

Autumn 2022

CRiBS

LIVING VALUES GROWING FAITH

SUPPORTING SCHOOLS
SINCE 1993

Christmas Celebration

featuring this year's production.

7pm Friday 16th December 2022

Bexley Christian Life Centre,
Bexleyheath, DA7 4NR

Save the date!



Much has been written about the life and legacy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. It has been an encouragement to hear how a life lived under the glare of public scrutiny was so fundamentally shaped by

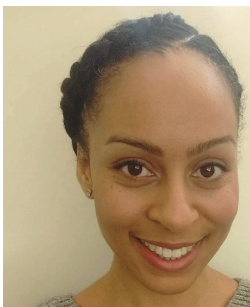
her clear Christian faith. The conviction that guides all we do in CRiBS is that - irrespective of life circumstances and background - the truths of the gospel, and the knowledge of a God who cares passionately about all people, and the whole of creation, can give hope, direction and purpose to the lives of the children and young people that we work with.

There are many different ways of communicating that - from teaching lessons to supporting children and young people facing challenging times, from the performances we put on at Christmas and Easter to introducing children to key life skills like managing finance, with a Biblical perspective. But through them all, we want children and young people to see that life lived God's way is the best way, and we want to introduce them to the kind of relationship with God that makes that possible.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

We need them more than ever!

Mark CRiBS CEO



Introducing...

Sinéad Graham our new Fundraising Administrator.

Sinéad joined us at the beginning of September and is a fabulous addition to our team.

Wellbeing

CRiBS launched Boys Noise in 2012 - an innovative project aimed at improving the emotional wellbeing of Primary School aged boys. Boys Noise combined the Heartsense programme with an after-school club and strong male role models to improve children's resilience and self-regulation skills. In 2015 b:You was launched as the sister programme - providing the same level of support, but this time tailored to the needs of girls.

Now, Boys Noise and b:You have been relaunched together under the banner of 'Unlimited'. This allows us to offer more flexible packages to schools to meet the needs that they have for their pupils. As this academic year starts, we are working in 8 different schools working with a combination of boys and girls.

As you may well be aware, 'Unlimited' is already the name for our secondary mentoring programme, and we see there being real advantages to all our wellbeing work in primary and secondary schools coming under the same banner, expressing continuity in our work to support children and young people at different stages of their development.

We strongly believe that rebranding into 'Unlimited', will allow us to reach many more children, and help them to work towards their unlimited potential, allowing them to be the best that they can be.



As usual the team spent a couple of days together at the start of the school year. We enjoyed the facilities and views at Otford Manor (home of Oak Hall Holidays), and appreciated a timely encouragement from Jonathan Jankowski, CEO of The Family Trust - a schoolwork organisation based in Maidstone - to trust in God, trust in the message and trust in each other. Jonathan being with us was also a useful reminder of the many others around the country doing similar work to CRiBS. The sense of partnership was underlined further when Mark was invited to lead some devotional input the following week at a training day for Spinnaker Trust, a schoolwork ministry based around other parts of South London and the South East.



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CRiBS
QUIZ NIGHT
 Join us for a family friendly event
 Friday 11th November 2022
 7.00pm
 Trinity Baptist Church, Bexleyheath
 £10 per person, U18s £5
 Bring your own refreshments
 Contact info@cribsonline.org or phone 01322 520820
 to book your place
 Book early to avoid disappointment!

Prayer Points

- Health for our team
- Preparations for our Christmas play
- For positive impacts on those we work with
- Continued provision for delivering our projects

Helping children to cope with change



This summer saw us take our 'Moving Up' transition workshop to more schools than ever before. More than 1000 Year 6 children in 20 different primary schools were helped to prepare for their

move to secondary school. School staff universally agreed that the workshop helped their pupils feel more positive about the move to secondary school and helped them learn where they could find help in their new school.

Meanwhile 93% of children said the workshop helped give them time to think about the move to secondary. One said, "It's okay to be scared and worried but you will make new friends. And that you should not change yourself for someone because they are not your friends."

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Making a difference in our community

Spark in the Park offers many different activities for the local community in Danson Park for a week in July. There's inflatables, craft, games, refreshments, and prayer. Every day there is also what was called "Hero time" – Songs, games, and a Bible story that explains why we're there – because Jesus loves our local community!



CRiBS team members joined the Spark team this year and supported in all these areas and more. This was the first year that Spark has been back to full strength since COVID and the community responded incredibly well – every day we were packed with visitors, and there were many conversations expressing gratitude

to the local churches for providing Spark. Please pray that we see fruit from these conversations, and the seeds planted grow to full strength!

Making a mark at Lark in the Park

This year at Fizz we ran daily performances of 'Charlie's Garden Adventures', in which Jerry was looking after a chicken, you've got it, called 'Charlie'. Daisy, Jerry's gardener, came each day and told a Bible story that helped Jerry, Jane and Charlie understand what had been happening to them that day.



While this was happening Sylvester 'Sly' the fox used dastardly plans to try and capture Charlie. Parents said their children were captivated by our programme and enjoyed being there.

GAP YEAR with CRiBS

Do you know a young person eager to have a GAP YEAR? We are recruiting for 2023. See our website for more details.

CRiBS Sessional Workers Required



CRiBS occasionally requires paid sessional workers because varying demand for our services means that it can be difficult to predict how many people are required at certain times. With this in mind we are building a pool of sessional workers who we can call upon as and when needed.

The type of work involved would often be supporting our teams in primary schools with small groups sessions during the school day and/or after-school clubs, although, it may also involve other ad hoc work. Whatever the role full training will be given.

If you would be interested in joining our pool of sessional workers please do get in touch.

Rates of pay will depend on the role and will be discussed at interview

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