



TEPEE Teignbridge Play Network

Spring Report 2009

Play in the Park Project

Ipplepen – Den building workshop - 26.05.09

The great British weather provided an extra challenge to our den building workshop on this sunny but windy day. A total of 39 children aged between 2 and 10 years participated in the workshop accompanied by adults in double figures.



Workshop leaders Sally Fisher and Michelle Lane offered a variety of den building materials (cardboard, tarpaulins, netting and fabric) which inspired both children and adults alike. There was great team work and co-operation in building shelters which withstood the wind and many children enjoyed painting flags and creating other added extras to personalise their dens as the session progressed. Faye Olding from Ipplepen Parish Council provided refreshments for the children.

Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: great, good, loved it and that it was fun and a laugh.

Their 'best bits' were: building the dens, playing inside them and painting.

Holcombe – Arts and Crafts workshop– 27/05/09

Robin Brown and Shelley Wilcox provided an interesting and varied arts and crafts workshop in Holcombe village hall, which included gluing activities (masks and mosaics), painting, leaf printing and creating clay heads with added natural features (twigs, leaves, flowers).

Unfortunately, only one family came out to play on this rainy day, but both the child aged 2 years and her parents enjoyed 'getting very messy' with the paints, glue and pens. The parents commented that their daughter felt 'excited' and 'free to explore'.





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Lustleigh – Nature Kidz workshop– 29/05/09

Lustleigh orchard provided the perfect setting for Michelle Lane's nature kidz workshop on this beautiful sunny afternoon. 15 children came out to play aged between 1 and 13 years, accompanied by 6 adults.



There was no shortage of imagination and creativity as both children and adults created clay faces on the oak tree, experimented with natural paints (derived from beetroot and clay) and made beautiful necklaces. One parent got stuck in making bows and arrows with the children, which inspired some role playing. Sara Sullivan from Lustleigh Parish Council was there as a parent, but also provided much needed refreshments.

Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: happy, creative, pleased, calm and that it was fun and gave them lots of ideas for things to make. Their 'best bits' featured: bows and arrows; natural paints and materials; everything – great fun outdoors; handprints.





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Moretonhampstead – Warrior Kidz workshop – 11/06/09 (Session 1)

Michelle Lane provided a fun and interesting workshop on this sunny afternoon in the Sentry park, which included painting with both natural paints and poster paints, making medicine shields, decorating staffs and sword play (with foam swords and shields). We were joined by 8 children aged between 2 and 4 years and 8 adults.

The children managed to defend their castle (the fenced playground) from the wicked dwarf (Michelle in disguise) and were enchanted by Michelle's story telling at the end of the session. Refreshments were provided for the children by Joe and Renee Scaife.



Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: Happy, had fun and enjoyable.

Their 'best bits' were: painting with other children, freedom and relaxed play.

Moretonhampstead – Warrior Kidz workshop – 11/06/09 (Session 2)

For session 2 of the warrior kidz workshop the same activities were on offer as the earlier session, but with the addition of archery, bow and arrow making, the 'dragon eyes' game and sword skills. A total of 58 children registered (39 boys and 19 girls) aged between 2 and 12 years old, accompanied by adults well into double figures.



Several adults joined in helping to make the bows and arrows, staffs and medicine shields and 6 brave parents took part in a

battle against the children. Both children and adults alike enjoyed dressing up and getting into character in this energy filled workshop. Joe and Renee Scaife provided refreshments for all throughout the session.

Evaluations:

Children's comments about how the session made them feel were: Happy; excited; very tired; good; creative and inspired.

Their 'best bits' included: The battle; everything; running and playing with lots of kids; 'fighting my dad' and bows and arrows.

Their worst bits were: Being chased, there not being enough kit to go around, painting and one child said that he didn't feel included for a little while.

