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National Playday 2008



Playday is the annual celebration of children's right to play, a national campaign supported by Play England and the Government to promote play for children and young people. This year's event took place on 6th August 2008 at the Blaydon Comprehensive old school site and was organised by the Early Years and Childcare Service.

This year's Playday theme was 'Give Us A Go'. The campaign promoted the benefits of allowing children to manage their own risks whilst playing by providing adventurous play opportunities and aimed to counter the risk-averse cotton wool culture that can limit children's play.

Activities Included:

Space hopper football
Obstacle courses
Sensory pools
Water slide
Fire
Baby's play space

Nightline
Climbing wall
Spiders web
Relay races
Team building games

Parachute games
Sensory boxes
Den building
Tyre football
Rodeo bull

Over 640 children and young people attended the event aged from toddlers to teenagers from all backgrounds, including children with disabilities, challenging behaviour and vulnerable children. Children attended from the Gateshead Council summer play schemes, Children's Centres, Out of School Holiday Clubs, Nurseries, Child Minders and parents came along with their own children.

The Early Years and Childcare Service would like to thank all those who attended and helped to organise the event including the Play Development Service, Local Environmental Services, Cultural Development, Extended Schools, Youth and Community Learning, Neighbourhood Management, Events Team, Countryside Management Team, Sports and Leisure Services, Youth Offending Team, Regeneration Team, Construction Services, Connexions, the Army, Boots, Rock 2 Roll, Dairy Farmers of Britain, Ernie Delevall, the Tyne and Wear Fire Brigade, Interserve, Mothercare, Barker Events and Costco.

Playday 2009 will take place on Wednesday 5th August 2009. The theme has yet to be decided. If you would like to suggest a theme you can post or email your suggestion to:

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