

**West Euston Timer Bank**  
**October 2011 Half Term Family Activities Programme**  
**(Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2011)**

## **Introduction**

The Half Term activities were dominated by the grand climax to our six month long Just Us! Project with all day rehearsals on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and a final dress rehearsal and 2 shows at the New Diorama Theatre on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

### **T Shirt Workshops**

At the H Pod were T shirt designing from 10 – 12 noon and 2 – 4 pm with the option of mask making in preparation for Halloween. A Community Snack Bar ran from 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm offering low cost nourishing food and refreshments.

<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	19
Adults	10
Volunteers	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

### **Sobell Centre Trip**

10.30 am – 3.00 pm with a wide range of activities offered by the Time Bank at £2.00 per young person. Dads took part in football, ice skating too, they cheered and supported the kids including their own

Mums wiped the tears and softly pushed them back onto the ice, the sports staff joked and played and helped them fight their fear.

The kids jumped on the castle and the trampoline but fell on their bottoms by the rink, they all loved the badminton, the boys more geared for the football and the girls by table tennis, all sitting together on the big mats, having lunch and discuss what to do next

- 2 Sports Development staff, 1 Time Bank staff, 14 parents including 3 fathers and 2 teenage volunteers from the Regents Park Estate
- Activities included: Ice skating, trampoline, badminton, football, table tennis and short tennis.

#### **Some of the roles of the staff and volunteers:**

- 1 dad and a sports staff by the ice skating rink at all times

- 1 dad by the inflatable football area at all times
- Beth and Cassie and 2 mums by the Trampoline throughout the whole day
- 1 sports staff and 2 mums by the badminton, table tennis and short tennis
- 3 mums by the bouncy castle
- General assistance and support from all

It was a great day with all children and adults working together, the ice skating rink just made the day pretty special, the children were so excited and parents were too and genuinely happy to be with their children, parents were very interactive and took part in the activities with their children, all of the children and parents mixed very well with each other and supported each other.

Some of the children felt scared to go on the ice initially but built confidence as the day went on, it can be quite scary and daunting for them but they all left with a huge smile on their face and felt like they did something different and overcome a fear, it was a very positive trip.

<b>Registered</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	40
Adults	9
Volunteers	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

## **Wednesday 26th October 2011**

An extra day concentrating on the backdrop, other props and rehearsals at the New Diorama Theatre from 11 am – 4 pm

<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	36
Volunteers	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

## **Thursday 27th October 2011**

Another long day at the New Diorama Theatre from 11 am – 4 pm. We decided to close the H Pod in order to concentrate all our efforts at the New Diorama Theatre on the Just Us! Shows. Please see our detailed Just Us! Report for more information. 30 children performed in two one hour shows at 1 pm and 3 pm in front of a total audience of 165 people. 5 more children were in support with a further 12 volunteers, parents and teenage volunteers providing supervision and support. The Mayor of Camden came to the first show.

<b>Enrolled</b>	<b>No.</b>
Children	30
Volunteers	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

## Friday 28th October 2011 –

### Mask Making

There was a mask making workshop in the morning to decorate the H Pod and put the final touches on masks and costumes.

Enrolled	No.
Children	10
Adults	6
Volunteers	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

There was a Community Café from 12.30 pm – 2.00 pm providing low cost snacks.

### Halloween Party

In the afternoon from 2 – 4 pm we had a very popular Halloween Party! We had cobwebs as the ceiling with parents and children helping to put it up. Skeletons and spiders hanging from everywhere possible, Scary painted faces and Halloween music, Apple bobbins, musical scary statues, pin the face on Casper and a fancy dress competition followed by a fashion show.

The day ran so smoothly and was a complete team effort with parents/ time bank members really pitching in

There was something for all ages. Parents had a great time as well as their children

Enrolled	No.
Children	55
Adults	29
Volunteers	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>

### Swimming

A small group consisting of 2 adults and 2 children went to the Kentish Town Baths at 4 pm. I think everybody was exhausted by this time as a result of the shows the previous day and the Halloween Party!