

CASC NEWSLETTER

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The past two months we have been focusing heavily on arts and crafts and bringing back messy, fun play. We have challenged our staff and our children by bringing back the following activities: Slime, Puffy paint, pasta art, clay modeling and salt art.

The children were visually inspired and got involved in all of the activities. The biggest hit was Slime and Puffy Paint, which is why we will be bringing this back on a more consistent basis for the next programme. Young people also really enjoy sewing this year, we made lots of mini cushions. We are hoping to launch a doll sewing competition in the P5/6/7 area.

Arts and Crafts



The benefits of Slime making are:

- Working on fine motor skills.
- Sensory play
- Adapting your creativity by using different tools and ingredients to make a particular consistency
- Working on social relationships, and many more.

Comments Young People Made:

'Look at this! I have a big smile of Slime' - C.S

'Can we make more tomorrow?' - E.L

'Can I make two or three?' - R.H

Trips



The benefits of going on trips are:

- Working on gross motor skills
- Expand their knowledge of the outside world
- Improves mood
- Helps them in developing new friendships

Comments Young People Made:

"I can't wait to go to the park!" - L.F

"Can we stay here longer? it's so fun." - S.C

"I love doing treasure hunts at the woods because there's more space! - M.G

Baking



The benefits of baking are:

- Developing their reading skills
- Developing their fine motor skills
- Sensory play
- Hand-eye coordination
- Understanding instructions

Comments Young People Made:

"I can't wait to take this home and show my mum." - H.B

"Can I use more strawberries on my pancake?" - M.T

"I love making the pizza dough because it's easy and it's so sticky!" - N-P



Staff in the past two months have worked on strategy planning, improving set up, and improving snack and team building.



Snack has changed a lot since Covid-19 occurred. We now have protected areas for young people to eat and be involved in a snack activity. What types of activities during snack do we offer: We have snack challenges (Making animals or pictures out of food before we eat it), Pop quizzes, music quizzes and many more. All Children from CASC have now a protected space to eat, and we have noticed a big difference in their moods throughout their play session.



Staff have also worked on team building and rough and tumble risk assessment.