KIDS TOILET TALK
Thank you very much to everyone who attended our recent workshop at Thackray Medical Museum on 30th September 2017!

We really feel that children’s continence is an important area to understand and explore, which is also shown by the fantastic turnout we had on the day (a total of 22 children and 19 family members), with participants travelling from as far as Scotland and Wales!

We really appreciate you sharing your time, experiences, knowledge and ideas with us – we learned a lot and had a lot of fun meeting you all.

We hope you did too!

Here are some of the key issues we learned about from our expert panel of children and families:

- Toilets – sometimes public toilets can be messy, unclean or have no toilet tissue. Some toilets can be unsuitable for the children’s’ needs (i.e. on a campsite or a plane) and the unfamiliarity of toilets on holiday (for example) can be a problem.
- The desire for secrecy about the condition and methods of managing it.
- Children’s worries about appearing different to their peers.
- The unfairness of the interruption of needing to visit the toilet frequently, or being busy and forgetting to go to the toilet in time.
- Children becoming anxious if they see their parents are feeling stressed by their incontinence.

We’re very excited to spread the word about the brilliant work done by our delegates and mini delegates. But first, let’s head back to the island we first discovered on the day of the workshop. This island is actually home to another branch of the museum, and today Class 3B are on a school trip. They’ve had a fun day making green goo and putting fake wounds on each other, but now it’s time to go home. We join them as the teacher calls them all back to the school bus...
Okay everyone, I hope you enjoyed your trip to Thackray Museum Island. Let’s get back on the school bus and head home.

Oh no! Where are the toilets? I’d better go now before the bus leaves.

Sigh, I hope no one notices how long I take on the toilet.

Urgh, I hope they’re clean. I don’t like using public toilets.

Um, what’s that noise?

It’s the schoolbus! They’re leaving without us!

I know it’s not fair, but it’ll be okay, we’ll find a way back to the bus.

I’ve got no phone reception, but there’s a strange signal coming from the beach. It looks like some kind of hidden cave.
Lots of changes of clothes
lack of privacy
it's unfair, feeling different
waking up at night
running out of toilet roll
watch what you eat
drink more water
horrible school toilets
hypersensitive toilets
holidays help you forget
self locking doors
absorbent bed for sleepovers
lying down eases pain
water refill station
different sized toilets
parents deal with doctors
bladder monitor
water refill station
Oops! Sorry to scare you, I see you've stumbled on our secret lab! Maybe I can show you around?

I'm the head of a secret department hidden underneath the museum. We've been working with kids to come up with new ideas and ways to help them with their continence issues.

That's what I have!

We were all nervous about the long journey home so we went to the toilet first, but then we missed the bus! Can you help us get back?

I think I might have just what you need. We've been working on some new tech that you three can test out on the island!

An ultra absorbent sport costume, that means you don't have to worry about accidents and can spend more time playing!

A GPS watch that also buzzes on your wrist to remind you to go to the toilet.

A talking water bottle that constantly fills with fresh water.
Our heroes thank the doctor, who wasn't as scary as she first seemed.

This watch is amazing! The red X is the school bus and it's calculated a route that goes past public toilets! It even reviews the toilets so we know the best ones!

Just follow me! I'll make sure we take the best route across the island.

It's so hot! And we've been walking for hours. But I really don't want to drink too much.

Your water bottle is now full of cold water. Drinking helps your bladder get stronger so always remember to stay hydrated!

Here, have as much as you want, it just keeps refilling!

Thanks!

The river is too strong! How do we cross it?

Leave this to me!

That was AMAZING! Now we can cross safely!
We're back Sir! Don't leave without us this time!

Hey, now that we're safe, you don't think the doctor will want her inventions back do you?

We should all come back here some time. I bet there's loads more inventions that the doctor has come up with. Maybe we can help her test them out?

Yeah, and maybe we can invent some of our own too? We are the experts after all.

Hey, now that we're safe, you don't think the doctor will want her inventions back do you?

NAHHHHHHH!

Until next time