



HOMWORK CLUB JUNE 2014

This month's homework club has been very successful as it was regularly attended by many children all of whom learnt a great deal from the club; I helped one child to understand long multiplications which he had been struggling with for a few weeks. Many of the other children enjoyed the homework club as it allowed them to see their improvement week by week in their academic ability.

Homework Club continues to be a vital part of our work. For some of the older members of the group this was their last term before moving up to high school, while we also welcomed newer, younger members. The club was well attended on all three days and I'm sure we'll see even more new faces after the summer holidays.

One of our regular members over the past few years suffered from rather low confidence when she first started coming to our clubs but her confidence has grown as she has got to know the youth workers and the other young people. A big positive for this term has been not only finishing her own homework quickly, but then being eager to help young members of the group finish theirs too. I see potential for her to be involved in a men-

toring capacity in the future and am pleased to see how far she has come over the past few years.

We have had to spend a lot of time making sure one child understands that if he does not complete his homework then he will not get to go on the skatepark. Initially when he first came to the club he would spend a lot of time distracting others in the club and chatting. Many times he did not get on the skatepark on time and would be the last of the young people finishing their homework each week. However, over this term I have gradually seen a change in attitude from him. He has focused more on his homework first and socializing second. As he has worked harder he has become quicker at completing his work successfully, and I am looking forward to continuing working with him after the summer.

Just after the Easter break one child's mother asked us if we could work with her son on his counting of money. She said that while they had covered this in school for a while they had moved on before she felt he had mastered it. We were able to provide him with two sets of flashcards, one to take home and one to be kept in the homework club. On some of the flashcards were coins that made up a certain amount and on other

cards was a written amount. He had to match them together. We worked on this for several weeks and I'm pleased to say his counting of money improved considerably, both as we saw for ourselves in the homework club and also at home as we heard from his mother.

