

# Holiday Childcare Scheme

## May half term 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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scheme.



using different materials such as paints, jewels, felt tips and pencils.

### Fitness

Children participated in mini races, 'capture the flag' and dancing. The activities took place in the hall and playground and focussed on team building, having fun and of course exercise to keep children fit. Early years children enjoyed hula mania, skipping and tag. These activities are good for development of coordination and social skills. Great fun for everyone.

### Sport

The children in the main scheme participated in a range of sports during the scheme, including football, archery, basketball, dodgeball and team sport games. Early years participated in mini football, mini tennis, and mini basketball. These activities support physical development, coordination, and social skills.

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The short but successful May scheme was enjoyed thoroughly by the children that attended. Staff were on-hand to facilitate the great activities that had been organised and encouraged children to participate and make new friends. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee coincided with the scheme. Children made crowns to wear to

a royal tea party, to celebrate the Queen's 70 years on the throne (the first monarch in history to achieve this milestone!).

### Arts and crafts

In addition to the usual range of crafts, children in the main scheme and early years made crowns to wear for the Jubilee Tea Party,

## Figures from our May 2022 Half-term scheme bookings

**371**

sessions booked

**140**

children supported

**104**

total families supported

**76**

working families supported

**7**

vulnerable families supported

**38**

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](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)



# May half term 2022

## Queen's Platinum Jubilee

### Cooking

All children took part in our daily baking activities and enjoyed baking cornflake tarts, low sugar free biscuits and mini carrots cakes which they ate as afternoon snacks.

The children enjoyed lots of imaginary play in the main hall, travelling by train, building with Lego and playing some of the many board games with their friends. Younger children in the early years enjoyed the large outdoor space with tunnels to explore and frames to climb. The free play environment alongside the adult led activities throughout the scheme ensure all children can enjoy a range of activities.

### Global Learning

Global Learning delivered more interactive sessions for all children attending the scheme. The focus was mental health and well-being and children participated in mini relaxation games and were able to discuss their feelings, record them on a leaf-shaped post-it note, and place on the feelings tree.



We would like to say a big thank you to:

The Felix Project for supporting the half term scheme in providing families with a very fruitful delivery of fresh produce including oranges, bananas, and a perishable item.

# Children's feedback

I liked Archery because it's my best activity.

Nehan 13

I was so happy to help set up the party.

Kara 9



So much fun playing the parachute games.

Adam 10



I read lots of books in the school library.

Benicio 7

I made so many friends.

Finlay 7



I enjoyed the Queen's Jubilee tea party.

Zayyan 4



I really like the playground.

Esme 4

I love my hat for the party.

Liam 5



# Parents/carers feedback

"My child had a blast!  
This is not her first camp  
(scheme) and always  
wants to come back."  
(AF)

"I had a concern as my  
child is a SEND child, and  
the member of staff I spoke  
to took time to listen and  
was understanding and  
supportive." (CB)

"The staff are  
always  
approachable,  
attentive and we  
like that they are a  
constant." (JF)

"My children really enjoyed their  
time at the scheme and have  
asked to come back in the  
summer. The staff are all nice  
and spend time to make sure the  
children are safe and happy.  
Thank you." (HJ)

"Loved all the arts and  
crafts, and the team games  
and activities (e.g. archery -  
not something she  
normally does)." (RM)

"It's wonderful  
when Joan brings  
back artwork or  
crafts she has  
made." (JB)

"The staff were  
friendly and helpful  
as always." (HJ)

