



Children In Need

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise an amazing £389.65 inc gift aid for Children In Need this year.

Throughout the week the children took part in a number of activities which included; a mini ramble, biscuit decorating, cake sale, face painting, a yummy spotty tea and then finished the week off with a pyjama party.

Kirsten, Bailey and Summer's write up about the ramble:

On Monday 9th November we did a mini ramble from Danbury Park school back to Jester. There were 10 of us from 3 schools along with Alison and Emma.

When we set off we had two feelings in our heads; nervous and excited but at the end of the walk we felt tired but also still had lots of energy left and felt proud of what we had done. The walk was 2.46 miles long and it took us 55 minutes. It was really fun and we used our torches at the end as it started to get dark. We are really pleased that we have raised a lot of money for Children in Need.



Our new sign

Hopefully by now you would have seen our new sign out the front. We hope you agree it has made the front look a lot smarter and more professional.

We would like to thank S4B by Positive and Concisely for the artwork and sign and to Lee Moore (Finlay and Evie's dad) for the installation.

Final thanks goes to Mark Pennick for installing the sign lights.

Entrepreneurs

In October Henry, Ryan, Lilly and Holly held a cake sale, how many jelly beans in a jar and a cake raffle. They arranged, advertised and organised it all independently and raised a fantastic £50, which they would like to put towards buying some more Wii games for the new log cabin.

Well done :)



Update to our Safeguarding Policy

Jesters believes that children have the right to be safe and happy at all times, and that we have a duty to ensure that all children are protected from harm. Good safeguarding practice not only protects the children, but also the staff and volunteers who have responsibility for them. This is called a Safeguarding Culture.

This policy outlines Jesters commitment to promoting the Every Child Matters agenda and outlines key roles, responsibilities and procedures for safeguarding however in line with the new Ofsted regulations our Policy has been updated to reflect the current climate we live in. Two new Club procedures have been added. First is called Prevent Duty which is a government strategy working alongside the changes that have been made to the terrorism act. Secondly is a procedure called Radicalisation which would help Jesters cope if a national crisis is called.

Full details of the new changes will be on our website www.jesterskidsclub.org at the beginning of January or copies are available to be seen within club if you ask a member of staff.

New Over 8's Cabin and Role play

The children absolutely love their new space in the over 8's log cabin. One member of staff will take a group of 12 children per night out in to their new log cabin and stay with them for the whole session. There's all their old favourite toys and games out there including the pool table, Wii and a cupboard full of board games.

Our old log cabin has had a new transformation and been changed into a role play cabin. We have rails full up of dressing up outfits, shoes, hats, bags and plenty of accessories to get lost in a world of imagination. We have a role play frame out there which will have the theme changed every 6 weeks. A member of staff will take 8 children into the role play cabin on selected nights throughout the week.

If you have any unwanted hats we could always do with a few more :)



Christmas Hamper

It's that time of year again. The Christmas raffle is back... For those of you who have not been with us around the Christmas Period before, it has become tradition to raffle off 2 Christmas Hampers (food and drink)

We ask for parents and carers to contribute to the hamper by adding your name next to an item or 2 on the list of goodies and bring in your **donation by Thursday 17th December.**

Raffle tickets (£1 per strip) will be on sale from now until **Friday 18th December** with the draw taking place on **Monday 21st December at 5pm.**

Outside lighting

Last week an electrician came in and installed more garden lights so that the children can play outside all year round as part of our commitment to being a healthy and active club.

Kids Inspire

Thank you to everyone who very kindly donated gifts to our 'Kids Inspire gift appeal'. We delivered over 60 presents on Monday 14th December.

These gifts will mean that children in Essex living in poverty or from a disadvantaged background will be able to have a Christmas present this year.



Opening hours

We open at 7:15am and close at 6:30pm. If you are going to be late please try and find someone else to pick your child/ children up. Constant lateness will result in extra charges on your monthly bills.

Children who require breakfast with us need to be in before 8am and all children need to be in by 8:20am. Anyone arriving after this time may be asked to take their children to school if vehicles have either left or if it jeopardises other children being late for school.

Staff Christmas dinner

On the very rare occasion we get to go out as a full team we have booked a vegas night at 3 Rivers on Thursday 17th December for our Christmas meal.

We'd really appreciate it if you could please collect your children by 6:15pm so we can get to the venue in a relaxed state.