



West Euston Time Bank

# May Half Term 2013

## Family Activities Programme Report



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## May Half Term 2013

This half term was focused on the preparation of the midsummer picnic on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> With a garden theme for the picnic this year, we created a range of activities which could relate to these preparations

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### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

#### The Recycled planting project with Lorna

11 am – 4pm

Due to the bad weather conditions, the children were unable to plant outside, however, local resident and Time Bank member Gabby, UCL student Ifiyani and mother Inge, all got their hoods on and worked for a couple of hours in the rain, planting, digging and starting to get the various garden sections ready for the picnic.

Recycled Project 11 am – 1 pm	
Children	17
Parents	7
Volunteers	3
Total	27

Recycled Project 2 pm – 4 pm	
Children	15
Parents	9
Volunteers	4
Total	28

Whilst the committed garden team were outside, the children were potato printing, making a range of ark work from recycled products. This was a fun day, which involved the parents and children from a wide age group.

#### ipad workshop

2pm-4pm

This seemed to work really well, the children got to use a range of fun and educational apps

I pad workshops 2 pm - 4 pm	
Children	16
Parents	4
Volunteers	2
Total	22



#### Outdoor sports - (cancelled due to bad weather)

2-4pm

Due to the bad weather the outdoor sports was cancelled

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### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Dance Camp at the Dick Collins Hall

A first for us but something we felt was needed in order for the Friday street dance class to feel prepared and ready to perform at the picnic

We were unable to book the h pod due to a previous and long standing booking, we chose to run the dance camp at the Dick Collins Hall across the road

The actually worked out really well

The children were told in advance and on the day that the dance camp involved all taking part to be serious and committed

This worked very very well, the children were tired towards the end but their behaviours was very good, with 6 volunteers on the day



It was quite a special one.

Dance Camp 12 noon – 5 pm	
Children	15
Parents	12
Volunteers	5
Total	32



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Garden Creations**

11am –4pm

Hand printed sun flowers, sun flower crowns, Venus fly traps and lots of other fun creative flower themed items were made....

A very fun den making challenging outside in the afternoon, with two teams competing with other, of who create a den the quickest, each team consisted of energetic children, very determined parents and up for a laugh volunteers

It was a very funny sight, so much so, we have chosen to add a den making competition at the picnic

Garden Creations 11 am – 1 pm	
Children	14
Parents	4
Volunteers	3
Total	21

Garden Creations 2 pm - 4 pm	
Children	11
Parents	3
Volunteers	4
Total	18

### **Ipad workshop**

2pm – 4pm

Whilst this was all happening, there was some calm and collective children on the ipad, creating, making and learning.



I pad workshops 2 pm – 4 pm	
Children	17
Parents	1
Volunteers	2
Total	20

### **Outdoor sports and den making**

2pm – 4pm

As well as the very popular den making challenge the sports development team came down and held a range of sports games for the children, including, football, basket ball and relays.

Outdoor Sports & Den Making 2 pm – 4 pm	
Children	12
Parents	4
Volunteers	3
Total	19



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### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

#### **Garden Creations**

A quiet day but I allowed the staff to plan for future projects

#### **Trip to Regents Park - Mini Olympics**

11am – 4pm

A simple idea which turned out to be the children's and parents favourite activity of the week

With almost 45 children and parents and the Camden sports development team and some of their children from Kilburn, we based ourselves on 3 large sheets of tarpaulin opposite the entrance of the children's play area (closest to the zoo/ parkway)

With a huge picnic at lunch time, children in the play area and some at the large tree play area, parents and volunteers spread out as well as chatting by the picnic area, some kids were just walking around talking amongst themselves, after the lunch, a range of sports games were being played, some kids continued to play in the areas whilst some went on a scavenger hunt and a bug hunt, it was very cute seeing the kids with a range of volunteers with the bright coloured magnifying glasses searching

It was such a great day, every person present commented on this throughout the day.



Regents Park Trip 11 am – 4 pm	
Children	12
Parents	12
Volunteers	3
Total	27

### Swimming

5pm – 6pm – cancelled (due to tired parents)

Due to tired parents and kids, the chose to give swimming a miss

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### Lunch times:

We thought we try something different this time

Rice, chicken and veg on Tuesday

Fish fingers and mash on Thursday

Chicken and cheese and salad rolls on Friday

Some of the children were not too keen but the majority enjoyed it and like trying something new and most behaved well when they were eating something which was not the most favourite thing.

### Volunteering:

We are really seeing a great strong and committed team of volunteers which is making a huge difference in the way we run the sessions.

### Children's behaviour:

There has been a significant difference in the children's behaviours from the last holiday session, there is always room for improvement but it was great to see that there has already been some positive children.

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### Half term feedback:

The half term was fun and dance camp

I wish we do that all of the time

I like when we went to Regents Park, I thought it was fun and the picknick we had was fantastic as well

Over all I loved all of the half term from Tuesday to Friday

I loved the half term, it was amazing

Fatama

We went to regents park it was so fun

We made biscuits and spiders

Sana

I really loved the half term activities

Then I went to dance camp, it was hard

But it tawted me



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I liked when we did a new dance at dance camp  
Yasmin

I really liked dance camp and going to regents park  
Ebise

I liked the ipads  
Asma

The garden creations was really good, it got the young and older ones  
involved  
Lisa

I liked playing on the I pads  
Mustafa

Making the dens was so much fun, we won  
Jack

The kids really loved it, they like hanging around together  
It was really good, there was lots to do  
Breda – Trip to Regents Park



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