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Summer Newsletter 2023

Hello everyone!

As we reach the middle of the year, I hope you are all well and enjoying the little hints of summer, amongst so much rain! I always enjoy stopping mid-year to reflect on how the group is going and what we have been up to. We've had the joy of welcoming a handful of new members and it's been great to see the group continuing to grow with fantastic new characters. As ever, our young adults choose the activities which work best for them, and the opportunities for new experiences and friendships have been brilliant as always.

As usual, we have enjoyed our Thursday evenings together at the Wisteria, with food and games (mostly HUGE games of Uno – we just can't get enough!) and catching up on the things we get up to during the week. Our monthly Cinema Club is still popular too, with members being able to watch all of the latest films (big thanks to Sam for picking the best choices!)

We have also enjoyed another handful of our favourite trips including visits to Jump Revolution for an evening of bouncing, a laser tag battle or two at LaserStorm and a couple of games at Thunderbowl. In April, we also took a trip to the theatre in Corby to see *Dreamcoat Stars*, which was a fantastic experience and something different for our group to enjoy.

As ever, we have LOVED working with all of our young adults this year, getting stuck into the activities, getting to know each other and getting competitive in all of our games. But it is important to acknowledge the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to make our group run smoothly and to allow our adventures to go ahead.

The biggest thanks go to Ashley and Jacqui for everything that they do to organise our activities each week. Thanks also to all of our trustees, to our drivers who enable us all to get to our adventures, and to our leaders and volunteers who work so closely with all of our young adults, no matter what we are up to. BIG thanks to all of our families, carers and friends for their constant support and encouragement and for allowing our work to continue.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a particularly HUGE thank you from myself, as I take a step away from my role as a Leader, as I relocate to London at the end of August. I have had the most wonderful 5 years working with the group and am so grateful for the brilliant people I have met and the opportunities that I have been given. It's a 'see you soon' from me, rather than 'goodbye' as I will no doubt still be in touch and will pop back to see you all.

With best wishes,

Rosie

OHCR Leader