

*Summer Newsletter 2023*



**LUTON SCHOOL SCREENING**

In 2022 the Dental Wellness Trust visited 3 schools enrolled in our supervised toothbrushing programme LiveSmart to carry our screening and fluoride placement, we took records of our findings for future auditing.

On Friday 14th July we re-visited one of the schools to screening and placed fluoride on over 400 children. This school have been enrolled in the LiveSmart toothbrushing programme since 2018 and the children were so excited to see us and remembered us from last year. The Screening allowed us to record our findings again, which will be audited against last year and be used as a record of the impact, supervised tooth brushing programme have on school children's oral health.

The day was attended by many media outlets, which filmed and interviewed the children, teachers and volunteers to raise awareness of the amount of school children still not seeing a dentist or requiring such extensive treatment that they need general anaesthetic to treat. We are carrying out are next school screening and fluoride session in September.

**DENTAL WELLNESS TRUST FUNDRAISING DINNER AND DENTAL CONFERENCE**

The charity have hosted dental conferences yearly for dental professionals to gain vital knowledge on children's dentistry, oral health and prevention. This year on Friday 3rd November our conference is all based around Molar Incisor hypomineralisation.

With around 1 in 8 children in the UK alone being effected by MIH, more needs to be done with treatment and prevention. All our speakers are covering topics relating to the diagnosis, treatment and management of MIH. This is the first conference in the UK solely based on MIH

On Thursday 2nd November the Charity are hosting a fundraising dinner at the House of Commons in Parliament, sponsored by dentist and MP Sir Paul Beresford. This is amazing venue and one not to be missed. To attend the dinner please email [rachel@dentalwellnesstrust.org](mailto:rachel@dentalwellnesstrust.org) for more information.

Tickets for the conference can be purchased through our Eventbrite page

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## OUTREACH DENTAL CARE

We have continued with our Refugee Outreach dental care, this time in collaboration with the West London Synagogue. Since the start of 2023, we have carried out 2 screening and fluoride sessions on over 70 children. Most of the children screened needed dental treatment and the most severe cases were referred to Dr Linda Greenwall and Associates dental practice.

With the help from Dental Volunteers, 20 children were seen on Sunday 24th March, with all children requiring at least 5 fillings each with many children needing extractions due to severe decay. We are planning to carry out dental treatment for the most severe cases on Sunday 20th August.

A big thank you to all of our DWT volunteers: dentists, dental students and dental nurses. We could not do this without you!

## LIVESMART SUPERVISED TOOTHBRUSHING & KEEP LUTON SMILING

The Dental Wellness Trust continue its LiveSmart development and expansion. Each term we send out new toothbrushes and paste to the enrolled schools.

A vital part of the programme is monitoring and auditing. Gaby our charity coordinator is available to attended schools to help integrate the programme and speak to the children about the importance of good oral hygiene.

We have been commissioned by Luton council to work within all its primary schools with our supervised toothbrushing programme, that means there is the potential of over 23,000 school children taking part in the supervised toothbrushing programme in Luton alone.



Keep Luton's Children Smiling



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