

# CJP News



## Summer 2015 Playscheme

**The summer holidays kicked off for CJP with an amazing week of Playscheme fun at the Granta School, Linton**

CJP took over the school for the first week of the summer holidays, 16 children attended supported by an amazing staff team, led by superwoman, Carol Brown. Extra special thanks go to Mel Stanford for all her help and support!!

We were able to offer the playscheme to the children due to the generosity of the Cambridge Arts Theatre and the Cambridge News Press Relief Fund. This is the first time in 3 years we have held a playscheme during the school holidays and we really hope to repeat it again soon.

The first day started with a visit from the Cambridge Press Reilef team who watched the children enjoying parachute game and football. After saying goodbye to the Cambridge Press the children participated in cooking Carrot cakes or Arts and Crafts. This was followed by swimming for both groups.

Tuesday was another busy day, with lots of excited children arriving on their buses to take part in soft play and parachute games before being joined by Chris Wiseman, PCSO for Linton. He gave an interesting talk about "keeping safe". The children thoroughly enjoyed this and asked lots of questions.



Wednesday we all met at Tesco Newmarket Road to be greeted by Emma and Sonia. We had an amazing morning with Emma and Sonia baking bread, tasting lots of new fruit and vegetables before having a "behind the scenes" tour of the store include watching Sonia filleting a Mackerel which was then handed around the children for them to experience the skeleton of a fish. They were really excited to do this (of course wearing gloves). Next stop on the tour was a visit to the large fridges and freezers which the children got to stand in for a few seconds. After the obligatory group photo (in the stock room) the children were given goody bags which included the bread they had made earlier. A really fantastic experience, enjoyed by staff and children alike. We cannot thank Emma and Sonia enough as this visit remained a talking point for the remainder of the week.



Thursday, despite having tired children, started with lots of enthusiasm for a walk to the park to feed the ducks. After lunch it was time for some gardening, all of which was possible with the generosity of Scotsdales, Cambridge. More messy cooking took place, making American Pancakes. Chill out zones were put to good use in the garden in the tent, plus the sensory light room at the school.

Friday was our last day at the scheme but was perhaps the busiest one of the week. We had a visit from Shepreth Wildlife Park who brought stick insects, millipedes and a snake. We took advantage of the good weather and sat outside in our tent to learn about the animals and their care.

More swimming and then we said goodbye to Granta and headed off to Cambridge Station to meet James and the team from White Watch. The children loved climbing on the fire engines and then were shown how to use the high pressure hoses. They loved this and sincere thanks go to the White Watch team and the rest of the Fire Station.

Given the success of the Summer Scheme and the enjoyment felt by both Staff and Children it is hoped that subject to funding, we can offer more playschemes in the future. WATCH THIS SPACE....

**THANK YOU: The playscheme would not be possible without the generosity of the Linton PCSOs, Cambridge Fire Station, Scotsdales Garden Centre, Tesco Newmarket Road, Cambridge Arts Theatre, Cambridge News Press Relief and Granta School.**





