

PORTADOWN GETS ACTIVE

The aims of Portadown Gets Active (PGA) are to provide Primary School age children, who are eligible for free school meals, with a healthy breakfast and lunch outside of school term-time, as well as providing opportunities to learn something new, participate in physical activity and most importantly have fun with their peers. Referrals also come through the Craigavon & Banbridge Family Support Hub (FSH) , Community Intercultural Programme, Family Intervention and SHSCT. Children from Portadown, Craigavon, Lurgan and Banbridge attend the Programme. Oasis Youth, PGA's lead community partner, works in partnership with key agencies and organisation to

ensure PGA has run successfully since 2017. Aspire Peer Mentors were highly involved in designing, delivering and evaluating of this celebration event

and over a 6 week period they put in over 30 hours to ensure this event was a great success. All the stalls right down to the Santas Grotto was lead by a peer mentor and the feedback from the evening was very positive! It was a great opportunity for families to come out and experience a little bit of Christmas spirit, it will be hard to top next year!

Different Stalls

Activities run by **Peer Mentors**

Participants and Peer

Mentors

Additional Visitors









Nationalities











































































































Chinese Malaysian



On the night, we provided 195

FOOD

Christmas Loaded Chip to all participants along with hot chocolate and other treats. We also gifted 60 healthy veg boxes to families in need.

ACTIVITIES Peer Mentors put together 13 different stalls including:

Santa's Grotto

Poland - dumpling making workshop

- Santa's Workshop
- China- peace apples N.Ireland - traditional food
- Portugal Nativity display Christmas Quiz- multicultural Gingerbread House- snacks and hot drinks
- Christmas Games Multicultural Family Traditions
- Photobooth Face painting Family Food Box Stall



CHILDREN AND PARENTS FEEDBACK We asked 46 families to rate the food and their overall

Winter Wonderland Experience out of 5: FOOD





" Learning new traditions".

" I liked everything !"

ABOUT THE DAY. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THEIR ANSWERS: "Spending time together"

" Chinese peace apples" " Learned about Polish traditionslovely way to celebrate that I have never known" "Learned about different cultures"

" The festive atmosphere"

ABOUT WINTER WONDERLAND: "Young people (peer mentors) had

"Everything was great, really fun! " "Great job as per usuall "

" Excellent night, loved it! And great

"Was a great event. I got the Polish

Christmas chat from Patryk. What a

great attitudes and were very helpful ".

great lad! Massive project of work and well worth it "

PEER MENTORS

Christmas spirit"

" I got really confident" " I learned how Christmas is

celebrated around the world,

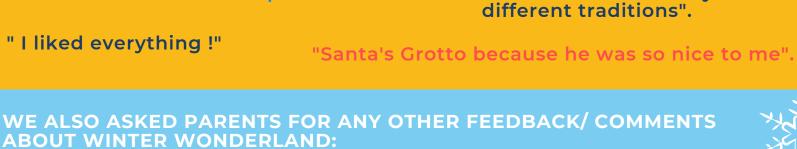
gained leadership skills and was

able to run a station with

confidence"

" I've gained more confidence when it

comes to speaking with people"



" I learned that each country has



Brilliant night thank you to all the oasis team 🥌 🧡

WE ASKED PEER MENTORS WHAT IMPACT HAVE WINTER WONDERLAND HAD ON THEM AND WHAT SKILLS THEY HAVE GAINED: " It helped me find new friends".



" It's given me a reason to get

out of the house and push

myself out of my comfort zone

talking to new people. I improved my communication,

teamwork, time managment

and organisational skills"







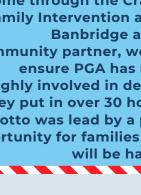


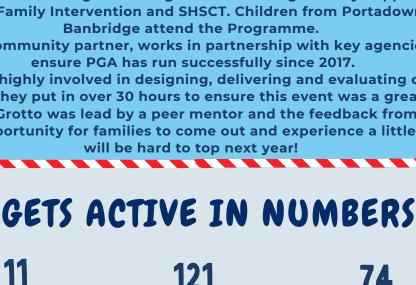




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