

Roald Dahl, Apples and the Police

We've had a great time since we last wrote. The highlight was probably cutting up and then crushing apples using a pounding stick and apple press to make apple juice. The juice tasted nice, but let's not kid ourselves, the real fun was the mess (well, apart from for those who had to clean it up). Additionally, we've had a visit from the local police community officers and a celebration of Roald Dahl's birthday with activities themed around his books.



Coming Up in November...

We will meet on Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 29th November, 7-8.30pm in the youth club, behind the village hall. On 1st November we are planning a Halloween themed evening. On the 22nd November we have provisionally arranged a trip to the Police HQ in Abingdon. More details and consent forms will be sent out shortly when we've finalised the details.

We've started a waiting list

We're delighted to say that we now have full membership (32 members) at the club. We have therefore started a waiting list. If you are interested in joining the waiting list please email youthclubkennington@gmail.com. We will contact people on the waiting list as spaces become available in the order signed up. The club is open to young people in years 5-9 at school. If you are contacted from the waiting list, we can accept you as a non-member for a taster evening (for £2 as opposed to the usual £1) before deciding whether to sign up as a full member. Please note young people must be dropped off by a parent/guardian unless they are already a member.

Taster Sessions

It's important to us that our young people are covered by adequate health and safety at all times and as such we can only have a maximum of 32 young people at any session. Whilst we'd love to be able to admit any young person who wanted to come, we can only admit young people for taster sessions if we have spaces i.e. do not already have 32 young people present. If you are planning to turn up for a taster session, other than because you've been contacted as you're on our waiting list, please do not turn up before 7.15pm by which point we should know whether we have spaces or not on the given evening.

Volunteering

We're having a great time, but we could do with more volunteers to be able to do more. Obviously we think it's a fun, enjoyable and a rewarding way to spend a Wednesday night, but don't just take our word for it - we asked Alfie, our newest volunteer, who's been coming for a few weeks what he felt about the experience. "I'm really enjoying it. They're a great bunch of kids. Sign up - you'll enjoy it" (promise we didn't have to twist his arm for him to say that).

Club nights are Wednesday's. You can volunteer for as many or as few sessions as you'd like, and the sorts of things our volunteers do are sell tuck, cooking with the young people, helping scoring darts, assisting with the rules of and playing a bit of table tennis, explaining pool techniques, cheering on (or maybe even demonstrating the finer techniques) of wii racing games, or really anything they want to bring to ensure our members have a fantastic time and feel supported and encouraged. We also support and encourage our volunteers with an induction pack, shadowing and training.

Come meet us in the Apple Café, 4th November

We are delighted and thank our parents, young people, and members of the village for the positive feedback we've been receiving. We love to get feedback, whether positive or suggestions of ways to improve, so please keep it coming.

We will be at the Apple Café on Saturday 4th November if you'd like to come along and find out more, or alternatively please do contact us via Facebook or our email address.

Kennington Youth Club Management Committee