



# Bourton on the Water – October 2019

SUMMARY (from Gemma Hall – Youth Work Manager):

This month began with the shocking and sad news that one of the teachers at Bourton Primary School had passed away. Mr Lane was well liked and respected by the young people at youth club.

The following week we had been donated a disco session by a local business. We decided to go ahead with the disco and open it up to all young people at the primary school and their parents. We created a memory area where the young people and parents could add messages to a memory tree.

The disco was very well attended and we have seen lots of new young people attending youth club in the following week.

The young people, parents and school staff were very appreciative of the youth workers going above and beyond to create an environment where the school community could come together, have some fun and let their hair down at the same time as sharing their memories and coming to terms with their loss.

The Cake sale was a big hit with lots of people enjoying the cakes donated from our community café in Cheltenham. A fantastic total of £40 was raised for Winston's Wish, a charity helping young people with bereavement.

The CMAS team will be getting in touch with Winston's Wish about resources and support for the young people of Bourton on the Water.

## THIS MONTH'S SESSIONS:

7 <sup>th</sup>	11	Juniors
	3	Seniors
14 <sup>th</sup>	36	Juniors
	0	Seniors
21 <sup>st</sup>	13	Juniors
	3	Seniors
28 <sup>th</sup>	-	No Session
	-	Half Term

## STAFF IN OUR SESSIONS:

Ann Hooper  
Gemma Hall  
Craig Davey

## ACTIVITY IN SESSIONS:

- Disco
- Remembering Mr Lane
- Toffee apples
- Pumpkin carving
- Baby food tasting

## Coming up:

Next month we will be looking at topics such as what makes a good friend, what youth club means to us, remembrance and healthy eating.

## THINGS WE NEED TO WORK ON:

Moving equipment from the shed is becoming time consuming and heavy work. The shed is also not a secure storage for the higher value easier to pinch items which are currently not on site. Gemma will investigate options to make moving goods easier and if there are any more secure options locally

## Photos



### COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMISSIONER:

The primary school were very appreciative of the memory tree the young people and parents created at the disco and it is now in pride of place in the entrance foyer where all can see. Gemma also attended the public meeting with the police crime commissioner where she talked passionately about issues young people face in Bourton on the Water.

### DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUTH CLUB:

Through offering a supportive ear to the staff at the primary school Gemma has built up new working relationships with the staff at the primary school. We will be looking to use these newly forged links to promote the youth club to the children at the primary school.