



YOUNG INSPECTORS

Young Inspectors report on: The Short Breaks Fun day

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With the views and voice from Young Inspectors

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The ‘Young Inspectors’ program is part of the Short Breaks service commitment to provide:

‘The opportunity for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs to contribute to the decision-making and development of services for children and young people with disabilities and/or additional needs on the Isle of Wight’.

The Young Inspectors reviewed the Short Breaks service based on the following areas deemed important to them. The inspection is part of an agreement between Short Breaks and the provider highlighted within the Short Breaks agreement. This is what the Young Inspectors found:

About the Short Breaks fun day

The Fun day is an annual event held by the Short Breaks team to promote inclusion and show cases what is available to families with a Young person with additional needs or disability.

This year due to weather conditions the Fun day was held in Medina Leisure centre and Medina Theatre, as oppose to previous years which had been held on the field of Medina Leisure centre.

Seven children and Young people attended the day from Young Inspectors. Overall there was an average of 540 families attend the day.

This year's fun day Short Breaks consulted with Young Inspectors and parents/carers about the activities and the general running of the fun day. This made a big difference as Short Breaks were able to obtain information of what worked well previous years and what didn't. This enabled the fun day to proceed in a more child friendly manner.

Feedback from Young Inspectors

Six Young people of seven stated they were happy at the fun day. The person that wasn't happy stated that he didn't like crowds and he wanted to be playing his game at home. He did however, play on the games that Ryde House IT club provided and now continues to go to this club weekly.

All children/Young people stated that they liked the animals and this was one of the best parts. Attending the fun day were ability dogs, bats from the IOW bat hospital and owls. There were also meant to be Donkeys and Horses however due to the weather this was unsafe for them to be there, but all Young Inspectors understood this.

All Young people stated that acts within the Medina Theatre were great and they “really enjoyed this”. No one specific was mentioned but there was good feedback from all the acts. Feedback regarding the theatre was extremely positive young people stated that this felt more professional and felt they were watching an actual show.

We asked Young Inspectors what was the best part of the day the feedback from this was:

1. I enjoyed the dogs, the lady let me hold them and I got to stroke them lots.
2. I liked finding out about computer club, I want to go to that.
3. The dogs were my favourite
4. I like the balls at Doodles and rainbow club
5. Having my nails done

6. Seeing my best friend and doing fun stuff together

7. The bouncy castle and disco dome

8. I made my own t-shirt and the disco dome was so cool

This will all be looked at in keeping for upcoming Short Breaks fun days or events.

When asking Young Inspectors what the worst part was this was the response:

1. There's only one fun day a year
2. No more computer games
3. Having my photo taken (This was an option for this Young person that they said they wanted to do, young people were not forced to have photographs taken)
4. Lots of people
5. None
6. Nothing liked it all

Most Young Inspector was there all day and stated there was so much to do and sometimes they went back and did things twice.

Short Breaks also hired Minion costumes and Mickey Mouse costumes which all the young people said it was great. Young people also picked these characters at the consultation.

Children stated that all the food was good and there were different options in different areas for everyone so this put down as an excellent.

All the children/young people stated that they love the fun day and would like this again next year “it’s my favourite and its fantastic”.

Parents and carers stated it was a great to get information from different organisations on the island, as having a child with additional needs can become isolated. Others said it was a great way to meet other people and they enjoyed the social aspect as they felt they couldn’t bring their children to ‘normal’ events like this.

This information will be used for any upcoming events that Shortbreaks host, the Young Inspectors will also be invited to any consultations being held so they can have their say at goes on at the events.