



INVENTORS CLUB APRIL 2014

The aim of inventors club was:

- To get the children thinking about how things are created
- What impact they have on our lives
- To be creative and artistic by creating their own invention

Inventors Club ran for a 6 week block, and the number of children each week was really varied, which sometimes made running the club very difficult. However, the children that did attend regularly really engaged in the activities that we were doing. It has focused on making things and talking about inventors as the aims were to help the young people think about how things around them are made and how important certain inventions were. Initially our final outcome for the group was to create an invention of some kind, that the children would have planned and designed out, however as we got further into the club, we realised that this was an unachievable goal. So instead, we got really creative, and made ice balls by filling balloons with water and freezing them. One week

we made the actual ice balls and hands, and the following week, we used them to create our own bowling alley, the kids loved both sessions, they really enjoyed being creative and working together, and then had a great time in our make shift bowling alley. They played bowling with them until they were all melted. Both these sessions were really good at seeing how the children got on well interpersonally, and how they can, sometimes, work really well together as a group.

Over the 6 weeks the young people had fun doing a number of arts and crafts activities. Another activity was making masks, they each got a template of a mask, they paper mâché-ed the template, followed by painting them. Once the paint was dry they decorated them with glitter, buttons, feathers, etc. and attached a straw to the side so that the mask could be held in front of their face. The kids were really good during these tasks, they were very settled, and it was a really nice relaxed setting. The atmosphere in the group was really good, and it really allowed the children to interact better with each other, and they got to have fun being creative, and artistic.

It was these kinds of activities that epitomised Inventors Club. The young peo-

ple had great fun taking part right from making things to playing with them and having fun together. Behaviour was very good and a couple of older members of the group were a huge asset in helping the younger members with their arts and crafts every week. The older members showed great maturity in regularly helping out and showed they can be trusted.

