



## **Summer Holiday Food and Fun**

## 24th July to 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023





# Make this a school holiday to remember!

Free spaces are available at activity clubs across the borough for eligible school children.

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### Ages: 4 - 16 years

Summer activities for your children. They will have fun and make new friends while learning new things.

Our four weeks consist of trips, Safari Park, dancing, climbing, multi-sports, jewellery making, healthy eating, and arts and crafts. Breakfast and lunch are provided.

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Venue : St Paul's Church Thamesmead SE28 8DD

Time : 11 am - 3 pm

## About Us

#### Vision

Our vision is to reduce isolation and loneliness and work toward a cohesive, integrated community with few instances of solitude.

#### Mission

Our mission is to empower women, children, and their families through physical exercise, social and educational programmes that promote personal development, physical and mental well-being.

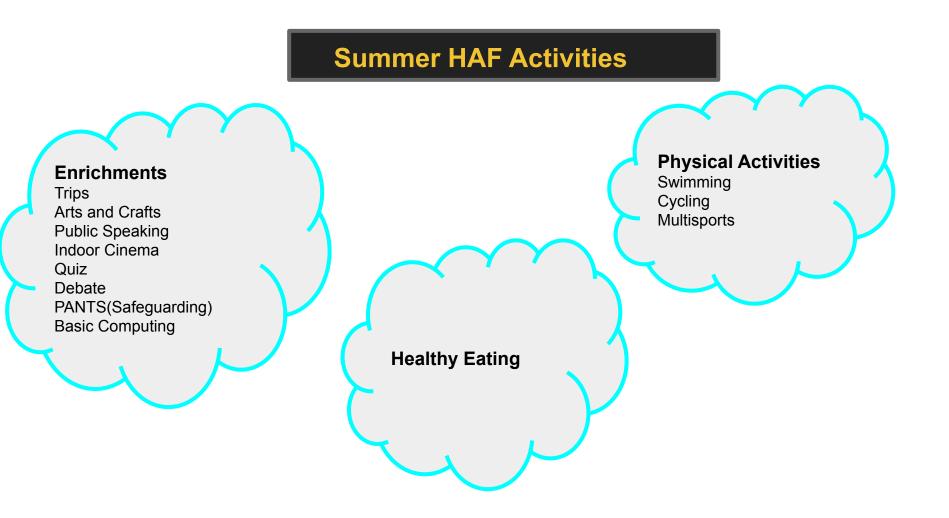


#### We stand together with the Royal Borough of Greenwich

### **Our ethos**



- Supporting the lonely and isolated to meet new people, form friendships and connect to our wider community.
- Selfless attitude, belief in everybody, and creating individual true success story.
- Standing firm, one step at a time, progress before perfection.
- Have fun while acquiring new skills and knowledge
- Working together with others to build a better and stronger community for all.



## Trips

We organised day trips to Sutcliffe Park Sports Centre (wall climbing & Soft play), Woburn Safari Park, and a walk through the park.

The various trips generated different kind of excitement for the children. For the trip to Sutcliffe Park Sports Centre, there were two different activities for the children. The older children opted more towards the rock climbing, while the younger ones went for the soft play. Each group equally enjoyed their activities. Some of the young people later said the rock climbing has helped them overcome their fear of heights.

The Safari, was the height of all the trips, both the children and the parents that joined us were very happy and excited. The coach drove through the park for the children to see the wild animals such as lions, jeriffs and the tigers. We had a tour guide onboard to tell us about the history and characters of the animals which made it educative as well as fun. We also visited the domesticated part of the park for the children to see the goats, sheep, ducks etc. They were able to get close to the animals, and some occasion touch them where it was safe. Over 90% of the children and their parents want us to visit the park again.

Walking through our local parks helped us to explore properly the area and discover some areas we do not know existed. The children had the opportunity to play in the open spaces and had a picnic. The day was very enjoyable for the children, their parents and staff alike.



#### **Arts and Crafts**

All the children enjoyed the arts and craft activities. The younger ones were much interested in making play dough and moulding it into shapes. They also drew different images relating to the things we have studied. For example, climate change and bullying.

The older children made beads jewelry, designed book covers, climate posters, eat well guide etc. The interest in these activities were quite high, they were allowed to take their creation home and give them as gift to their family or keep it themselves as souvenir.

