

Our Latest News



We're expanding!

As we expand and reach more children, we have recruited two new members of the team. Welcome to Corinne Boddington, who is now fully trained and out and about meeting lots of wonderful children. Corinne is a trained actress and a natural at this work. Also, welcome to Laura, a new trainee. Laura is excited to spread the magic of laughter and show the incredible difference laughter makes, not only for the all round general well-being, but for communication and what can inspire.

A big thank you to the Creamer Fund for supporting our community visits with our Outreach Services, enabling The Laughter Specialists to visit many more children in their homes or at school. We have taken laughter to four schools so far, with another two visits at a later date, across the villages in and around and including Finchingfield. We showed a short film of our work and then entertained the school, leaving them with the knowledge of where their own giggle muscles are and how important it is to use them. Find out more about the Creamer Fund here:

Creamer Fund



HRS Charity Week

A thank you to all the students at Helena Romanes School in Great Dunmow, who raised over £1500 for The Laughter Specialists at their Charity Week in December - what an amazing effort! They had a Christmas market, 'Masked Teacher' performance, a Strictly Come Teacher Dancing competition and a non uniform day. What a fun week!

Our Corporate Sponsors

Thank you for the continued support from our corporate sponsors; Containerlift and Amberstone Security.

Annie, our CEO and co-founder has been to various corporate events as a guest of Amberstone Security, enabling her to meet and talk with many other corporate companies about the important work the Laughter Specialists do. The Laughter Specialists are always looking to collaborate with more companies, so please do get in touch if you/your company are interested in supporting The Laughter Specialists. The Laughter Specialists have also been working with the Amberstone office in Scotland, an area where they are hoping to be able to offer their services. Thanks to Michelle Helly at Amberstone in Scotland, who is organising a charity football match in May at Ochilview Park, Stenhousemuir F.C. It is going to be a great day and tickets will be on sale soon! They are looking for sponsors and donations for a raffle, so please do get in touch if you can help in any way.



YouTube Channel

During lockdown The Laughter Specialists made lots of short films so children wherever they were could still watch and enjoy some connection with us and laughter. Take a look and why not subscribe.

Our YouTube Channel



The Big Give

A big thank you to those who donated over and above to our Big Give campaign in November, where pledges were doubled. You know who you are, so thank you!



Back at Colchester Hospital

Here we are on our first visit back to Colchester Hospital, post pandemic. We were so chuffed to get back on the wards.



A bedside story

It is always hard to choose a story, but this time we would like to tell the story of a beautiful young lady, Bella, who has lots to deal with every single day. She's often in and out of hospital with complications and treatments - this takes her away from her time of being able to be a happy child and play. When feeling so poorly, tired

and anxious, it's very difficult to be able to laugh and relax, it's also a very worrying time for the family who are having to deal with all the emotions around it. We spent some time with Bella in hospital recently, trying to distract Bella from how she was feeling and played with lots of buzzers and squeakers with her. We had a hilarious time because each one had a different sound and this absolutely cracked Bella up, plus with our help she was able to press them. Bella was laughing so hard and her mum quoted "I've not seen Bella laughing for so long", this was beautiful to hear and just what they both needed.

Could you help us?

We are always looking for volunteers and support with our fundraising throughout the year, including race nights, bingo, barn dance, coffee mornings, sport matches, ski dives, walks, and climbs etc. Do let us know if you have any fundraising ideas and would like to support us. We are always on the look out for trustees and ambassadors too! Email us: <u>fun@thelaughterspecialists.co.uk</u>



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