# You said... we did

YOU SAID...	WE DID...
Can we pay via tax free childcare scheme? (AG)	The scheme is designed to support working parents who are on low income. For more information and support to pay through tax free childcare scheme please contact <a href="mailto:holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk">holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk</a>
Edith would have liked to go out on a trip (her younger sister did) (ED)	We understand the benefits and enjoyment for all children to go on trips where they have been given consent to do so. The May scheme was shorter than usual this year due to the Queen's Jubilee, so unfortunately it wasn't possible to take all children on trips.
Would be nice to see more about what the children have done when we pick them up. (KB)	The scheme offers a free play environment so children can choose the activities they wish to join. We do encourage children to take home any art/craft work they have completed during the scheme, and we now have a display board for each scheme at the reception where parents can collect art work to take home. Our scheme newsletter also includes photographs and information about the activities that take place.
Comprehensive overview. It would be great to have a summary at the end of the week on what happened/ activities, etc. (MG)	The holiday childcare scheme is a creative free play environment for children and we can have up to 200 children accessing the service each day. We do not offer structured classroom settings where comprehensive overviews would be easier to produce. However, we do produce a newsletter each scheme which provides a summary of activities alongside photographs from all areas of the scheme.
It would be great if you could explain what the safe route is for children to cycle to the school. (CW)	Thank you for your suggestion, please see the links below which will help you to plan a safe cycling route from your home to the holiday childcare scheme. We will ensure this information is added to our website. <a href="https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling">https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/cycling</a> <a href="http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/schools/Travelling_to_and_from_school/Travelling_to_and_from_school.aspx">www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/education_and_learning/schools/Travelling_to_and_from_school/Travelling_to_and_from_school.aspx</a>

On behalf of the Holiday Childcare Team we wish you well and look forward to seeing you at the next scheme. For more information about our schemes please visit our website:  
[www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs](http://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs)

## Our scheme booking process

We manage up to 45 bookings per day.

Our online Magic Booking process helps you to:

- Check availability of places and select a day and time which meets your needs
- Book places at a time which suits you – the booking system is available 24 hours a day
- Provide information about your child to help us understand and meet their needs

We do our best to ensure the online booking system is easy to use.

If you have any difficulty, please email us [holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk) or call 020 7364 0523.

**We are here to help.**

# Summer 2022 Activities

## EARLY YEARS

### Supporting children's wellbeing

- All daily activities are planned to reflect the children's interests.
- The Early Years areas are set up with a range of activities, allowing the children to choose from sand, construction, trikes, arts, and crafts and more.
- Circle time discussions: each day children will have circle time, where they can discuss different topics. Focussing on children's wellbeing, supporting them to understand feelings and share their thoughts.

- All activities follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) – find information [here](#)
- Please note: if your child has any allergies to cooking ingredients, an alternative can be used.
- Local park trips will be announced daily, subject to weather conditions.

Below is an example of some of the main activities on offer.

### Week 1: Under the Sea

AREAS	MONDAY 25 JULY	TUESDAY 26 JULY	WEDNESDAY 27 JULY	THURSDAY 28 JULY	FRIDAY 29 JULY
Creativity zone	Paint a coral reef/ underwater scene with sponges	Transform eggs into sea creatures	Make seahorse masks	Draw/paint your favourite sea creature	Create a sea collage
Young Victoria and Albert Museum			Creativity sessions		
Global learning				Fun Wellbeing sessions	
Fitness zone	Team obstacle race	Mini tennis	Mini circuit training	Get fit with Joe Wicks	Chair rounders
Outdoor	Mini basketball	Hopscotch games	Mini football	Hide and seek	Mini cricket
Baking and cooking	Fresh baked pizzas	Fresh cheese bread	Fruity oat flapjacks	Blueberry muffins	Orange/lemon mini cakes

### Week 2: Space

AREAS	MONDAY 1 AUGUST	TUESDAY 2 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST	THURSDAY 4 AUGUST	FRIDAY 5 AUGUST
Creativity zone	Draw yourself in space	Make papier mache planets	National Playday Events All to Play For – Building Play Opportunities for all Children	Use junk modelling tubes to make mini rockets	Paint a star picture
Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
Fitness zone	Mini circuit training	Skip to get fit		How long can you hula hoop?	Dance fit
Outdoor	Parachute games	Dance fit		Parachute games	Mini circuits
Baking and cooking	Fruit crunch	Pineapple upside down cake		Red velvet mini cup cakes	Apple crumble

# Summer 2022 Activities

## EARLY YEARS

### Week 3: Kings and Queens

AREAS	MONDAY 8 AUGUST	TUESDAY 9 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST	THURSDAY 11 AUGUST	FRIDAY 12 AUGUST
Creativity zone	Make crowns and princess cone hats	Paint the crowns and hats	Use junk modelling to build a castle	Use junk modelling to build a castle	Dress as a king/queen for the day
Young Victoria and Albert Museum			Creativity sessions		
Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
Fitness zone	Team obstacle race	Mini tennis	Mini circuit training	Get fit with Joe Wicks	Chair rounders
Outdoor	Mini basketball	Hopscotch games	Mini football	Hide and seek	Mini cricket
Baking and cooking	Fresh baked pizzas	Fresh cheese bread	Fruity oat flapjacks	Blueberry muffins	Orange/lemon mini cakes

