

Holiday Childcare Scheme

Springing into Easter fun

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Bubble fun afternoon – the children enjoyed watching the bubbles float across the playground and catching them

Easter activities

The week started with fun Easter activities. In the arts and crafts area, the children chose from a range of Easter-inspired crafts, including making Easter baskets and boxes and badges. They then went on an Easter egg hunt, which covered the entire school, looking for prizes.

Arts and crafts

During the second week, the crafts continued with puppet making, t-shirt printing and slime making. The children were also taught how to make a cushion, including how to sew using a sewing machine, hand stitching and putting it together.

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Figures from our Easter 2024 scheme bookings

982

sessions booked

220

children supported

171

total families supported

121

working families supported

56

LBTH schools represented in bookings

The Holiday Childcare Team is part of the Parent and Family Support Service. For more information, to leave feedback or to book places visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs

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Laser Tag

Laser tag was also played – a firm favourite for most of the children. They worked in teams and enjoyed finding strategies to win.

Outdoor activities

The unpredictable weather did not stop the children and staff from having fun outdoors. A range of games and activities were on offer, including basketball, football, tag rugby and tennis. The children were encouraged to work together, learn new skills and test their competitive nature.

Cooking

In the teen space, a Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food cooking session took place. The children made tofu stir fry. They were excited to use a range of cooking tools, knives, and cooking hobs to create their feast. They tasted their dishes at the scheme and then took the rest home to share with their families. Each child was awarded a Jamie Oliver Ministry of Food certificate for their participation in the workshop.

In the main scheme and early years area, the children cooked every day. They worked in groups and made tasty treats such as flap jacks, Victoria sponge cake, homemade biscuits, apple crumble and much more. They learned how to weigh ingredients, mix them together and cook them. The children said that their favourite part of the cooking sessions was tasting and sharing what they had made.



Children's feedback

I saw lots of children making new friends, just like me.

Sophia, age 9



I enjoyed storytime and baking biscuits with my friends.

Maddie, age 4

I really liked the Easter egg hunt and making puppets.

Kaira, age 4

My favourite game was Duck Duck Goose and climbing the wall.

Alfred, age 9

I like playing in the big playground with the big children.

Ines, age 9

I like that there are lots of toys.

Abraham, age 9



I like doing lots of sports outside and playing board games.

Sami, age 9

I like playing the air hockey table.

Arifn, age 7



I enjoy coming here because I get to play with friends I have made from being at other schemes.

Mikaeel, age 8

The staff help me a lot when my friends are not here.

Arthur, age 5

Parents/carers feedback

All staff, including management, are very professional, friendly and efficient.

I have no suggestions at all as I am extremely happy with the care my daughter receives from all the amazing team members who are always friendly and supportive. I have no words to express how grateful I am to have a holiday scheme like this in my borough. I will make sure to use the scheme up to the age limit, as it feels like a second home to my daughter.

I have been impressed with the staff teaching the children how to keep themselves safe. My child has learnt some life skills and I was given tips from the staff on how to continue these at home.

My child always comes out happy because they get to take home what they cooked during the scheme.

Luca enjoyed football and tag rugby.

You said... we did

YOU SAID...

"I don't get feedback on what my son has done throughout the day."

WE DID...

Individual feedback for every child each day would be very difficult as we have a large number of children attending. We share information of daily activities in the foyer of the school and encourage children to share their experiences from the day. Staff are also available to speak to parents at the end of the day.

YOU SAID...

"Both my children have said they really enjoyed their time. They would like more cooking and baking activities please."

WE DID...

We plan for a range of cooking activities daily. On days children would like more, we will provide another session.

YOU SAID...

"Good to see newsletters etc. but not sure how to sign up though as I have to find the scheme on the Tower Hamlets website each time and would be good to receive a newsletter by email."

WE DID...

The scheme newsletters are created after each scheme and uploaded to our website. The document can be very large, therefore a link to the website where you can view the newsletter is emailed to all.



On behalf of the Holiday Childcare Team we wish you well and look forward to seeing you at the next scheme in May 2024.

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