

## West Euston Time Bank Christmas Holidays Programme Report

**Tuesday 20th December 2011**

10 am - 1 pm (Back room)

### **Just Us! on the Big Screen.**

The long awaited launch of our One hour new Just Us! Dvd- a compilation of the two shows that were performed on Thursday 27th October 2011. A chance to see the Street Dance performance on the screen. The perfect Christmas present and souvenir of the project for only £2.00 each to Time Bank members. Film shown at 12 noon.



<b>Registrants</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	27
Parents/Carers	5
Volunteers	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

10 am – 1 pm (Front room)

### **Let's get ready for Christmas!**

Designing and producing hand made Christmas cards and decorations. A popular and successful workshop.



<b>Registrants</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	23
Parents/Carers	8
Volunteers	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>



**Christmas Lunch with a twist!** 1 pm – 2 pm

- Chicken drumsticks wrapped in foil in the shape of a Christmas Cracker
- Mashed potatoes in a cup
- A small green glass of gravy sauces
- Two vol au vents filled with mixed vegetables designed to look like snow men!

8 parents volunteered as stewards to prepare and serve lunch to over 25 children.

### **Time Bank Children's Christmas Party!**

2 pm- 2 15 pm

A special break dancing performance by **Genetics** an acclaimed dance group – Alex, Cameron and Matthew- 3 young dancers from Ackland Burghley School followed by practical "hands on" workshops.



2 15 pm-2 30 pm Just Us! Certificate presentations.  
 Certificates given to all those who took part in the Just Us! Shows.  
 A great opportunity to praise the participants and to encourage new interest. The kids were excited to receive certificates from Genetics



2 30 pm – 3.00 pm **Christmas Talent Show!**  
 Looking for all things entertaining! Lots of children came forward to show every body what they had been learning in terms of a dance movement or a song

Registrants	No.
Children	50
Parents/Carers	19
Volunteers	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>

3.00 pm - 4.00 pm  
 (back room).  
 Santa's Grotto

**54** children received a present from Santa with a little help from volunteers; Rita, Tara and Fatima



3.00 pm - 4.00 pm **Christmas fun and games!**

**Feedback from the Launch of the Dvd**

"I really enjoyed it and would like to attend street dance classes in future"

"It was embarrassing to watch myself" "It was good and I felt very happy to have been part of it"

"I can't wait to show the dvd to my family when I get home"

**Feedback from Lunch**

"I loved the lunch" "It was cool"  
 "The chicken cracker was funny"

"I wanted more" "I liked the pizza"

Parent: "It was a great idea, the children loved it"



**The Genetics Dance Show**

"They were amazing" "Gobsmacked" "Are they coming back?"  
 "It was crazy, it was the best thing I have ever seen"  
 "Amazing, soooo Cool" "I loved the dance moves"  
 "I really enjoyed dancing with them" "I really liked them showing us the moves"

**Santa's Grotto**

"It was incredible" "so professional" "I loved it" "It was beautiful"  
 "Santa and his helpers were nice" "I loved my presents"

## Presentation of the Just Us Certificates

"I was really happy to get my certificate"

"I feel very proud"

"It made me want to do it again"

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2011**

The Calm before the Christmas!

10 am-12 pm (Back room)

## Mini Fingers

Under 5's drop in, (Little Fingers scaled down) with presents given out by Santa Claus

Registrants	No.
Children	13
Parents/Carers	5
Volunteers	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

10 am -12 pm (Front room)

## Let's Bake It! Let's Decorate It!

Let's have Fun...

Baking cookies and cakes to fun music under 5's were also made welcome

12 pm-2 pm

**Lunch and Puzzles time 17 children**

Solving puzzles and chatting away till the next session

2 pm- 4 pm (we finished early at 3 pm due to staff sickness!)

Registrants	No.
Children	19
Parents/Carers	7
Volunteers	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>

## The Christmas Chill!

Let's draw! Let's create!

Let's listen to music and see what we make...