Beads Play dough Drawing and colouring Product Designing/ Customiser book



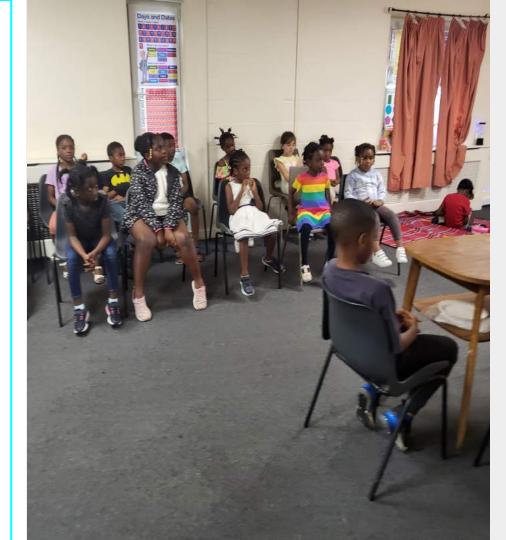
#### **Topical discussions**

We held topical sessions such as:

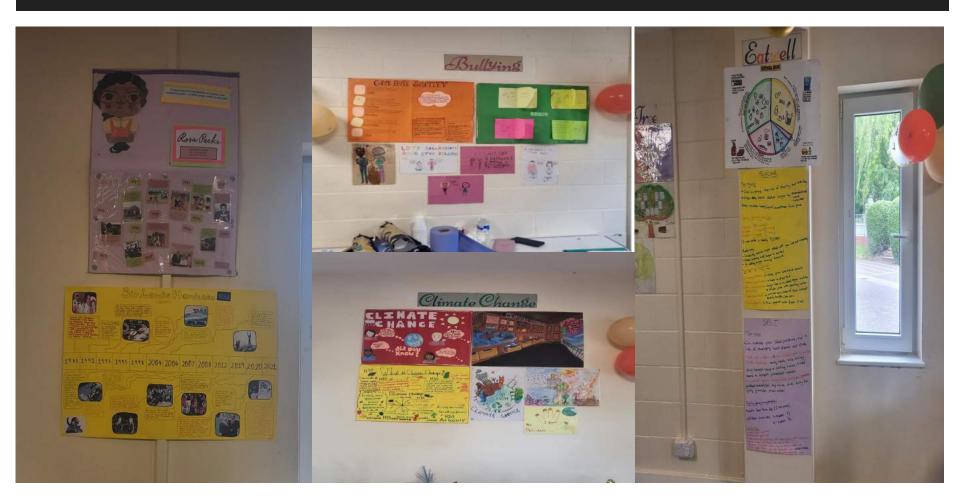
- → PANTS(safeguarding)
- → Public Speaking
- → Grooming, gangs and drugs
- → Online Safety/Bullying
- → Climate change
- → Change maker
- → British Value

We discussed all the topics as listed above. It was surprising to see the level of engagement from the children. Some of the children had prior knowledge of the topics but not full understanding. The discussion helped to broadening their knowledge and they were able to ask questions relevant to the subjects. During the discussions, some of the shy children came out of their shells to speak in public for the first time which was very encouraging. Staff noticed that the open discussion was a good way to encourage the young people to build their confidence particularly public speaking.

The change maker's discussion was quite interesting . The children were given opportunity to tell who their heroes are and why. They came up with different personalities which some were expected and others not. It gave staff opportunity to encourage them to work hard at school and aim high. It was explained to them that with had work, one can achieve their dream and become like their heroes.



### **Divine Buzz young people showcasing topical presentation posters**





#### Celebrations

We had end of project celebration which parents and carers were invited to join with the children. Food and drinks were provided for both the children and their parents. The children were awarded certificate for various achievements, the parents were very proud of their children and the children were very happy to receive the certificate and the gift that came with it.

Also, those whose birthday falls in July and August were celebrated which was well appreciated by both the children and their parents.

## **Computer Skills**

The young people learning basic computer skills



### Healthy eating sessions

Young People undertook healthy eating sessions using the Eatwell Guide. They made posters and wrote about the importance of reducing salt and sugar.

#### Topics of discussion

- → Importance of healthy eating
- → Taste test
- → Importance of eating less sugar
- → Importance of eating less salt
- → Watering garden
- → Harvesting produce
- → Drinking more water

The children were surprise to learn that most of the food we eat daily already contains salt and sugar. They were encouraged to eat more fruit and veg and drink more water instead of sugary drinks and salty snacks.



## **CYPs Presentations**



The children and young people making their presentation as their proud parents and carers look on

## **Physical Activity**

This summer we had more physical activities for the young people to choose from. In the first two weeks of the project, they had option of swimming, cycling and multi- sports in the mornings.

In the afternoons, we lay out different activities such swingball, skipping, hula hoops, target basketball, bull dog ,football etc, which they were free to join which activity they wanted.

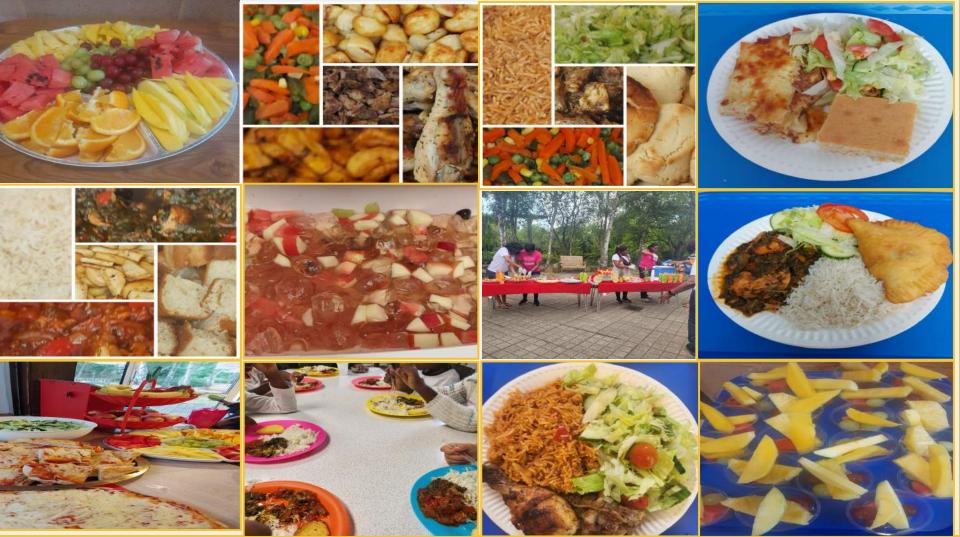
- → Football
- → Running
- → Hula Hoops
- → Egg and spoon race
- → Basketball
- → Skipping
- → Swingball
- → Cycling
- → Swimming

Having the freedom to choose activity they like to participate, increased the participation level, particularly among the children who are reluctant to engage in physical activities. The team games helped them build positive relationship, and learn to work with other children to achieve the same go.



## **Photo Gallery**





## What have we learned

We learned that such programmes are important in bringing the community together be it the children and young people or even parents, carers, staff and volunteers. The programme helped the families to connect/reconnect and form friendships.

We learned that such programmes as the HAF helps and relieve parents and carers particularly having few hours of rest for themselves and provides a safe place for the children and young people.

Additionally, we learned that the cost-of-living crisis had affected families and that some of them appreciated the assistance, particularly the breakfast and lunch provisions.

The young people flourished and gained confidence, particularly when they were tasked with guiding the younger children; consequently, they became excellent role models.

We learned the importance of teamwork and collaborative work to be successful in community project.

Additionally, we discover the value and importance of understanding and involving the community

## What went well

The children enjoyed variety of food, fruits and vegetables, the feedback from the children and young people was that the food was delicious and filling. Most of them asked for second plate

The children engaged well and participated in all the different activities, participation level was higher than the Winter HAF. Also, they enjoyed the trips especially the Safari

All the activities were well organised and went well, without any safeguarding concerns.

New activities were introduced such as computing, music lesson and cycling which were very popular additions.

The children, community and staff were given food bags through the Felix project which was most appreciated by the everybody.

We had more people from the community volunteering than previous projects.

Our staff and volunteers gained new skills from the various trainings they undertook and used it effectively.

## What would you do differently next time

We would consider more parent involvement: This can strengthen the parent-child bond and create a stronger support network within the community.

We would recruit professional teachers to teach some of the topics we discussed if the budget permit us to do so.

Encourage more parents to volunteer

Have two sessions one in the morning and one in the afternoon so we can cater for more CYPs as the project was oversubscribed leaving some parents and their children disappointed.

The music lesson taster attracted a lot of interest, so we would introduce it fully in our next HAF Programme activities

## The difference the project made to the community

Skill Development: The children acquire new skills by participating in various projects that might benefit the community. For example, it can instill values of giving back, while projects related to technology or the arts can contribute to a more skilled and diverse workforce in the future.

Community Engagement: The project foster a sense of belonging and engagement among the children and young people. They learn that contributing to their community and can establish connections with people of different ages and backgrounds.

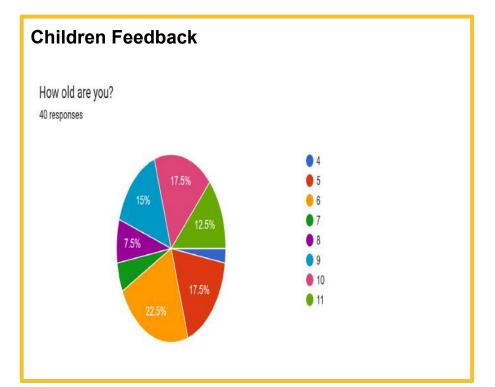
Positive Impact: The act of giving to the community, example food-bags, can result in tangible improvements that positively affect the community's quality of life.

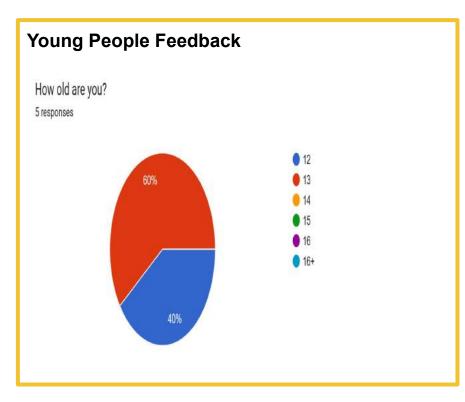
Educational Support: The project enhanced the children and young people's learning, potentially leading to improved school performance and overall educational outcomes.

Crime Prevention: Engaging children and young people in productive activities such as the HAF help reduce the risk of them engaging in negative behaviors or getting involved in risky situations during unsupervised

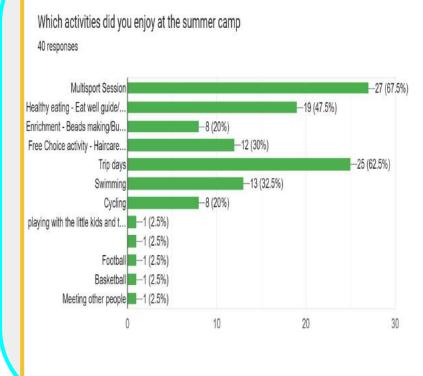
## What the CYPs are saying

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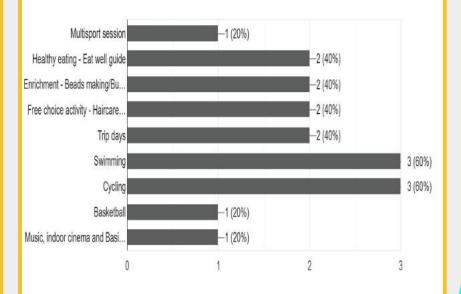




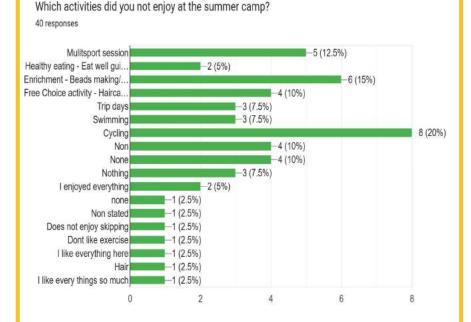
### Summer HAF Programme 2023 - Children Feedback



Which activities did you enjoy at the summer camp? 5 responses

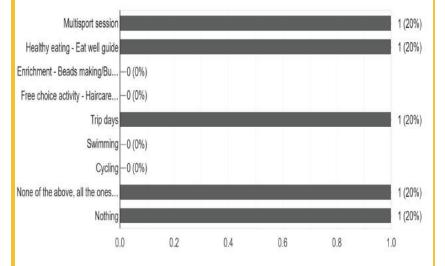


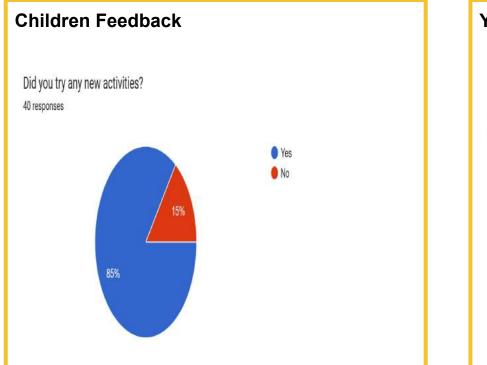
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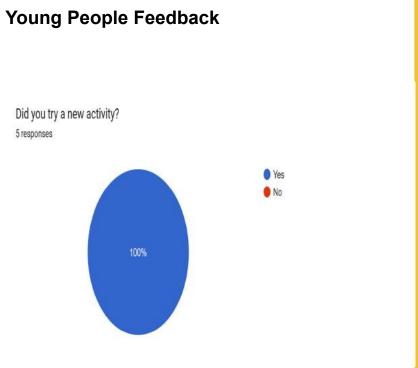


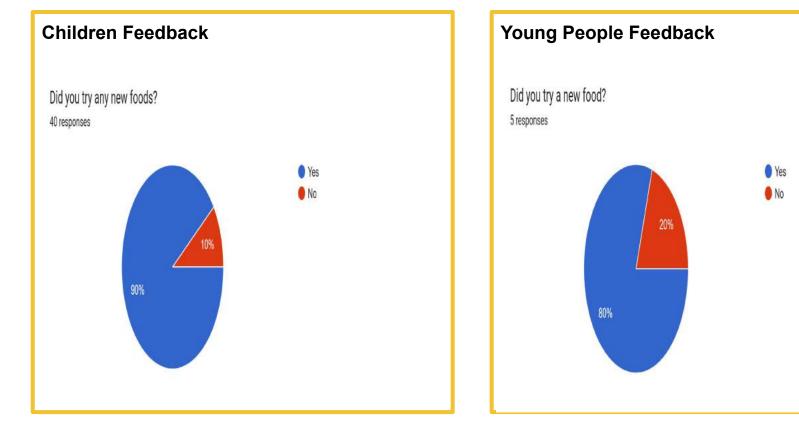
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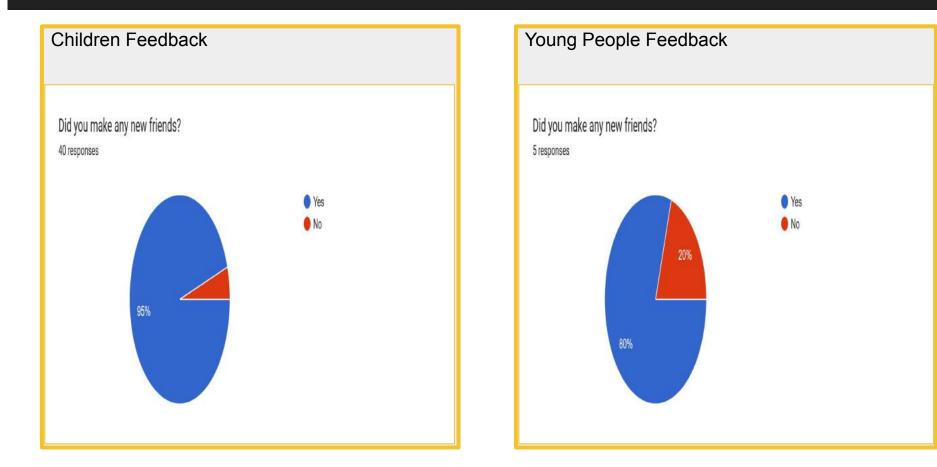
Which activities did you NOT enjoy in the camp? 5 responses





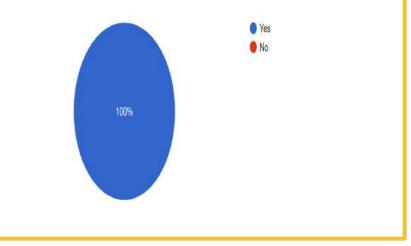






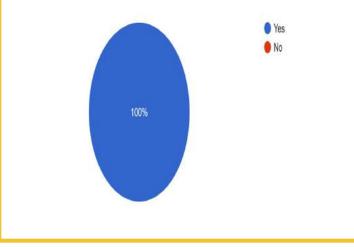
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If there was a summer camp this year, would you come? 40 responses



#### Young People Feedback

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Children Feedback	Any other comments about your time at Divine Buzz? 40 resp	sponses	
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No			I really enjoyed cycling and looking forward to swimming next
It was amazing			time
The best club I will ever go to in m	y life it's. It is incredible how we can go on so many trips and do so many activities. Surely the best	st club I will go to in my life.	I have enjoyed playing with other children and making new
The food was amazing, I would lik	e to have swimming again .		friends and learning about the eat well guide
That I made new friends here and	learn how to swim the whole length, and eating healthy food here and went for a trip.		Learnt about pants
I enjoyed playing with my friends			I really enjoy summer program I love it
Doing new things, going to the saf	ari and making new things		I enjoyed playing with my new friends at multisports
			I like everything
I like it hooo i actually love it			I enjoyed to go for swimming with my friends and to do
The food and the drink.			activities like football and basketball
Divine Buzz is really good for learn	ing new things		I had a great time in this summer program activities
No			I wish I could've come more but I was sick
It's good at what they do and I hav	e enjoyed being here in this place this summer. I enjoyed being here and learning about healthy ea	ating.	lt was beautiful 💜 💜
lt was enjoyable			l enjoy my time at Divine Buzz, thank you
It was a good programme			The program was out standing I like it alot
The program was very fun, I had a	great time learning and playing and would definitely come back again.		I had fun
nothing else			I'm happy to see my friends
I had a nice time with great teache	rs and friends		It was very fun and I loved meeting other children 📥
I enjoyed learning new things			That we went to the safari and I really liked it
Nothing			It was really fun andi met a lot of new people
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#### Young people

Any other comments about your time at Divine Buzz?

5 responses

#### No

I have enjoyed the summer programme having lots of fun with my friends

I don't recall doing the beads unless I wasn't in or it was with the younger group, and I did enjoy spending my summer here, minus the children's behaviour

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## What the parents are saying

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## **Concluding remarks**

Divine Buzz continues to support and empower children, young people and women through physical, social and educational programmes. The programmes that we run have helped many families to come out of isolation and engage with other families.

#### → Milestones

Divine Buzz has had good opportunities to undertake several community programmes and we are proud to work with RB of Greenwich again on the Summer HAF programme collaboration. The programme has had positive impacts on the community.

#### → Highlight

Some of the highlight of the programme was seeing some of the children who started very shy, come out of their shell and exude confidence. It was very fulfilling to see how well the SEND children integrated and interacted with the other children. When the children made their presentation in front of their parents and carers. The excitement and pride on the parents faces made a day to be remember

#### → Support

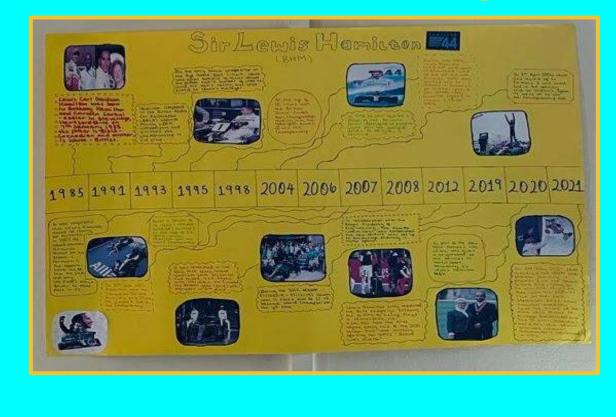
Divine Buzz would like to thank RB of Greenwich for sponsoring the Summer HAF programme. Additionally, we would also like to thank the management team, our staff, volunteers, and most of all our participants for their continued engagement

#### → What's next?

We aim to continue collaborating with the Royal Borough of Greenwich to offer HAF programmes in the foreseeable future

Together, we are stronger!

#### We Are the Future, Game Changers!







One step at a time, progress before perfection

Read more at https://divinebuzz.co.uk/