

Holiday Childcare Scheme

The Tower Hamlets' Holiday Childcare Scheme provided childcare from 1 to 4 June at Cubitt Town Primary School. Following government guidelines, the scheme operated at a

smaller capacity. The children were grouped in small bubbles based on the school they attended and family groups. They were encouraged to maintain a safe distance from each other, wash their hands and be outside when possible.

The scheme is Ofsted registered and provides childcare for children aged three to 13-years-old.

It has three main areas:

1. Early Years areas for children aged three to five-years-old;
2. Main Scheme for children aged six to ten-years-old; and,
3. Teen space for children aged 10 to 13-years-old.

Places were provided for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and vulnerable referrals from children's social care, schools, and other partner agencies.

The scheme continues to work in partnership with the Felix Project and community food enterprise, who provide a variety of food to those who may need it ranging from fresh fruit, vegetables, smoothies, tinned food, and more - providing the opportunity for parents/carers to take home free food during the school holidays. Please look out for a stall outside the reception area and help yourself to the food on offer.



Half term activities

Supporting children's wellbeing and providing an active place to play continued to be our focus during June half term. As part of activities from around the world the children made their own flags and had discussions about the countries their parents came from and some of the food from those places. The activities supported children to come together and get to know each other. The virtual trips took the children around the world, most chose to stay close to home and visit Big Ben.

Children had fun playing group games, which gave them more opportunities to make new friends. Children chose from a range of board games where they could challenge each other to get to the end. They also learnt new skills in physical team sports. They played lacrosse, learning bike riding skills, and much more.



Our Summer of Play 2021
See page 3 for our exciting summer scheme activities

Figures from our half term scheme bookings

325

sessions booked



104

children supported



75

total families supported



51

working families supported



39

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

Children's feedback

I got to see most of my friends, it's nice to play with them outside school.

Reah

My highlight has been exploring the new outside play area, I love the amount of space to do activities.

There are wooden toy houses in the playground that my friends and I love. The big green field was the best part.

Adam

Being around children my age, love playing basketball.

Benjamin

My highlight has been playing games and making new friends; I taught them a game that I made up.

Immanuel

Loads of fun and loads of friends.

Noah

I like the sensory toys, pebbles, sound.

Nebil



Parents/carers feedback

You said, We did...

Comments from parents and response from the Holiday Childcare Scheme

"Great to see the same staff there each time."

We have a wide range of highly trained staff who work within our schemes. To support with continuity, we try to ensure there are as many familiar faces for the children to see when they are welcomed back.

"School is a bit far away this time, but I do appreciate that is our individual circumstances."

We seek to find school sites that are a good location for all. We appreciate this site may not be suitable for some parents and we will take this into consideration when selecting our schools.

In response to what activities your child like or would you like to see at the scheme

"Ideally something with animals."

For our next scheme (Summer) we have some exciting activities which will involve topics around animals – see our activity plans.

"Our children enjoyed playing outside."

We plan for most of our activities to be outdoors as this is an area the children enjoy the most. Our outdoor areas are set up to provide as many physical play opportunities as possible (it also supports COVID guidelines and reduces the risk of transmission).

Your ongoing feedback is important to us, we consider all feedback to help plan for future schemes. Please continue to use the feedback form available on our website or talk to any of our staff.



Summer of Play 2021

Our Summer scheme will be held at St Mary and St Michael Primary School, from Monday 26 July to Friday 20 August (Monday to Friday).

At our Summer scheme children will have a range of play-based activities as part of #SummerOfPlay - enabling 'all children, from all backgrounds, to have the space and time for play.

This includes:

1. **Fun:** we will support children to have fun and express themselves through play.
2. **Friends:** we will support children to have opportunities to play with friends and make new friends.
3. **Freedom:** we will support children to have space, time and the opportunity for free play.

We have an exciting opportunity to collaborate with

the Victoria and Albert (V&A) Museum of Childhood - who will be offering some outreach to our scheme every Wednesday and Thursday.

They will provide design-led and creativity-inspired play equipment from the museum, with play sessions drawing on themes from the developing museum galleries.

On Wednesday 4 August we will be celebrating National Play Day. The theme for Play Day 2021 recognises the challenges children and young people have faced over the past year and the need to enjoy time and free play with friends and family.

The children will be coming together to practice their team sports and compete in our Play Day Olympics... who will throw the shot put the furthest and win the relay race?



Summer 2021 Activities

The summer of play is being celebrated at this scheme. Each morning the children are greeted and introduced to others within their group. Staff support children to play, make friends and have fun. For those booked in for breakfast it is served between 8am till 8.45am. Please ensure each day your child has a packed lunch and drink clearly labelled with their name. See over the next four pages some of the main activities on offer this summer 2021.

