

Homework Club September 2012

This term has been particularly good, with a good number of new children coming along with friends, and a lot of the adults telling others they work with etc about our great programmes for the young people resulting in some of these people bringing along their children.

The young people who attended the homework clubs really got stuck in this term and this showed in the amount of work they were able to get through and also they were able to take on other tasks like reading which sometimes can take a while as they are all at different levels. They all had little groups which they had decided on themselves and took turn in reading and listening. The young people love reading and we feel this is an invaluable tool for the children to have and explore, as it gives them huge amounts of confidence, and also gets them away from

only watching the TV or playing computer games etc. A number of the parents have come in and commented that their kids have been reading at night in bed instead of computer games etc.

It has also been particularly good this term as we have had a number of young people who last year went up to high school and hadn't been for a while. They are now attending regularly with the new friends they have made, and a lot of them have said that we are a good help as the work is harder now, and the teachers don't have much time to spend with them and explain what is required, whereas within the homework club setting they can get the help they need. They are also very good with the younger ones and help and encourage them.

Many of the parents who have brought their children along have said how much of a difference this makes, the

kids actually enjoy doing their homework and they are really proud to show it off, especially when grandparents come along,

Most of the young people who have attended the homework club over the last few months now visit the park on a regular basis with friends, parents, and other family members. This might involve them coming to the youth club, Friday night Freeskate, or any other events we are running. The parents have now got to know one another and are a very friendly group and their attendance shows they are interested in what their children are doing and it gives them the opportunity to let us know what the kids have really enjoyed doing, and also the things that they maybe haven't enjoyed so much, this shows us that the children are keen to talk about what they have been up to.