### Week 4: Jungle

AREAS	MONDAY 15 AUGUST	TUESDAY 16 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 17 AUGUST	THURSDAY 18 AUGUST	FRIDAY 19 AUGUST
Creativity zone	Draw/paint your favourite animal	Use tubes to create tigers	Make an explorer's hat	Use twisted paper to make rainforest trees	Create rain makers
Young Victoria and Albert Museum			Creativity sessions		
					<b>END OF SCHEME PARTY</b>
Global learning				Fun Wellbeing sessions	
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# Summer 2022 Activities

## MAIN SCHEME

### Supporting children's wellbeing

- All daily activities are planned to reflect the children's interests
- Each morning the children are introduced to the staff and each other in their group through welcome games.
- The scheme areas are set up with a range of activities.
- Each day the children can choose from a variety of activities, ranging from pool, bikes, table tennis and board games.
- Each day children will have discussion time where they are introduced to the scheme rules and children within their group. The group discussions focus on their wellbeing, supporting them to understand feelings and share their thoughts.
- Local park trips will be announced daily, subject to weather conditions.
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The main activities for the week are listed below

### Week 1: Under the Sea

AREAS	MONDAY 25 JULY	TUESDAY 26 JULY	WEDNESDAY 27 JULY	THURSDAY 28 JULY	FRIDAY 29 JULY
Creativity zone	Paper plate yarn jellyfish	Make your own aquarium in a jar	Paint your own version of underwater city	Clay sea creatures	Finger puppet sea animals
Fitness zone	Body workout	Race your friends	Energetic hall games	Bench football	Skipping is fun
Sports skills	Cycling-learn to ride and be confident				
Young Victoria and Albert museum		Creativity sessions			
Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
Baking and cooking	Fresh baked pizzas	Fresh cheese bread	Fruity oat flapjacks	Blueberry muffins	Orange/lemon mini cakes

### Week 2: Space

AREAS	MONDAY 1 AUGUST	TUESDAY 2 AUGUST	WEDNESDAY 3 AUGUST	THURSDAY 4 AUGUST	FRIDAY 5 AUGUST
Creativity zone	Draw a space scene	Create a comic strip about a rocket's take off	National Playday Events All to Play For – Building Play Opportunities for all Children	Make papier mache planets	Design and craft your own spaceship
Fitness zone	Body workout	Race your friends		Bench football	Skipping is fun
Sports skills	Baseball – learn to pitch and hit the ball	Curling – learn the icy game in a warm environment		Baseball-learn to pitch and hit the ball	Curling-learn the icy game in a warm environment
Young Victoria and Albert museum		Creativity sessions			
Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
Baking and cooking	Fruit crunch	Pineapple upside down cake		Red velvet mini cup cakes	Apple crumble



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Creativity zone	Make crowns and Princess cone hats	Use junk modelling to build a castle	Use junk modelling to build a castle	Create a collage of a royal Scene (castle and dragon)	Come dressed as royalty
Fitness zone	Body workout	Race your friends	Energetic hall games	Bench football	Skipping is fun
Sports skills	Archery – learn to hold a bow and fire an arrow	Lacrosse – learn to enjoy this great game	Archery – learn to hold a bow and fire an arrow	Lacrosse – learn to enjoy this great game	Archery – learn to hold a bow and fire an arrow
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Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
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Creativity zone	Make masks of your favourite safari/ jungle animal	Create a collage of a jungle scene	Make a jungle explorers hat	Create a comic strip of a day being an explorer	Join all your comic strips to see if you can create a story
					<b>END OF SCHEME PARTY</b>
Fitness zone	Body workout	Race your friends	Energetic hall games	Bench football	Skipping is fun
Young Victoria and Albert museum		Creativity sessions			
Global learning				Fun wellbeing sessions	
Sports skills	Baseball – learn to pitch and hit the ball	Athletics – great team games	Baseball – learn to pitch and hit the ball	Athletics – great team games	Baseball – learn to pitch and hit the ball
Baking and cooking	Fruit crunch	Pineapple upside down cake	Victoria sponge	Red velvet mini cup cakes	Apple crumble