the 15 pages on HI, MSI and VI. All early years providers including childminders have received a copy of this book and it has proved to be a valuable resource. The effort put into this piece of work was recognised by Penny Pemberton from SEN who wrote....

“it only serves to reinforce the inspection pointing out that our EYC sector is leading the way in Kent.”

Training

22 nd June	VI allocation – KAB Liaison	Virtual – 1:30 – 3:00
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Calibre Audio Library

Audiobooks can be streamed from Calibre Audio Library

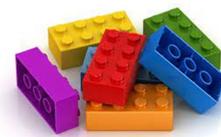
Parents can set up a free account with Calibre Audio Library by clicking on the following link <https://www.calibreaudio.org.uk/service/membership> You can then access these books through the Dolphin Easy Reader app on their iPad / Tablet by clicking on the Calibre Audio link.

Lego Braille Bricks Training

If you have some Lego Braille Bricks, the team are running a training session on

Friday 11th June 10.00am to 11.00 am

If you would like a refresher or an overview on working with the Lego Braille Bricks, the training will be delivered via Teams and you can book your place by emailing LegoBrailleBricks@rnib.org.uk



Goodbye to Carol Maynard

Carol Maynard, Paediatric Mobility Officer for KAB is retiring after nearly 19 years and she writes the following about her career.

I came from a Specialist Resource Provision where I was introduced to children with a visual impairment. I had to learn Braille and I worked there for 4 years before coming over to KAB as I wanted to become a mobility officer.

I have loved this job. I started as rehabilitation working with adults initially on daily living skills and mobility training. Then about 10 years ago I started the mobility work with children from a young age and through to them moving to secondary schools and universities. It has been a privilege watching them develop their independent mobility and daily living skills and grow up into confident young people. It has all been an amazing journey and of course I get to work with all the specialist teachers and my KAB colleagues and that is what also makes this job so special.

I have really enjoyed my time working for KAB but now it feels the right time to retire. We have four grandchildren and will be spending time with them, family and friends. We also plan to travel through Scandinavia eventually but trips on our motorbike will do for now. I feel I have been so lucky with my career and working for KAB- what an amazing organisation who have over the years given me some fantastic opportunities.

She will be greatly missed and KAB are very happy Carol is going to be staying with them as part of our freelance team – so they can look forward to seeing her teaching mobility or joining in with activity days for children. We all wish Carol every happiness for the future.

Important

If you have any news or information you would like to share, please contact:

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