

Swimming Club May 2013

The Swimming Club was filled from mostly local young people. We felt that all of the young people who attended this activity deserved to be there as they had all attended other clubs previously and had behaved excellently.

On the first night when we left the park the kids were in good spirits, and couldn't wait to get there, they were very efficient in getting changed and gathering up their things for the lockers, they all listened to what they had to do and were separated into groups each with a leader. Some of the kids who were able to swim were keen to help the others who weren't so good. E. J. is one of the more outgoing kids in all the other clubs, but with the swimming because she is not able to swim was slightly out of her comfort zone. Over the weeks her confidence grew and she has now learned how

to swim and had a turn on the flumes and been able to go under in the water without panicking. R. L. was not initially picked for the club as she is a bit of a handful at times, but as her friends were coming along and as we had a person who had dropped out at the last minute we agreed to let her come along on the condition her behaviour improved. During the weeks she has shown us that she can behave when she wants to and she has been a credit to the youth club. She has been helping the other girls and showing us what she can do and I think this has made her more confident within her group of friends and in turn she has shown this in her whole new attitude.

Most of the boys who are in the group are reasonable swimmers and like to show off a bit. We have had Gary coming along for the last few

weeks and the boys have loved it as they can have a bit of a carry on with him, and show off to one another what they can do. I feel the swimming club has been a fantastic thing to do with the young people over the six weeks. It has given them something to focus on and they have all been superb on the bus and in the swimming; an absolute credit to the Skatepark.