A nice and easy day at the H pod

Singing whilst creating will be accepted!



## Feedback - Cookie Making Sessions

*Nice and Bad at the same time!*

Ebise

*It wasn't sweet enough*

Besarta

*A little bit nice because just like the chocolate*

Harolda

*It was nice Like the taste*

Daniella

*I like the cookies because it had melted chocolate*

Fatama

*I did like the cookies because of the chocolate and it was crunchy*

Shamsa

*It wasn't sweet*

Obah

A big thank you to volunteers Tara, Rita, Fatima and for Urmi covering despite being unwell.

### Diary of a Volunteer.

#### Just Us Screening.

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Lunch Time – This was an organisational nightmare as we had more children than spaces or chairs and no room to move. I feel some parents stood out that day for their assistance during this time; such as Joseph Leek who provided us with vegetarian pizzas, as we had overlooked the need to provide a veggie alternative, and to the mothers (forgot their names) who helped us serve drinks and food during this time. Without their foresight and help it wouldn't have been such an enjoyable experience for the children.



Santa's Grotto - I took part as one of Santa's not so little helpers. We helpers and Santa had a good time dancing and singing to the Christmas music while waiting for the children to appear. The lights and decorations created an atmosphere inside the grotto similar to a secret hideaway for children; this was all thanks to Tom and Josie who created that amazing grotto. The children's comments were mainly about the lights and the tenting than Santa and Co. Some of the parents who came in with the children were very impressed. Most of the children did have fun guessing who Santa was. Slight mishap with some of the presents for the older girls in the group (got young girl gifts instead). On the whole it went well, there were no tears and though some of the younger children were too shy to actually tell Santa what they want for Christmas. So sweet!

#### Cookies and Cakes.

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11am – Arrived just after the massive choc-chip cookie bake off to find monster cookies emerging from the oven. Smelt good but they looked kind of puffy – think this was due to the wrong flour being used to make them. But the children were impressed and showed me their mornings work. They decorated them nicely with extra chocolate drops. You could tell they put a lot of effort into making them.

11:15 - Set up the tables for games and drawing to keep the children amused while lunch was being prepared. I got additional ingredients for the cake making in the afternoon and started preparing the

ingredients for the cakes. Some of the children spent that time copying the method for making the cupcakes while others decided they wanted to play in the fresh air – don't know why as it was windy and cold but they seemed to like it.

12 noon - Lunch was ready and the children sat down to eat. As there were not as many children to cater too it was a less stressful time compared to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December lunchtime and the children were more relaxed. I finished getting the ingredients ready for each pairing. After lunch they all went out again to play so we could get the tables cleaned and ready for cupcake making.

1 pm - Called everyone in and made sure they had washed their hands properly before they split into pairs. This was my first time cooking with more than two children so I was surprised at how well it went. They all followed my instructions but had to help some with the creaming of the butter and sugar as it takes a lot of effort and strength. Most were co-operative with their partners took turns with the adding and mixing. Everyone was able to follow the instructions and when given the choice of adding chocolate chips – no one said no! The mixtures were added to the paper cake cups and readied for baking.

1:30 pm - Urmi got the games started while the cupcakes were baking. First was 'guess that food!' (Such as bread, gummy bears etc.) Followed by 'musical statues', where eventually the children were told they had to at least move around the room or be disqualified and lastly 'musical chairs' which inspired the interesting consequence of children either holding onto their chairs or the volunteers just forgetting to remove them.

2:45pm 3:15pm - Most of the cupcakes were ready to be decorated but due to a slight unforeseen problem (I didn't know where the icing was) we were unable to ice the cakes so they mainly pressed the sweets into the cupcakes in random patterns. Due to there only being one cupcake baking tin some had to be cooked on baking trays which meant they spread and flattened out into square cakes. Bit unfortunate but the children didn't seem to mind too much. Put all the cakes and cookies into individual bags for them to take home.

3:30 - Packed up and we all went home.

Tara, volunteer.

