



Children and Young People in Our Care HUBs Project STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Academic Year 2021 – 22

Summer Term 2022

AIMS

To continue to embed the networks and events in which the Children in our Care come together through their Schools. Hub events to provide an opportunity for CIOC to meet new peers who have similar experiences to themselves.



Hub Events and Covid-19 Pandemic

It had been hoped this academic year that a series of Hub events would culminate in an exhibition of artwork relating to the pupils' experiences during the pandemic. However, due to the on-going Covid-19 situation which had disrupted the Spring and Summer 2020 events for both Primary and Secondary, it was decided that Virtual School would postpone all events until face-to-face events could be held.

The focus for the Summer 2022 Primary and Secondary Hub events was Looking back, Looking forward, chosen specifically due to the impact of the pandemic.

The events were held at the ARC in Stockton facilitated by colleagues from More Stuff Like This Please.

As previously, school colleagues were invited to join the events via email. Those that responded were sent an updated Risk Assessment, an invitation to give to pupils and consent forms for carers/parents to sign.

Materials for the event were provided by MSLTP.

At the end of the events, two evaluation forms were completed, one by the adults and one for the pupils involved. Virtual School Team members took photographs of the artwork during the event.

As always Virtual School are grateful to school colleagues who ensured that their CIOC pupils were given the opportunity to participate, especially at the end of this busy year which has presented many challenges for schools due to the pandemic.

Primary Hub Event Summer 2022 – 29th June

The session involved the pupils in working with three artists over the course of the day.

Luca's sessions - using drawing and mixed media the pupils depicted what they did during the pandemic, and what they want to do /what they do now after it, all on a large piece of scroll paper as a combined work.



Jane's sessions - was a mixture of painting, listening to music and playing a game where they have to switch the paper they are painting on every five minutes. The paintings they will be doing will be based on a prompt to do with the past and future.



Will's sessions – Making puppets with foam heads and bodies made from gloves.

Feedback - adults

What went well at the Event today?

Puppet making was really enjoyable – especially as they get to take something away with them

Children had a great time and made new friends

Good activities

Organisation, it ran well. Lunch but children wanted a dessert

The children really enjoyed making the puppets. Lunch was lovely

Everything went well

All tasks and great session times

Timings and organisation

The puppet making

Puppet making, Art

Each artist was individual and well organised

The children were engaged pretty much all day



Were there any ways in which the event could have been better?

Children didn't have enough time when doing painting challenge as they had to move around very quickly. Drawing challenge and painting challenge were too similar and I don't feel they got much out of it.

Maybe a 10 min run/play/game to burn off some energy

Children enjoyed it but would like a pudding! Lunch was delicious

Thought the event in the jub was too heavy for some of the children. They found it upsetting

The drawing and painting could have been more engaging

Shorter timings for each activity to be able to fit 1 more activity in

Good organisation and transitions between activities

1 extra activity with shorter timings

Create UKS2 and LKS2 separate events

Felt both art sessions had a similar theme, would have liked the children to have more closure with the 'sad' thoughts

More time for the group to be together to help each other, meet and spend time as a whole

Better choice of food – only one choice – no dessert, drinks available all day, children kept (?)

How effective was the organisation?

Good – they children were kept busy the whole day
Perfect
Good organisation
Children loved the puppet making
Very well
Each session was really good. Kept the children focussed and involved in each activity
Activities were well ran
Children were engaged – effective
Good
Well organised but needed more choice of food and drinks available through the day
Well organised

In what ways do the pupils or school benefit from Hub events?

Get to meet/mix with other children from other schools
Meet new friends
Helps social skills
They get to express themselves and socialise with other children from the area.
Child felt special going on a 'trip' for CYPIOC
Art activities allow children to express themselves
They get to socialise with other LAC children
Social skills, Life experiences, mixing with peers
Express themselves, new skills, confidence building
It is nice to meet other children who have the same lives and circumstance
Able to mix with other children in same situation

Any further comments

Found the painting challenge quite tricky as it started with what seemed quite a negative subject ie bad memories of Covid and some children found that difficult to deal with and it caused some friction between them as they moved around
A day of fun activities
Thank you
Interaction with other children in similar situations, know they are not alone
The topic of drawing their sad emotions/thoughts was quite negative as it stirred upsetting emotions for the children.
Thank you
Lunch was okay
Very good enjoyed by all!

