

Wroughton Session on behalf of Wroughton Parish Council

Number of interactions with young people at Wroughton Youth Sessions: 132

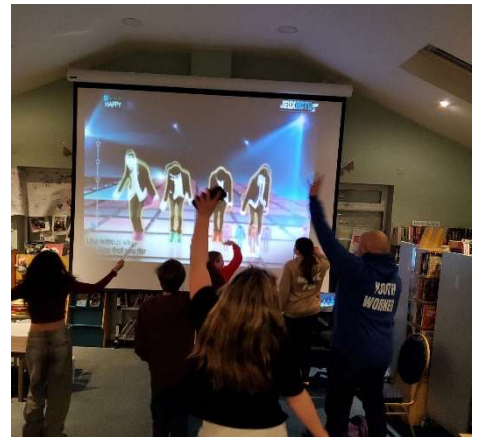
Age range: 10-14

Topics Discussed: Family, Friends, School, Relationships, Mental Health

We have very much enjoyed being back inside over the winter months, the young people have commented how cosy the library feels and love being curled up on the sofas when it is cold and raining outside! As you know, we have changed the structure of the youth clubs to offer two sessions split by age. This has continued to work well with typically a larger first group and a smaller second group, meaning the young people are more settled and engaging well with both youth workers and each other.

In December we all got into the festive spirit. The young people enjoyed making Christmas cards, having a Christmas movie night with popcorn, and finishing the year with a Christmas party – the karaoke machine was a particular favourite! We have seen new friendships form between peers who did not know each other before attending the youth sessions, as well as existing friendship groups welcoming others to be part of their conversations, games and activities.

Since January we have been encouraging young people to become more involved in the shaping of the youth sessions. We have given them more ownership of the activities at the sessions, for example they have recently selected games they would like for the Switch and we have been using the projector and screen at their request so they have a more interactive experience whilst playing. Other activities that they have chosen have included mindfulness colouring, loom band making, and pipe cleaner crafts, all of which were very popular!



With warmer weather on the horizon, we have also been having conversations with the young people about how they would like the outside sessions to look this year. They have shared that they like to use the park and pump track before and after sessions, so are thinking about timings to take daylight hours into consideration. We are also seeking their ideas around activities and sports equipment that we could have available for them, and any special events such as the very popular BBQ that we held last year.

Over the next few months we are planning on extending our range of games and craft activities, and have the requested Switch games ready to go! We will also be cooking pancakes for Pancake Day, holding an Easter egg hunt (hopefully outside if the weather is kind to us!), and making chocolate nest cakes.

We really appreciate Amanda taking the time to come and meet Tim and I, and donating a loaf of bread for cheese and ham toasties!

