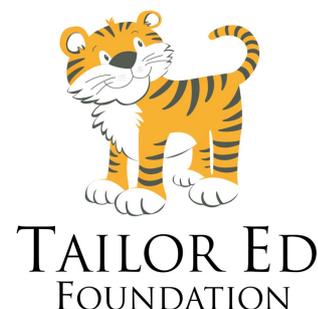


*Tailor Ed Foundation (SCO39246) wishes to see children with autism and their families empowered and included, able to live the lives they want to and access all the day to day experiences that other families take for granted. We work with families living in the city of Edinburgh with a child with autism up to the age of 16.*

Welcome to our June newsletter.  
Info below about our available services including some new offers. You can also read about this weekends cycle challenge and how you can get involved.  
**With love from the Tailor Ed team.**



For facebook users, remember we have a discussion group that is closed to the public and just for parents and carers who access our services. We share regular updates and links for our online activities. It's also a great place to ask other parents for advice or share information. All you need to do is search on Facebook for, 'Tailor Ed Discussion Group' and ask to join the group.

## **\*\*NEW\*\*** ways we can help during lock down

### **Bespoke activities sent to your door**

We understand the challenge of continuing to keep children stimulated and entertained during this prolonged period at home. This can be even more challenging if your child has some specific or niche interests. So far our team have sent out over 100 bespoke activities to families based around the motivations and skills of individual children. If this is something you'd like to access get in touch with your Project Worker or email [contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

### **New toys!**

As many of you will know the Tailor Ed office is a bit of an Aladdin's cave of toys and activities (and about as well organised at times!) Your need is greater than ours for these materials right now so get in touch if there are any activities you would like to have at home for your child. We also have access to some funding to provide families with new toys and play equipment. Again, ask your Project Worker about this or email [contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

### **Tiger School**

As well as the 1:1 support we're providing remotely to families we've run over 90 online group events since lock down began. Our morning Circle Time, weekly Games Session and fortnightly Quiz Night continue to thrive and we're now making the addition of Tiger School. These are weekly small group classes held on Zoom. We're selecting the groups based on shared interests and skills. The session is run as a class with 2 of our Project

with peers. If this is something you would like your child to access please speak to your Project Worker or email [contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

**Create a Story**

We will all take it in turns to add something to our story.

Listen out for your name to know when it is your turn.

Our story should have:

- A beginning
- A middle
- An end

**Theme**

The cars were ready, Rainbow Dash was 20% cooler. Casper Carter's Nascar was white and grey and electric. Rumbling Rosie was starting to realise the crew were a bit hot headed. Captain Speed was not allowed to put a motor in so instead he had to put remote control wheels in

So the referee did the countdown and everyone zoomed right past the starting. Captain Speed was winning. And Casper crashed into Captain Speed. It was a giant crash. There was an explosion. Then Rumbling Rosie asked if everyone was OK and went to get Rainbow Dash. There were bits of car all over the floor and smoke in the sky.

Rainbow Dash made a sonic rainboom in the sky and then that fixed the cars in a flash.

Supersonic powers of Rainbow Dash fixed everyone's car. Eventually after everyone's car was fixed, Casper Carter took the lead. Casper Carter took in the lead and won and was happy ever after

Callum Parker  
Kate  
Katie Durkin's IP...  
Laura  
Pauline Cole  
iPad (Mark...)Ea...

