

Wroughton Session on behalf of Wroughton Parish Council

Since the last report we have been able to run all sessions inside, this has enabled us to have more in depth conversations with young people we have been able to see. The Youth Club has taken on the same format as we spoke about in the last report with a Nintendo Switch, board and card games, craft, and food. We find that a majority of young people like to play card games with us, and this enables a good environment for having conversations with young people. Often these conversations revolve around friends and friendship issues, family, school, and more recently around mental health and struggles around that. We have seen young people opening up to us more over recent week and that shows we have built up those good relationships with young people.



We have been able to provide young people with food at each session and have enjoyed making and eating a variety of foods with young people including wraps, cheese toasties, cooked breakfast, spaghetti bolognese, nachos, fruit kababs and hot dogs.

We have done several different activities in addition to the normal Youth Club activities, around Easter we had an Easter egg hunt around the library which went very well and the staff team hiding them had just as much fun as the young people hunting for them. We also held a film night and bought in Dominoes pizza which was enjoyed by all.

It was lovely to see the police pop in one evening and see what we were up to and we had a good chat with them about how the youth club was going and our plans for the summer.

On the 12th April we joined the Parish for the opening event for Weirfield play park and it was good to see so many there, we provided some circus equipment and enjoyed chatting to children and parents at this event. There were several young people there that we were able to advertise the youth club to and following that we did have another girl join us the following week and her brother was keen to but wasn't able to last week but I am sure we will see him in the future.

We have found that in Wroughton young people are more likely to go away on holiday during the school holidays and so those weeks were particularly quiet. We are looking forward to being outside over the summer and are hoping we will gather more young people during that time and that will feed into the Youth Club when we go back to the Library in the autumn.

Plans for the Spring/Summer

From the start of May we are planning on going back outside but having planned event-based activities instead of doing detached youth work. We will initially be based down by the BMX Pump track at Maunsell Way for most of the sessions but will move up to Thorney Park for the last session of the month. Having talked to the young people at the Youth Club we are looking at putting together a plan of activities across the summer such as multi-sport activities, tie dye t-shirts, sumo suits, spray painting records, inflatable football, basketball – with coaches, water fight, circus equipment etc so it is looking like it will be a fun filled summer! We are putting together plans for this and will release the information for these one month at a time. This gives us the opportunity to change the plan, add additional activities and even change the venue if we feel it would be useful.

Number of interactions with young people -

Wroughton Youth Club: 58

Age range: 11-16

Topics Discussed: Friends, Family, School, Mental Health