

Holiday Childcare Scheme

'Out of this world' fun

Visit our website for information about our next scheme in Easter 2024.



We began 2024 with a week of intergalactic fun and play at our February half-term scheme. The children enjoyed activities planned around the theme 'Out of this world'.



Children from across the borough made new friends, and met up with their existing friends, to take part in a range of activities.

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Figures from our February 2024 scheme bookings

585

sessions booked

185

children supported

138

total families supported

101

working families supported

50

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

'Out of this world' fun



Sports and games

The children played sports, mini football matches, dodgeball and group games.

Arts and crafts

In the art room, the children used their creative skills to sculpt and create models of objects such as rockets and spaceships.

Playdough

Some of the children made playdough using flour, water and salt. They enjoyed measuring the quantities and learning how playdough is made. They also shared their playdough with others at the scheme.

Trips

The children were taken on trips to local parks and to the sky gardens in Canary Wharf.

Clay making

The holiday scheme was thrilled to present a specialist clay making workshop, which was held over two days for children to participate in. The children were divided into small groups to create their own clay masterpieces. They were proud of their various 'out of this world' creations which they were able to take home.

Baking

The children did some baking, the smell of which travelled around the school. Everyone was keen to taste what they had made. Some had never baked before so enjoyed working together to mix, weigh and measure the ingredients. They learnt the process of preparing and cooking the food which they later took home.

The Felix Project donated a range of fresh fruit, bread and other food for parents and carers to take home. The food donations support our families who attend the scheme.

Children's feedback

I like the soft play, and to play with my friends there is children from my school.



It's fun at the holiday scheme I play all day!



They have lots of stuff to use.



I liked making apple crumble.

I liked wearing my princess dress. We are going to have a party later!

I like playing football.

I like to come to holidays scheme because there is a lot of activities here.

I like making new friends.



Parents/carers feedback

The scheme is awesome – we have used it many times.

The staff are well trained and always listen if I have any questions.

My son enjoys it a lot so when I work, I feel relaxed.

My daughter has attended the scheme for the last eight years. My life would be very difficult without you all, so thank you!

My children love the scheme. It's great to see them so happy.

It would be good to have the schedule of activities sent by email.

You said... we did

YOU SAID...

"Maybe advertise on Instagram."

WE DID...

We are looking into ways we can share information about the scheme on more social media platforms. We rely on recommendations and word of mouth referrals, which supports us to continue to provide high quality care.

YOU SAID...

"Activities are not sent to us before the scheme starts."

WE DID...

All activity plans are available on our website when the bookings open. This link is also emailed to our mailing list. If you cannot find the activity plan on the website, please email holiday.childcare@towerhamlets.gov.uk. Activity plans are also displayed at the scheme in reception.

YOU SAID...

Could there be a discount for siblings to help with the cost?

WE DID...

From Easter 2024 we will be introducing a sibling discount for working parents.



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

For more information about our schemes please visit our website:
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/hcs