Feedback – pupils

What did you enjoy about the Hub Event?

Drawing
Art and creating puppets
How we made a puppet that was my favourite but I loved it all
Jeffrey the puppet
Puppets x 2
Making puppets
Art x 2
Puppets, painting, drawing
Maing the dolz (? Puppet)
We got to do different types of art my favourite lesson was puppet making
Everything x 3
I enjoyed everything x 2
It was great
Yes puppet making
I enjoyed the puppet making
I enjoyed the puppet making, thanks to Will
The art. The food especially
Will's puppets

Was there anything that could have been better?

Nothing x 2
No x 5
Nothing I loved it all
Art lessing (?)
Fortnite
More time for the dollz (puppet)
Dessert (lunchtime – this was not provided)
No it was perfect
More activities
A dessert – ice cream, yes vanilla
Yes playing outside
Yes playing dodge ball but yes I really did enjoy the day
It was good nothing to change
Dessert at lunch
No desserts



This was our first face to face event since the Covid 19 Pandemic began. What helped you during this time and Lockdowns? What did you find difficult?

Don't know x 2

Not been able to go out unless it was for a walk but I mean a least we got to go out

Not seeing friends x 3

Nothing x 3

Taking dog out, going places

Couldn't see friends x 2

The puppet was hard

My foster family helped seeing my mam

Covid 19

I made new friends

I don't know I think nothing. My phone helped me and I found nothing difficult

Not seeing Dad

I found not playing (out?) hard

Not being allowed out

Any further comments

Good

I called my puppet Jack!

You need desserts

Yes this was amazing I would take this a (? Unreadable) I would come again.

I loved it

Secondary Hub Event – 1st of July

The session involved the pupils in the same activities with the artists as the Primary Hub Event.



Feedback - adults

What went well at the Event today?

The puppet making was different and engaging, was surprised with how some students positively reacted to it
Students engaged well with activities, behaviour was very good
Tasks were easy – simple to follow, good opportunity for kids to work with new people
The whole day

Were there any ways in which the event could have been better?

Rest breaks
Arts in morning session, something different in the afternoon
Activities were very slow – a little boring for the proposed age – need to be slightly more varied and exciting
No

How effective was the session organisation?

Very good
Ok
Organised well
Great

In what ways do the pupils or school benefit from Hub events?

Something different, a break from the standard timetable
Socially they interact with different year groups/schools
Day out – chance to meet other children from similar situations/background
Allows for a calm therapeutic environment

Any further comments

None provided

Feedback – pupils

What did you enjoy about the Hub Event?

I got to draw stuff – I'm good at
Puppet making
The puppet making
The painting
When we made the puppets
Making a foam Dobby
I enjoyed making the puppets and painting with my finger
All the art work we were able to do and creating our puppets

Was there anything that could have been better?

The painting task would be funner if done outside
N/A
No x 2
I was hoping for a bit of ? (unreadable)
No it was awesome
None
Having longer to make Dobby
The activities that we done – they were fun
No everything was good
I enjoyed doing all the activities and having fun
No it was all good

This was our first face to face event since the Covid 19 Pandemic began. What helped you during this time and Lockdowns? What did you find difficult?

I found doing small arts easy to do to take my mind off things
Staying inside x 2
Nothing really
To be creative
I did not find anything difficult
Dunno
Going out and facetime helped me
No nothing
Not been able to go out the house, Seeing TAs at school

Any further comments

Thank you x 2
It was great fun



Additional Virtual School Team Feedback

This was the first time that other Virtual School colleagues had attended Hub events.

All four colleagues enjoyed the sessions and felt that many benefits were gained such as seeing the pupils enjoying themselves, seeing the pupils outside of school and watching the pupils interact with each other.

Colleagues added that it would be beneficial if all staff attending from school were reminded that one of the aims of the sessions is to strengthen the relationships between staff and pupils as on a few occasions it was felt this opportunity was missed.