This summer we have the opportunity of working with the V&A museum. They will be offering some outreach to our scheme providing design-led and creativity-inspired play equipment from the museum. The play sessions will draw on themes from the developing museum galleries and will invite children to be creative through play in a safe, outdoor, social setting.

Week 1: Our Environment

Early Years area (children aged 3-5)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Planting flowers and herbs	Papier Mache an animal of your choice	Clay modelling a tree	Making paper endangered animals	Making your own binoculars for wildlife watching
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness Zone	Team dance Bike race	Mini circuit fun Bean bag races	Bike races Obstacle course	Bean bag races Team dance	Practice your fitness skills from the week
Outdoor Zone	Scavenger hunt	Bowling using different size balls	Parachute games	What's the time Mr Wolf Basketball	Mini races Football

Main Scheme and Teen space Area (children aged 6-13)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Making time capsules, take home to bury	Wildlife Clay modelling	Grow your own potatoes and herbs	Make a birdfeeder from a recycled material	Create and make your own environment posters
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness Zone	Team Tag	Chase the team	Obstacles races	Hunt the flag	Hula hoop races
Sports skills	Cycling skills- learn to ride a bike or improve your bike riding skills				
Virtual trips	The effects of global warming	How is our drinking water cleaned?	What can we do to stop road pollution?	How our food is made	What to do with food waste

Week 2: Celebrating the Olympics

Early Years area (children aged 3-5)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Make your own Hare and tortoise- who will win the race?	Make and design your own trophy	Designing your favourite sports team badge	Create your Hare and the Tortoise story	Design and create the Olympic torch
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness Zone	Fun to dance	Movement and singing	Bike races	Bean bag races	Team races
Outdoor Zone	Javelin throwing Relay races Mini marathon	Shot putt Distance throw bean bags Target tennis ball toss	Celebrating National Playday Olympics day	Javelin throwing Relay races Mini marathon	Shot putt Distance throw bean bags Target tennis ball toss

Main Scheme and Teen space Area (children aged 6-13)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Kite making and kite flying	Design and create your own medals	Design and make a trainer shoe from clay	Design and Sew your own mini Olympic ring cushion	Design and Make an Olympic torch
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Sports skills	Shot putt Distance throw bean bags Target tennis ball toss	Javelin throwing Relay races Mini marathon	Celebrating National Playday Olympics day	Shot putt Distance throw bean bags Target tennis ball toss	Javelin throwing Relay races Mini marathon
Virtual trips	Revisit the 2012 Olympics	Olympic museum	Why is the Olympic torch used	Origins of the Olympics	How do you qualify for the Olympics

Week 3: Circus

Early Years area (children aged 3-5)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Design your own playing cards	Create your own circus from clay	Create your favourite circus object	Create a circus game	Create your own circus story
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness Zone	Ring toss	Bean bag races	Obstacle course	Skip to get fit using hula hoops	Circus races
Outdoor Zone	Tight rope walking (balancing games)	Parachute merry go round games	Animal dash	Circus games	Pin the hat and feet on the clown

Main Scheme and Teen space Area (children aged 6-13)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Make your own clown face	Create your own circus	Make finger puppets of an animal family	Art collage of a circus object	Build your own Circus tent
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness zone	Hunt the flag	Mini circuit training	Chase the team	Skip to get fit	How long can you plank?
Sports skills	Lacrosse/ Baseball Learn basic skills and compete in team games				
Virtual trips	Tour of carnival tent	How circus animals are looked after	Circus show	How many different animals in the circus	How to become a circus act

Week 4: Superhero

Early Years area (children aged 3-5)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Create a superhero picture	Create your superhero snakes and ladders board game	Anyone can be a superhero make your own minibeast from clay	Making bracelets for your own superhero	Worm painting
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness Zone	Bench balance like a superhero	Fun to run	Bike races	Dance for fun with music	Get moving forwards backwards, jumping, shaking arms with music
Outdoor Zone	Finding Super worm's friends (using magnifiers)	Find Super worm's family in the garden	Superworm charming (How would a worm dance to music)	Spaghetti sensory play	Finding plastic minibeasts around our playground

Main Scheme and Teen space Area (children aged 6-13)

AREAS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creativity Zone	Design and make your own Cape	Create your own superhero board game	Make your own comic book	Make your Superhero cushion	Superhero masks Fancy dress Dress up day
V&A Play			V&A summer of play- a bespoke pop-up workshop using equipment made by Imagination Playground		
Fitness zone	Team Tag	Skip to get fit	Obstacles races	Hunt the flag	Hula hoop races
Sports skills	Archery- learn to shoot a bow like Robin Hood and improve your hand and eye coordination to hit that target				
Virtual trips	Guinness book of records of extraordinary humans	How to become a superhero	Superhero dos and don'ts	What makes someone a superhero	Superhero villain's world

On behalf of the Holiday Childcare Scheme team we wish you well and look forward to seeing you at our Summer scheme. For more information visit:

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