*A screenshot of our first class of Tiger School pupils creating a story together during one of their sessions.*

## EVENTS

All Zoom links for events will be sent out in a separate email just to parents/carers or can be found on our private Facebook discussion group. If you have a current or previous Tailor Ed referral but don't receive that email, please get in touch to let us know at [contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:contact@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)



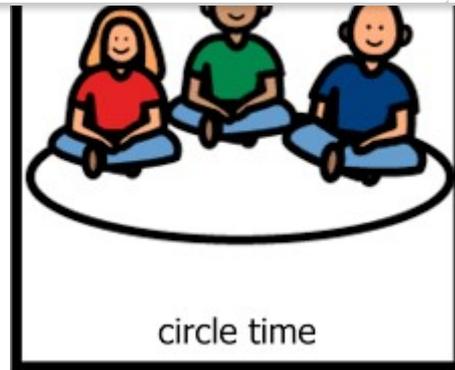
### Parent Meet Friday June 12th at 8.30pm (Virtually obvs)

Martha and Eva will be hosting a meet up to give parents and carers a chance to connect with others and share the challenges they've encountered and solutions they've found (or are still searching for!) in lockdown.

Zoom link to follow. If you don't receive this please contact Martha: [martha@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:martha@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

**Circle Time - weekday mornings**  
Thanks for all of those of you who have

on weekday mornings to help your child start their day. For some this might ease the transition in to some school activities or just be fun in itself. Circle time will last around 15 minutes and be led by two of our Project Workers. As well as some familiar structure and songs we'll also read a visually supported book each day.



## Cycle Challenge

### THIS SATURDAY 6th of June

Some kids like to join in with everything and some just have it on in the background whilst they play. So don't worry about your child sitting down to watch all of it, just come and join in however they would like.

#### Group 1

9.15am Monday – Friday. You can join the group from 9am to check everything is working and Circle time will start promptly at 9.15am.

#### Group 2

10.00am Monday – Friday. You can join the group from 9.45am to check everything is working and Circle time will start promptly at 10am.

Zoom links to follow. If you don't receive these please contact Eva:  
[eva@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:eva@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)



#### Quiz Night for parents/carers - fortnightly

Next date is Thursday 18th of June and is a fortnightly affair. Quiz will start at 8.30pm.

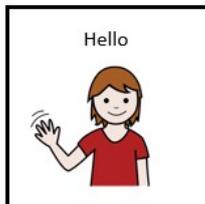
Zoom link to follow. If you don't receive this please contact Callum:  
[callum@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:callum@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

#### Virtual Group Games - weekly session

In place of our monthly Time Twisters session Pete and Eva will be running a weekly games session on Zoom. It'll take place on a Wednesday at 3pm. Zoom link to follow. If you don't receive this please contact Eva: [eva@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:eva@tailoredfoundation.co.uk)

We'll be playing mainly visual games with clear visual prompts on the screen. As ever we are keen on any feedback on what works well or doesn't during these sessions for your family. We expect this session to last about 20-30mins.

observe.



# Cycle Challenge

## THIS SATURDAY 6TH JUNE

Lots of you are geared up to take part in our cycle challenge this weekend!  
We've absolutely loved your training photos (see Miller, Abi and Samuel).

More info below. To take part get in touch with  
[stuart@tailoredfoundation.co.uk](mailto:stuart@tailoredfoundation.co.uk) and to donate simply click [here](#).



# LINDA'S VIRTUAL ALL ABILITIES CYCLE

**SAT 6TH JUNE**  
STARTS AT  
**10.00 AM**

**JOHN O'GROATS**

We are looking for participants of all ages to donate "cycle miles" to achieve Linda's Challenge.

You can ride around your garden, near your home, use a bicycle fitted to a training stand, or even a exercise bike in your own home

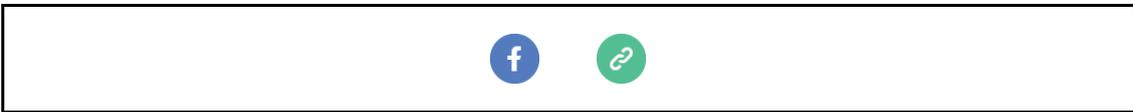
Linda had everything planned and booked to complete this amazing journey to raise funds for Tailor Ed Foundation in June but now all her plans have been scrapped, so let us come together collectively to achieve this challenge. **Every mile will make a difference.**



**LANDS END**



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