

ALDER HEY MATTERS.

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CELEBRATING NURSING AT ALDER HEY!

EVERY YEAR ON MAY 12TH, THE WORLD COMES TOGETHER TO CELEBRATE INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY. THIS DAY IS DEDICATED TO RECOGNISING THE UNWAVERING DEDICATION, COMPASSION, AND EXPERTISE OF NURSES ACROSS THE GLOBE. THE DATE MARKS FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S BIRTHDAY, THE FOUNDER OF MODERN NURSING, WHOSE PIONEERING WORK LAID THE FOUNDATION FOR PROFESSIONAL NURSING AS WE KNOW IT TODAY.

This year's theme was the 'economic power of care', a call to change how we view the nursing profession. Investment into nursing goes beyond just improving working conditions; it is also about recognising the economic and societal benefits that nursing can bring. Research has shown that investing in nursing can lead to improved patient outcomes, reduced healthcare costs and a more sustainable healthcare system.

The work that takes place at Alder Hey every day could not be done without the highly skilled and talented nurses that we are proud to have working at our Trust.



"I just wanted to thank Amy who managed to take my daughter's blood. My daughter is autistic, and it was her first time getting her bloods done so she was petrified, crying and screaming. I nearly gave up and took her home, but Amy stepped in and saved the day with some numbing cream and a sweet attitude. I can't thank her enough for turning the experience around! She's just a lovely patient person - thank you."

Jayne Ashworth, parent

"I cannot thank all the staff in the Neo-Natal unit for taking care of us and our newborn son. Even though we were only there for a short three day stay, the care we received was absolutely amazing. Better than any hospital I have ever been to. I would like to send an even bigger thanks to Jo, Andrea and Sheeba for being our son's main caregivers during our stay. We are eternally grateful for your services."

Bethany Beswick, parent

"In the last 12 years, two of our children have received lifesaving care at Alder Hey. There isn't a day that goes by where I don't think about the incredible nursing staff at Alder Hey and what they did for us. Nurses are the heartbeat of healthcare at Alder Hey, and the impact of their care is felt not just by the patient, but by the whole family."

Graeme McKenna, Parent & Carer Governor (2024 - 2027)

At Alder Hey to celebrate International Nurses Day, there was live music, performances from our Indian nurses alongside food and wellbeing stalls.

Although we can never really thank our nurses enough, we hope that this is a start.



LATEST NEWS

24TH APRIL



NATIONAL LOTTERY WINNERS GO GREEN AT ALDER HEY!

A team of National Lottery winners from across the North West have been involved in a major gardening transformation project. The winners helped to transform the planting areas around our specialist bereavement unit, the Alder Centre.

25TH APRIL



ALDER HEY RECOGNISED AS 'TESSA JOWELL CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE'

The Tessa Jowell Brain Cancer Mission (TJBCM) has announced Alder Hey as one of 15 strong brain tumour centres for children and one of six centres designated as "Excellent".

13TH-19TH MAY

CELEBRATING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

This year's theme for mental health awareness week was "Movement: Moving more for our mental health". Our Staff Advice and Liaison Service held a free raffle, with prizes offering new and exciting ways to move more across Liverpool. These included Ninja Warrior Adventure Park vouchers, crazy golf vouchers and walking city tours.



14TH MAY



HAPPY ODP DAY!

On 14th May, Alder Hey celebrated Operating Department Practitioner Day. The team celebrated in our Atrium by showing children, young people, and their families what it's like to work in our operating theatre.

11TH JUNE



NHS ENGLAND'S MEDICAL DIRECTOR VISITS ALDER HEY

We were delighted to welcome Sir Stephen Powis, National Medical Director of NHS England. Sir Stephen visited our fantastic Innovation Hub to hear about some of our recent initiatives, such as our Healing Hearts at Home app and our 3D printing space.

13TH JUNE



NEW PARTNERSHIP ANNOUNCED WITH LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC!

Liverpool Philharmonic will work in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of our children, young people, their families, carers, and staff. The partnership will involve 36 weekly music-making sessions for patients on wards, working with staff, volunteers, children, and young people.

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17TH JUNE



INTRODUCING ISLA CARE

Our iDigital and Innovation teams have introduced a new remote digital monitoring platform. Through the platform, families can send photos, videos and forms from home. This provides staff with enough visual data to accurately monitor children from the comfort of their own home.

28TH JUNE

35 YEARS OF THE ALDER CENTRE

The Alder Centre was established in 1989 by a small group of healthcare professionals, in partnership with bereaved parents, who identified a gap in the services available to child-bereaved families. Over the past 35 years, the service has reached over 10,000 families. The event included meet and greets with staff and volunteers, guided tours and a pizza buffet lunch!



UPDATE FROM ALDER HEY CHILDREN'S CHARITY

ON THE 12TH OF MAY, OUR CHARITY CELEBRATED THEIR TENTH ANNUAL OLI'S SAFARI WALK AT KNOWSLEY SAFARI PARK, AS OVER 2000 WONDERFUL PARTICIPANTS TOOK PART IN A 3KM WALK AROUND THE SAFARI PARK. THIS YEAR'S EVENT WAS THE MOST POPULAR STAGING OF THE EVENT EVER!



A week later on the 18th of May, our Charity held its Dragon Boat Festival which returned for its fourth year at Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre. Twenty teams took on the challenge, which ended with Liv Donald's Duck's retaining their 100% record at the event for the fourth year running. Thanks to the incredible support from the teams and spectators, the event raised over £ 30,000 – thank you so much to everyone who attended!

In June, we were blown away by the support shown for the recent Step into Summer challenge, where our Charity encouraged supporters to get moving for Alder Hey by walking or running 100km throughout the month of June. They were delighted to reveal that the event raised over £63,000, which will go towards supporting life-changing initiatives across the hospital. We are so grateful to every single supporter who took on the challenge.



KIDS CORNER

SEASIDE SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

Can you spot the 10 differences between the two pictures of the children on the beach?



HERMIT'S NEW HOME

Can you lead Hermit to the new shell?



SUMMER WORDS

Unjumble the letters to make summer words

1. P C N I I C
2. L H E S L

Hermit's New Home: B
Summer Words: 1. Picnic 2. Shell



ANSWERS: