

Area Delivery Plan Priorities – 4th quarter 2010/11
Strategic Theme:
CULTURE

1. Children and young people in Alwoodley had a wide choice of activities available to them in the last quarter of this financial year. A major source of funding has been the Activities Fund, which is a pot of money administered by the extended services and used to help vulnerable children in the area to take part in cultural, sporting or educational activities they would otherwise not be able to participate in. In total, throughout 2010/11 over 200 local children have been enabled to take part in 170 sessions ranging from play schemes, residentials in Herd Farm, practical workshops, arts and sporting events. Below are some examples of activities on offer in the last quarter of the financial year 2010/11, showing a wide range of choices.



Northcall Players from Northcall Community Centre, put on a community pantomime - "Cinderella". The performance brought people together impacting on the Harmonious Communities strategic theme as well as providing an artistic outlet for residents. It was watched by 150 people gathered in the Moortown Methodist Church.

- From January 2011 twenty two participants took part in a 10 week programme, "Music Maker Club" based at Allerton High school. Children were able to experience and experiment with a range of instruments and develop their performance skills.
- Moortown Baptist Church has launched a "What Matters" photography programme to run between March and September 2011. The aim is to take a photograph of a person or place in the local area that is important to those taking part, with 50 words of explanation. The invitation has been issued to schools and local community groups. The photographs will be displayed in the church as a large art installation. Alongside the cultural values, the project will bring a greater sense of community cohesion. It is hoped that the scheme will appeal to all ages.
- A Calypso dance session has started in Northcall. It offers a free crèche and aims to encourage participants to use it as an exercise programme, thereby contributing to the Health and Wellbeing agenda.

- A Glee Class, which is a partnership between Open House and Northcall offers children aged 11-16 an opportunity to improve their performance skills and increase self-confidence.
- An Art Club at Brodetsky school contributed to the multi-generational agenda by arranging a storytelling sessions at Donisthorpe Old People's Home in January.
- Youth Service colleagues provide a varied programme of lunchtime detached activities from Allerton High School, evening youth club at Open House and newly opened sessions at Moortown Baptist Church. This last development is particularly welcomed as finding a suitable, local venue, where young people could be accommodated without complaints from residents has been proving challenging.
- In mid March, children from the primary school drama and performance poetry clubs (St Paul's, Brodetsky and Allerton CofE) shared their experiences of different faiths and in particular, enabled the Brodetsky pupils to share their Purim Festival with other children in the cluster. This type of activity contributes greatly to community cohesion.
- The Performance Poetry Club has been working with girls who are vulnerable and lack in confidence in order to help them in transition from a primary to a secondary school. Allerton High feeder schools are now being approached to identify a new, small group of children due to join the school in September who may benefit from the scheme. Below is a poem written by 2 girls who attended the first Poetry Club, in 2010/11 academic year.

**I started high school today
 I suppose it was ok
 I felt really scared, and thought nobody cared
 It turned out I was wrong
 So now I am singing this song
 "I will protect,
 I will protect u
 I will protect u"**

**You will get used to the school
 Your friends will be so cool
 If you get your work done
 You won't get detention
 instead
 You will get a gold slip
 And you'll go on a trip.**

**"I will believe,
 I'll believe in me
 I'll believe in you
 I will believe in we"**

That's why high school is great

**Especially with your best mate
You will have so much fun
At break in the sun
This is where I belong
That's why I am singing the song
For lifetime**

**“For
For, for for ever more
Education is for a lifetime
For a lifetime
For for, forever more.”**

By Olivia and Georgia. Year 7 and a half!

- Another transition project, Film Transition Project, is set to continue until June, again, helping children with the difficult transition from a primary to a secondary school through the medium of film. Eight sessions in the spring term, will culminate in an “Oscars” night, with certificates and a screening of the winning film.
- In February, Marjorie and Arnold Ziff Community Centre celebrated Jewish Craft and Sculpture Day with a royal sculptor Frances Segelman. Local artists were encouraged to sketch the sitting.

2. Children and young people from Wetherby and Harewood wards have access to activities organised through schools, extended services, youth service and a number of community and private clubs. Below are some examples of pursuits available in the last quarter of the current financial year:

- During February half term children in Wetherby, Boston Spa and Scholes participated in street dance, multisports and arts and crafts sessions. There was also a family trip to Temple Newsam house and farm on offer.
- Boston Spa school is hosting Leeds United Football Club training sessions for children between 5 and 8 years old. There are separate sessions for boys and girls and the whole course will last 5 weeks.

Yogabugs is a popular exercise programme delivered from both Wetherby and Boston Spa Children Centres for children under 5 years old. (see picture) The benefits to children include: improved concentration, good posture, improved flexibility and improved self confidence.



- In February, both the Children Centres started new dance and musical theatre sessions.
- In Harewood ward, Youth Services need to cover a large geographical area and consequently, a mobile provision is used e.g. in Aberford and Scholes. Sessions exploring self confidence, self esteem, healthy lifestyles and team building are held. In other villages: Bardsey, Collingham and Thorne local church halls, sports clubs or schools are used to deliver open sessions looking at issues of interest to young people, often instigated by the participants themselves. In Thorne, a Youth Club was set up as a result of detached work in the area and in response to local need expressed by the young people. It delivers a range of activities to support young people's development.
- In Wetherby, in Barleyfields Community Centre there is a radio project run in co-operation with the local radio station Tempo FM and supported financially by the ward members. Another group of young people in the centre are engaged in an arts project in partnership with East North East Homes.