

## **GirlzClub report 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Jocelyn Close**

### **Period December 2021 – January 2022**

The main focus in December was the Christmas Fayre. Every girl was actively involved with either making a game, making hot chocolate reindeer bombs, making reindeer food, creating an angel or building our Christmas Tree from recycled plastic milk bottles.

They were really excited to know the money raised could pay for a trip out in the New Year.

Everything was made beautifully and over half of the girls were able to help on the day at the fayre. Their enthusiasm and dedication at the fayre was excellent. They were all very nervous to begin with selling items and running stalls, however as the morning went on their confidence grew and they all did a fantastic job. I was very proud of them all as they took their roles very seriously.

A quote from one of the girls dads at the Christmas fayre as he watched his quiet daughter running one of the Girlz Club stalls.

“I think GC is brilliant as it enables my daughter to stay in touch with all of her friends which has really helped her with the transition to big school. It also provides her with such confidence through all of the activities she participates in.”

The girls made £150 on the day and this will be used to take them ice skating as they have unanimously voted for this to be their trip out.

January saw Girlz Club grow to its maximum capacity of 20 with new girls joining, all from Sandy Hill. We are now full!

This month we have created recipe books so each time we cook they can stick the recipes in to keep and make at home or use in later life. We have cooked, sewn and made slime this month, with each craft or recipe getting slightly harder or bringing in a new skill for the girls to master. E.g we made garlic bread. Skill – to peel and crush a garlic clove. (Most of them had never done this before).

Going forward.

A trip to an outward bound centre is planned, ice skating trip is being planned, a project with men in sheds is in the pipe line and a professional art lesson will be held at the end of March 2022. During February and March another evaluation will take place along with more cooking and crafts, a focus on well-being, exercise and self-esteem.

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