

WELLCOME PROJECT NEWS

Christmas 2014



The Wellcome team completed the final assessments of the children in our study in September. Congratulations to the 211 of the 260 families who stayed the course, and a big thank you to all! It will take us some time to make sense of the large amount of data we have collected over the past six years, but we will be sending you a final report as soon as we can get it prepared.



Meanwhile we thought you would like an update on where we all are and what we are doing. So here goes starting with the people you have seen most recently:

- Ruth Leavett is currently halfway through a Master's degree in speech and language therapy at Sheffield University; she is still living in York.
- Samantha Hardwick is in educational administration.
- Chris Dixon is completing a doctorate (Ph.D.) at Sheffield University with Dr Silke Fricke who was also part of the Centre for Reading & Language team.
- Following a period at University College London, Hannah Nash is now a lecturer at the University of Leeds.
- Fiona Duff led the intervention project and is currently a research associate at the University of Oxford working on 'late talkers'; she recently married Andrew.
- Lorna Hamilton is now a lecturer at York St. John and is still involved in lots of York education projects.
- Debbie Gooch is a research fellow at Royal Holloway and is involved in a large-scale project on children with spoken language difficulties; her son, Josh, is one year old.
- Katy Grainger who worked on the intervention is now a teacher.
- Piers Dawes is a researcher at Manchester University.
- The principal investigators have also dispersed. Emma Hayiou-Thomas remains in York, but Charles Hulme is now at University College London and Maggie Snowling at St John's College at the University of Oxford.

We wish you all a Happy Christmas and we hope 2015 brings all you wish for you and your families!

Research Meeting

The team came together in December for a two-day Research Meeting so that we could update each other on our latest findings and projects.

Pictured below are:

(Front row, left to right) Maggie Snowling, Kristina Moll, Ruth Leavett and Julia Dilnot.

(Second row, left to right) Emma Hayiou-Thomas, Julia Carroll and Charles Hulme.

(Third row, left to right) Hannah Nash and Fiona Duff

(Back row, left to right) Debbie Gooch, Ruth Hamilton and Arne Lervag.

There have been lots of interesting findings resulting from the project: it's a great privilege to be able to do a study of the same children over so many of their primary school years. We look forward to sharing the findings with you in 2015.



Keep in touch

We would like to keep in touch with you all. We will be sending round a questionnaire in the New Year to find out, amongst other things, how we can best do this.

Please keep in contact: you can always reach us via president@sjc.ox.ac.uk.