













## Hello Soup Dragons

Sutton Soup 14 was another amazing evening of fun, food and fundraising. We raised £1293! Thanks so much to our sponsors Sainsbury's, Ace Accountancy Services and Healthwatch Sutton for helping to make this possible.

We had a great variety of pitches from:

- Stripey Stork Stripey Stork is a Surrey based charity which takes in donations of preloved and new items for babies and children up to the age of 16, and works with many Sutton families. Donna and Jane pitched to set up their new Bags4School project in Sutton, which assembles and donates fully kitted out schoolbags for children in poverty on their first day back to school.
- Inspire Partnership Inspire is the commissioned provider of all drug and alcohol treatment and support services in Sutton. They offer a wide range of easily accessible and recovery focused services tailored to the needs of their clients. Darren pitched and told us about a brand new support service they are setting up dealing with hidden harm to young people whose parents or carers misuse substances.
- Muschamp SEN Base the Special Educational Needs base at Muschamp Primary School has 52 places for children with speech and language needs. Many of the children also have occupational therapy. Hayley and her team of helpers pitched for funds to turn a corridor into a 'sensory path' for the children, which will help the to regulate their bodies in preparation for learning,
- The Sound Lounge is a new community music venue opening at the bottom of Sutton High Street, run by Hannah and Keiron, who pitched. Their mission is to create an inclusive café, restaurant, arts space for all people, of all ages, at all times. As well as accessible gigs they plan to offer family workshops, friendship coffees, training for people suffering from disadvantage and a community kitchen for the homeless or those suffering from food poverty.

It was a difficult choice for many but after the votes were counted the money went to Muschamp, who were thrilled with their win! We look forward to having them back in October to give us an update on the new sensory path.

Mel, from Sutton Young Carers, came back to tell us how the young people have decided to spend the £1295 they took away in April. We were very pleased to hear that a day at the seaside and an trip to London at Christmas to go ice skating were at the top of the agenda!