



Parley

Parents And Relatives
Listening and Empathising
with You

Tom's Story

About 6 months ago I started having these really bad headaches and feelings. At first my mum just thought it was flu and so gave me some medicine. After a few weeks though I gradually got worse and I started having fits and collapsing randomly. My mum took me to the doctors but they didn't know what was wrong with me. I got worse and then it got to the stage when I couldn't really understand people and my balance went weird. That made the doctors think I was going deaf, which I did seem to be.

But then things got really worse (by this point I kind of wondered how much worse it could get!) and I lost the feeling down my left side. This made the doctor decide to do MRI and CT scans which revealed 2 small tumors. 1 on my cerebellum and the other on my temporal lobe. After a few more tests me and my mum found out they were cancerous and I needed chemotherapy and probably radiotherapy as well.

I am just about to start my first cycle of chemo and I'm kind of nervous! I hate not being able to play footie with my mates, but when I am better David Beckham had better watch out!!!

Anyway this probably won't be of much interest to anyone but I've posted it anyway and by the time you have reached this you'll have probably read it all anyway...unless...you skipped to the end!!! (which I hope you didn't coz then there was no point me writing this and if you skip to the end in everything you do in life you ruin all the surprises!!!)