

My son is 3 years old; having been born 15 weeks early he has a multitude of health problems.

My son has attended 3 mainstream nursery settings and also a childminding setting, all of which have failed for different reasons. As his mum, I had already given up and feared he would simply never settle; that is until he started to spend time with Louie Llewellyn. During the time he has known Louie, he has joined in with several therapies and has a new found love for playing and interacting with others. My son finds concentrating very challenging and at previous settings would not play, he would simply wander and play with doors, windows and taps. Since he has met Louie he will now play with toys, laughs all the time, he smiles and interacts with others now. This is not just a huge step forward for my son but as his mum, to see my him like this, happy and comfortable is something I feared I would never see.

The therapies he has joined in with are:

- Art Therapy
- Music Therapy
- Hydrotherapy
- Horse Riding

All of these have benefitted him greatly in different ways, he enjoys doing them and looks forward to doing them.

Art has helped him to express himself in a positive manor, it has helped with his concentration and patience but above all else it has given him a sense of pride; he will tell anyone who will listen that he has done very well whilst showing off his finished creations.

Music has helped him to gain confidence within himself, he is a very quiet and reserved little boy, however now he loves nothing more than to sing through a microphone.

Horse-riding I don't even know where to begin, I simply can't describe how amazing this has been for him. He loves being outdoors, the horses have

taught him about kindness, being gentle and patient. Aside from this he has muscle weakness and the riding really helps to strengthen his muscles.

Hydrotherapy fulfils all of my sons sensory needs, it again helps build his muscles but also eases his chronic pain.

The staff that work with Louie are simply wonderful! They are kind, patient and work so hard to make a difference. They have all shown such kindness to my son and helped him in many ways, I feel so privileged that they are a part of his life. He looks forward to spending time with Louie and calls it "Louie's house time". It is a lovely place, very welcoming and extremely calm; a place that enables children like Thomas to be children, to play develop and grow, all in all a wonderful place to be.