

Report



Youth Club - End of Year Event December 2012

Despite the planned pantomime not being materialised at the end of this club, due to many layers of unforeseen circumstances, it remained popular and received positive feedback from the parents, youth leaders and youth alike. The club started with the aim to put on an end production of 'A Christmas Carol', for the parents. The journey to this outcome would see us accomplishing goals set out along the way, such as learning acting skills, set design skills and props and costume making skills which in turn would build the confidence and self esteem of the youth attending the club.

Although the end production was not able to be 'A Christmas Carol', the children still utilised skills

learned along the way in their replacement event, which was a festive evening with the parents. The evening event saw them coming together to sing, present jokes, poems, experiences from throughout the year at youth club, play games, and present a film of images and motion clips of memories made from throughout their time at the clubs. This was not only a chance to reflect on the happy memories that were created during their time at youth club in 2012, but also, as youth leaders, it was a time to see evidence of the skills learned and confidence gained in their most recent time in Pantomime Club.

One of my initial concerns on beginning this club was that a lot of those who attended the club were quite shy, and not as confident as the group that weren't keen on acting, but as the club developed and I saw these shy children take centre stage and shine through their acting and the chance to take on another character, I was no longer concerned and saw what a positive effect this club was having on the youth. This transpired in their end event with the parents, although they didn't do 'A Christmas Carol', they still brought skills and confidence learned through the club to their event by performing songs, poems and presentation to the parents.

Some children that were supposed to present on the night didn't turn up, and other children stood in, and improvised. They were confident; they shone both individually but also as a group with a great sense of unity that has developed stronger throughout this club.

Through pantomime Club, a space was opened for the children's personalities to be individually recognised and encouraged, for them to learn new skills and practice them with others and gain recognition from their parents and youth leaders and receive a great sense of achievement.

The event went down well with there being good feedback from parents and the young people themselves.

