



Daisy Chain

A successful partnership of Daisy Chain and the Jeely Piece club resulted in an exciting Street Play project during the summer.



Lets Play

Play therapy is based on playful, healthy interactions which help build relationships. We facilitate sessions with children and care givers to improve their wellbeing and increase their emotional resilience. Play therapy helps to increase the confidence of children and young people and help them to feel less stressed.

Theraplay is a child and family therapy for building and enhancing attachment, self-esteem, trust in others, and joyful engagement. Often simply having fun together with Theraplay activities can break the culture of negativity that has formed or may be forming in the relationship. Theraplay is appropriate for all ages from infancy through to adolescence. We create safe environments in our children & family services where we deliver the sessions.

Theraplay/play therapy improves connections and relationships with any given person and through this the child will become more positive as their confidence flourishes.



The parachute poem

The parachute first arrived in 2009
It was meant for weather not quite so fine
And it's very structure, just like Ballikinrain
Offered protection but freedom just the same
As these tented walls shielded boys from the lands
Outdoor skills were taught to active hands
Outside as rain fell and winds blew a gale
Misunderstood boys have shared many a tale
Relationships were formed and bonds were made
As smoke rose from fires over wood carvings from blades



The parachute poem

And now just as time's called on Ballikinrain
May these memories last so that time and again
Boys can think back to the times that they had
In this parachute haven and may they be glad
That not all achievements are from the SQA
And cups filled with chocolate can be trophies of the day
That education here comes in all shapes and sizes
Not always academically is how a star rises....



Visit to Daisy Chain

On Thursday 14th June 2018, Class 5 went to Govanhill in Glasgow to visit the Crossreach service The Daisy Chain Early Years Project.

The boys in Class 5 prepared for the visit by painting twelve fairy doors to give as a gift to the project. They individually wrapped the fairy doors for the children to open.

The purpose of the visit was for Class 5 to meet the staff and families who attend the project, and to see the work being done in another Crossreach service. One of the boys in Class 5 had already been to Daisy Chain, so it was nice to continue the connection by going back again.

In the future, we plan to continue our connection with Daisy Chain. In particular, we hope that once Daisy Chain's outdoor space has been renovated, we can help to put the fairy doors up for the children to play with.



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After the visit, the boys in Class 5 reflected on their experience by responding to the following questions:

What went really well during the visit?

M: Seeing the kids open their fairy doors – we had wrapped them up like presents.

Interacting with the kids.

H: We helped to strengthen the connection to Daisy Chain.

What was the best part of your day?

M: Seeing the kids play in the soft play area.

H: Seeing the kids opening the fairy doors.

Did anything surprise you?

M: There was no outdoor space to play.

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What didn't work well?

M: We took turns going into the nursery to avoid overwhelming the families because there weren't many of them.

H: There weren't many families but there were five of us.

What would you change about the visit?

M: It would be better if there was an outdoor space to play with the kids.

H: It would be better to go on a different day when there were more kids there.

Other thoughts/ideas

M: They invited us back again and we want to go.

H: They have invited us back to Daisy Chain and we're keen to go.