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### **Children's Week entertainment for sick kids**

**Sick children and babies at Liverpool Hospital are being treated to dress up days, face painting and visits by the police and fire brigade this week to celebrate Children's Week (23–31 October).**

Liverpool Hospital Childrens Ward acting nurse unit manager Linda Byrnes said Children's Week offered a chance for staff to have some fun and cheer up the children and their families.

"Our nurses and school teachers have organised story book readings, food tasting, dressing up and face painting along with visits from special guests such as Sparkles the Clown, the police and fire brigade."

"The children also enjoyed a science hour where they learnt about the use of leeches in medicine," she said.

A fundraising BBQ on Wednesday raised money for toys for a new playgroup starting in the Children's Ward.

The playgroup will cater for 0 – 5 year-old inpatients and will be supervised by hospital volunteer *ward grannies* one day a week.

In addition, children will participate in a coin line as a maths activity to count money raised for UNICEF this week through the sale of gold ribbons.

"Staff have brought smiles to our little patient's faces dressing up book characters including a witch, fairy, and cowgirl while a group of fairies from Family Mission joined in the entertainment," Linda said.

Falling in the last week of October, Children's Week celebrates the right of children to enjoy childhood and provides an opportunity for children to demonstrate their talents, skills and abilities.

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