



BIG Porridge & Play Glasgow Year 2 Report Licketyspit Theatre Company



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Licketyspit Theatre Company

Background

Licketyspit is Scotland's leading early years theatre company. We create theatre and drama-led play experiences for and with children under-twelve, their families and communities. We believe that recognizing and meeting the needs of children is in the interests of all and that what is 'right' for children is 'right' for everyone.

Big Porridge & Play Glasgow is an inter-generational, drama-based play project where parents and carers join their children for two hours of Playcard play and a delicious communal meal round a table. This year, we developed the imaginary play elements even further and stories were created by each group (see page 3).

"Thank you very much for the opportunity to learn and play with my child. It has been a magical experience. I love the staff too."

Participation

This year, 79 families participated in Big Porridge & Play Glasgow. 132 children and 96 adults totaling 228 participants.

This means we had a 61% increase in participation on Year 1!

"S says he loves being part of 'Licketyspit'. Please do it every year. Thank you! I love Licketyspit!" Gorbals



Venues

The project ran at 3 venues for 8-weeks between April and June.

Ruchill Community Centre – Saturdays, 3-5.15pm

St Francis Centre, the Gorbals – Thursdays, 4-6.15pm

Whiteinch Centre – Wednesdays, 4-6.15pm



80 participants

26 families

44 children

36 adults

43 participants

14 families

28 children

15 adults



105 participants

39 families

60 children

45 adults

We also held three Taster sessions before the main block of sessions:

St Francis Nursery: 80 participants

Whiteinch library: 30 participants

Ruchill Primary: 35 participants

Feedback & Evaluation

All sessions are monitored and evaluated by our Actor-Pedagogues, including session content, attendance, observations, reflections, transcribed feedback & films of participants giving feedback.



"It has inspired my kids to grow in confidence. F has come right out of his shell. G is still shy outside (of sessions) but during them she is not shy and the change in her confidence is amazing" Ruchill

"Magic Ball because it was going to my friends" Ruchill

"C and I are now making up songs in the car!" Whiteinch

"Going to Paris. Seeing the kids playing together" Ruchill

"Children love to play games. They are excited that they get the chance to speak & participate with their parents" Gorbals

"I think it is going good. The staff are friendly and try to get everybody interacted which is great" Gorbals

"My 2 kids have had such a great time at Porridge & Plays. They enjoy sharing games and songs with family" Whiteinch

Parent feedback from Week 8 reflected a significant impact of BIG Porridge & Play on children's confidence, language, social skills and empathy.



A Royal Trip



The Queen was too hot in London so she decided to go on holiday to the Antarctic. She was in a bath with Santa and the King of Mars eating some polar bears and then Prince Philip turned up and said, 'why did you come here without me? We've been planning this holiday for years!'

The Queen said, 'I was meeting Santa to organise getting you a surprise present and now you've ruined the surprise.'

The Queen gave Philip the present it was a gold ring with a diamond that was THIS big on it. It made Prince Philip young again so they all played basketball. Philip, Queen, King of Mars & Santa were on one team, Megan Markle, Princess Ann, Donald Trump and Lady Gaga were on the other team. Prince Harry was the ref.

During the game, Philip got hurt and Donald Trump starting choking and fell down. They decided the only way to help them was through the power of music so Lady Gaga put on a concert and everyone was dancing. Then the king of the penguins turned up and said, 'what are you all doing here?'

THE END.

GooGooGaGa the Fisherman



There was a big island and it was very hot. The island only had one inhabitant, a fisherman called GooGooGaGa. He was very happy and liked to play with his lego toys. One day he went fishing but the fish he tried to catch was very strong and he fell in. GooGooGaGa couldn't swim and he shouted, "Help! Help!"

Two superheroes were watching and flew down with parachutes to save him, they had a life boat with them and they helped him in. Before they left they gave GooGooGaGa a magic wand.

GooGooGaGa thought it was dangerous to be alone on the island so he took the magic wand and said a spell:

Abacadabra GooGooGends
Turn my lego into friends

Suddenly his lego people came to life and became real friends. They were all so happy they decided to dance!

The End



"Children very aware of the rhyming and we have incorporated that into our games" Whiteinch



Lasting Impact

Each community had a final 'Celebration Event' to which they invited guests and some brought home-made food. They showed an exhibition of Reflective Drawings created during the past 7 weeks, together with performances they had prepared. Children and adults led group games and shared their experiences of the project. Some of the older children had become 'Lickety-People', helping to plan, lead and manage sessions. Final sessions were filmed and attended by a professional photographer.

The Year 2 film (by Matt Hulse), which can be made available to you, was shared at the whole project Celebration Event on 30th November at the St Francis Centre, which was attended by 14 families, third sector partners and board members.



With agreement from the **BIG Lottery**, we also carried out a 6-week block in a 4th venue - Maryhill's **Ruchill Parish Church**, with funding from the **Maryhill Housing Association**. These sessions, which benefitted greatly from the surrounding BIG Lottery project funding, were attended by 44 participants - 15 families, 28 children and 16 adults - taking our total participation increase to 91% on Year One.

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