



Congresbury Youth Partnership Newsletter

Since March 2020 CYP has been continuing to support young people and their families within the village. During the 3 lockdowns Lucinda, our youth worker, and volunteers have kept in touch with children via weekly Zoom sessions. When possible, we have met at the youth club and our youth workers have been out and about engaging with young people, especially with groups using the ball court in the summer.

We are keeping our fingers crossed and hope to be back running our weekly sessions at the Youth Club ASAP.

These will be on **Wednesday afternoons** between 3:15 and 5:00 pm for children from Year 3 upwards.

Youth Club, for Year 6 children and above will be on **Wednesday nights** from **6pm-8pm**
Zoom cooking sessions **Thursdays 4:15-5pm**

Holiday Activities 2020

CYP was able to deliver our usual holiday sessions in 2020. During the summer holidays we joined the storyteller Michael Loader on Cadbury hill where the children explored the environment, created a short drama and decorated one of the trees.

During a visit to Chris Day's garden the group learnt how to use a compass, build dens and simple water carriers and finally toast marshmallows over their own fires. Following a tobogganing session at Churchill the group had a walk through Lyncombe Woods to Winscombe Recreation grounds via the Strawberry line.

In October we went to Barley Wood where the children discovered how to make apple juice using apples collected from the Millennium Green Orchard, the Prayer Garden plus other gardens around the village.

A hardy group of children went rock climbing, tobogganing and rifle shooting with Mendip Outdoor Pursuits and another day was spent at the indoor climbing centre at Weston.

In December we ran 2 Saturday sessions from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. During the first session the children made some stunning Xmas wreaths and engaged in other festive activities. They even managed a Xmas party on the last session.

Easter Holiday session 2021

Tuesday 13th April Chocolate Day 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Youth Club. Lisa Clarke from the Chocolate Tart will be giving a chocolate workshop.

Wednesday 14th April Adventure Day 10 am - 4 pm at the Youth Club
A morning walk along the river to Pil hay with games, safety activities and nature spotting plus a paddle boarding session.

Thursday 15th April Soap & Slime Session 10:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Youth Club. A morning of soap creations, picnic and games on the Millennium Green followed by an afternoon of slime making.

Spaces are limited so please book early.

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Virtual meetings

During the lockdown we have engaged in weekly online sessions. One of our most popular activities has been our cooking sessions and the children have used their microwaves to make a cake in a mug, made pizzas, pasta, fudge and much more. They have had quizzes and weekly challenges to complete plus the opportunity to talk about what they have been doing.

These will continue until we are able to get back to face to face sessions at the Youth Club.

Young People's Award

Our awards were finally presented in an outdoor ceremony on the King George V playing field in late July. 8 of the award winners were able to attend the event with their families and representatives from the various village groups that had nominated the young people.



During the evening we said goodbye to Marie Broomfield, our PCSO. She has been a great supporter of CYP over the years and Sarah Storey who was retiring



from her role as youth leader. The good news is that Sarah is still going to be involved with CYP as a member of the management committee.

Half Term Craft bags

Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions, we were not able to hold any events during the February half term break but the volunteers put together some craft bags for families to use over the break. Each bag contained instructions plus all the materials needed to complete the activities so there would be no cost to the parents. Altogether 12 bags were given out and we hope that the children enjoyed completing the activities. Please send us some pictures of the items you made.

Fund Raising

Our 100 Club goes from strength to strength and we now have 100 members. If you would like to join please contact us through the website or email

drw@congsyp.org.uk

We made about 150 bottles of apple juice which we have now sold. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, particularly the staff at Congar's Café.

Code Club

At present we are not able to open the Code Club but hope that we can return within the very near future. If you would be interested in enrolling your child in this group or would like to help in any way could you please contact Alex Ballard at cidercot.alex@gmail.com or Claire Payne at claire067281@live.co.uk

Look out for our brand-new website!