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A review of the year with particular reference to the benefits gained from visits to Flitwick.

August 2007



# A year of development

Well another year has gone since we started Kieron's treatment. We are now off for our sixth lot of treatment at the end of July 2007.

To tell you the truth Andrew and I didn't expect to see any improvement the first time we visited the Cerebral Palsy Physiotherapy centre.

But Kieron proved us both wrong! Here is a brief summary of what Kieron achieved after each fortnightly session.

## May 2006

- ★ Kieron's hands were more relaxed and he was opening his hands more to grasp objects.
- ★ He was sitting more and controlling his balance. When propped up he started to put his hands out to stop himself from falling.

## August 2006

- ★ Kieron started kneeling and balancing with one hand while playing.
- ★ His speech improved and he was saying 11 word sentences. " Mummy, where can we go to make a cup of tea?"
- ★ Sat on the seat in the parent's room at the centre unaided.

## November 2006

- ★ Speaking new words. Hurry, where are we? Are we there yet?
- ★ Sitting more and controlling his back

## February 2007

- ★ Could follow vehicles moving across in front of him.
- ★ Putting hands out more to stop himself falling when kneeling or sitting
- ★ Saying words a lot more clearly so they don't run into one another.

## May 2007

- ★ Propping on stomach and lifting his head up
- ★ Sitting cross legged at school, unaided for a few minutes
- ★ Watch and looking at more things out of the window when travelling in the car
- ★ Keeping balance when sitting on a ball and regaining balance if it wobbles!
- ★ Saying clearer sentences with a louder voice when in familiar surroundings

As you can see, each time Kieron has achieved something different, however small or he's worked on a previous achievement to improve it. We can't wait to see what will happen after his next visit!

As well as this we are involved with Sheffield University Engineering department. A final year student designed an electric page turner with Kieron in mind. Visit <http://www.kieron.nortonsnotes.net/sheffielduniversity.htm> for more information.

The winning project was called "The Scribbler" that would help Kieron with his writing. This product is going to be produced and one will be given to Kieron. Wow! We can't wait! We were so grateful to the students for all the hard work they put in. we will soon be getting a car seat that swivels and we would like to thank the charity BDF New Life [http://www.bdfnewlife.co.uk/docs/home/home\\_1.php](http://www.bdfnewlife.co.uk/docs/home/home_1.php) for awarding the money to us in order to purchase this chair.

Kieron is doing well at school and will start Year 3 Juniors in September 2007 He is really good at numeracy... sometimes better than me (Mum). He will tread the words he knows with a little prompting.

In PE he's been sitting cross legged for a a few minutes unaided while knocking a ball with his hands.

I have also been told that he is getting rather good in his electric wheel chair too. They are going to change his joystick so that it "locks" into forward.

As you can see it's been a great year although there have been blips. Kieron has had absence fits in October 2006 and April 2007.

We are grateful that he isn't on any medication for these and we continue to pray that these fits will not become more frequent.

We thank the Lord for this year and pray that next year will bring new exciting challenges for us all as a family. We place it all in the Lord's hands as He already knows the plans He has for Kieron and us as a family. If they are as good as 2006 I can't wait to see what is in store.

**Sharon**