



# WOW MUMS

## Women of Wandsworth

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W.O.W Parent Forum every Saturday term time in KLS 10 am—12pm

W.O.W Enterprise and Work Club every third Friday from 10am—12 in Revolution

W.O.W Inter-Generational Coffee Morning Twice a month in Haven Lodge

WoW Karate Every Saturday term time in KLS 10am—12

### NEXT MONTH:

WoW picnic

WoW in Men in Shed

WoW in Haven Lodge

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## WoW Trip to Swanage



WoW Mums annual trip to the seaside was fun, educational and inclusive.

WoW Mum Senia Dedic organised this trip for the last 8 years to get the families from inner city, who suffer from respiratory problems and other disabilities, to Devon and Dorset for some fresh air and to learn about the UK's geology, geography, zoology, art and country life.

We visited Lulworth Cove on Jurassic Coast to look for fossils, swam in Durdle Door beach, kayaked in Knowsley Beach and visited the pottery studio in Pool.

We would like to thank our funders Aiming High project and Daytrippers charity.



## WoW Kid one of the Alumni

WoW Mums are very proud that our aim to make successful children has benefited the first WoW Kid Una Dedic, who became a Lawyer with a First BA Degree. Our WoW parents worked for the last ten years in extending the Sure Start project to invest in children's best possible start in life and

support them along the way, until they become responsible adults. Once the children achieve their educational goals, have good health, happy family and have a sense of community belonging, their future is secure and parents can focus on supporting them in other ways.

Photo: Una Dedic



# WoW in City Hall

Senia Dedic, as a founder of Women of Wandsworth community organisation, has been invited to the Summer Party in City Hall organised by Cllr Leonie Cooper, Assembly Member for Wandsworth and Merton. The aim of this event has been for Leonie to meet all community organisations from her representing boroughs,

to get an update on their good work in the community. We all enjoyed a lovely evening in the City Hall's Viewing Gallery with other guests, organisations and charities. Women of Wandsworth have been offered to hold our celebratory tenth AGM in City Hall. Photo: Leonie and Senia



# Pollinator Pathway



Our balconies look much better since WoW Mums joined the Wandsworth Plant Pollinator Project in April, which is organised by LSx, London Sustainability Exchange in London. Who would have thought that the bees would find our flowers on balconies, which now form a pollinator path for all kinds of pollinating insects. It's great that this project creates a micro climate for wildlife and supports the biodiversity in London.

# Karate Kids Disco

WoW Karate Kids celebrated their successful grading year with an amazing UV disco party, organised by WoW Dad Andrew Beech from Buna Kazuku Karate school. Next WoW Karate class starts on 16th Sept. 2017. Please book on 07703723236.



# WoW in Hampton Court

Hampton Court Flower Show, organised by RHS, was as spectacular as the Chelsea Flower Show. WoW Mums were very happy to have been able to attend and see the winning Bonsai Trees and Orchids, as well as the exhibition of the scarecrows made by the children from all schools in Greater

London. WoW Mums got some ideas and inspiration on how to plant the flowers on our balconies and window sills to help the pollinating insects with their crucial work. Workshop on growing herbs and salads in our kitchens was very useful.



# WoW Mentoring NCS



Women of Wandsworth are very pleased that our solution to the nation wide problem of isolation of elderly has been implemented in the work of a National organization NCS. National Citizen Service have selected 12 young people who volunteered to be mentored and trained in inter-generational work by WoW Mums in Battersea. After a lovely lunch in Haven Lodge, the youth bonded with the elderly and took professional photographs of them, which were

subsequently exhibited in St. George's Hospital. They will come again in August to cook the Sunday lunch from scratch for the residents. They will wash up after the lunch as well. Regrettably, they will not be able to serve the lunch for our special surrogate granny Joan Humphrey from Haven Lodge, who sadly passed away this month. Joan was a special lady, very much loved by the residents, Mums and the children. She will be greatly missed.

Next WoW Mums lunch with NCS is on 8th August in Haven Lodge.



Eduardo and Joan

# WoW Karate Championship

More than 60 children were graded and have sparred at the best Karate Championship in Battersea, run by Buna Kazuku Karate school and organised by WoW Mums. This project solved a problem, raised by local parents at WoW Parent Forum in 2010, which was a worry about bullying of their children in transition from primary to secondary school, so WoW Mums organised a heavily subsidised self defense classes for all children.



Children from 7 local schools and from all estates



## Falcon Festival

WoW Mums' stall was inundated by parents who appreciated our work in the community and wanted to join our group and become volunteers. It was great that WoW Mum Sandra Munoz, CEO of Keepsake Videos, filmed and captured the fun everyone had. This video had more than 4000 views!



## Smokey Joe's Cafe

WoW Mums are grateful for free tickets to see Smokey Joe's Cafe, donated by Thames Christian College. This musical has been performed by Christian Thames College students in front of their parents and the whole Battersea. WoW Mums brought our elderly friends from John Kirk House as well as all our

neighbours from Falcon Estate RA. It was lovely to see their Head Teacher Stephen Holsgrove (in the photo), so proud of his students who have bedazzled the audience with their superb dancing, performing and singing the evergreen songs from the 50s.

