

Park Community School



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2019/2020



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The Apex Centre



Park Design and Print



PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Our School is set in a stunning park environment for the benefit of the community. Five years ago our campus was redeveloped using our vision to create a "Cathedral in the Community". Today when you visit you will see the school being used for a wide range of activities and very much at the heart of this community.

**Open until 10pm
51 weeks a year**



**16,179
Total hours of hire**



**224
Parties held**



**51
Theatre events**



**56
Regular hirers**



**29
Sports clubs**

**3,936
Business hours use of**

Dickinson Centre

**1,913
Portsmouth Music
Festival competitors**

**3,554
hours of usage of 3G STP**

Our History

1958 Broomfield Secondary School opened

1988 Broomfield closed

1988 Park Community School opened

2003 Community Department was formed

2010 The Dickinson Centre opened

2010 Park Community Ventures Charity formed

2012 School rebuilding work starts

2013 Park Community Enterprises Limited formed

2013 Lease acquired for industrial unit and Park Design and Print established

2014 Small holding land leased and Park Small-holding established

2014 Moved into new school buildings

2015 School rebuilding complete

2015 Lease acquired and Apex Construction Centre established

2015 Synthetic turf pitch constructed

2015 The Hermitage Stream path joined together

2016 Springwood Park Pre-School and Nursery established



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What makes Park Community School different?

The school staff and community team consists of many teams all working toward the same goal; to ensure that 'Park is Much More Than Just a School' for our families and community. This was recognised by achieving the Leading Parent Partnership award in 2019.



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Volunteers
Student teams
Community Managers
IT and Administration
Catering Services
Facility Management
Theatre Team
Park, Design and Print Team
Governing Body

Student Employment Agency

In 2015 we opened our own Student Employment Agency and since then over 100 students have had paid work. We decided to do this when students found difficulty finding paid work. Students can only apply if they have a school attendance above 96% and good behaviour.

Our recruitment process requires the student applicant to:

- Complete an application form
- Acquire references from key school staff
- Take part in a group exercise
- Complete individual tasks relating to the position
- Undergo an interview with school staff

Positions advertised:

IT Assistant

Performing Arts Technician

Site Team Assistant

Community Assistant

Event Assistant

Animal Care Assistant

Catering Assistant

Receptionist

Classroom Monitor

Print Shop Assistant



WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

We are here each day for our community, offering a variety of services and facilities. We partner with organisations, using each others strengths to provide quality events, meeting local needs and more from further afield. We offer our facilities and services 7 days a week. Many different groups and clubs run a wide range of activities and competitions each week and we are a regular venue for large scale events.

Open on Christmas Day

Open a minimum 16 hours at weekends

245 seat main theatre

180 seat lecture theatre

45 regular hirers

Springwood Park Pre-School and Nursery

Student Employment Agency

Wedding Venue

Army and Police Cadets base

3G FIFA accredited Synthetic Turf Pitch

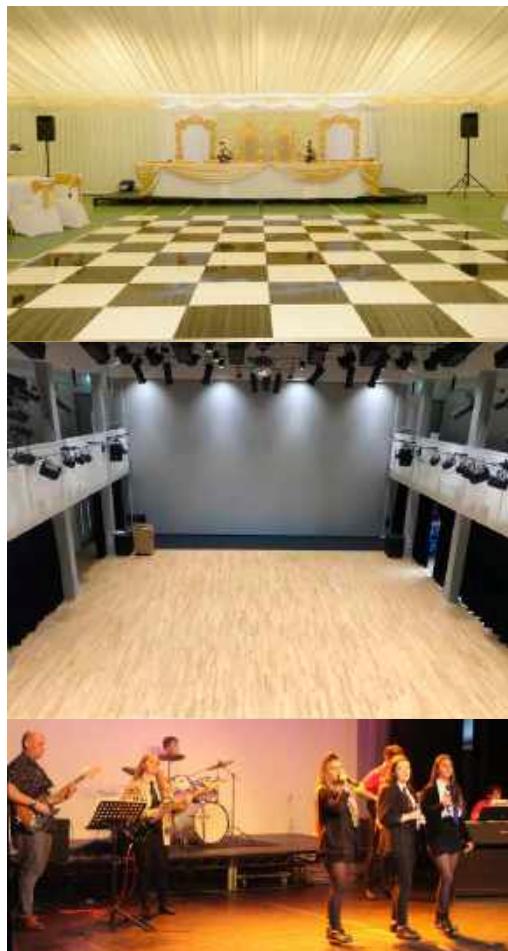
Party and festival venue

133 business meetings in the Dickinson Centre

Comments from ex-students, using Park as wedding venue

With over 200 guests to cater for, Charnade and Dave were in need of a large venue to hold their wedding reception.

"We were both so happy with everything that Park Community School did for us. It was a pleasure to have our reception at the school where I went, it really did look amazing. I felt as though I was in a fairy tale and would definitely recommend it as a wedding venue".



Our Partners

We consider ourselves 'much more than just a school' and our tree displays some of the many partners that help us achieve this.

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ensures that no child, no matter what school or age need go hungry during the holidays.

At Park Community School we were aware of the food poverty that some in our community experience and were concerned students were going hungry. This was reinforced when volunteers told us that the local food bank was consistently running out of food. We established a programme to tackle food poverty in our area and **MUNCH** was born in January 2017.

We successfully contacted external agencies for funding and **MUNCH** has been operating for over 3 years supplying nutritious two course meals and activities during school holidays. Support agencies are in attendance to engage in conversation and help the families.

Play equipment is provided, and we have an adopted wise 'granny' Pat who sits and chats with children and parents. Pat is an excellent listener for those who are isolated and this provides some comfort. Our NHS school nurse is also on hand, on a drop in basis, for any concerns that parents may have.

We work with organisations who have access to food which otherwise would go into landfill. This also fills the **MUNCH** fridge in the Dickinson Centre, supplying emergency food to local families when in need.

We now provide weekly meals on Thursday nights and monthly Sunday lunches, these are timed just before a weekly/monthly pay day.

6168 meals provided so far

855 Children have attended

Children from 60 schools have attended

Average daily attendance 60 people

140 people at Christmas lunch

To help fund over 50 organisation donate

272 attended Munch-a-cise



"Boys thought the food was awesome and enjoyed playing with the games" Maria



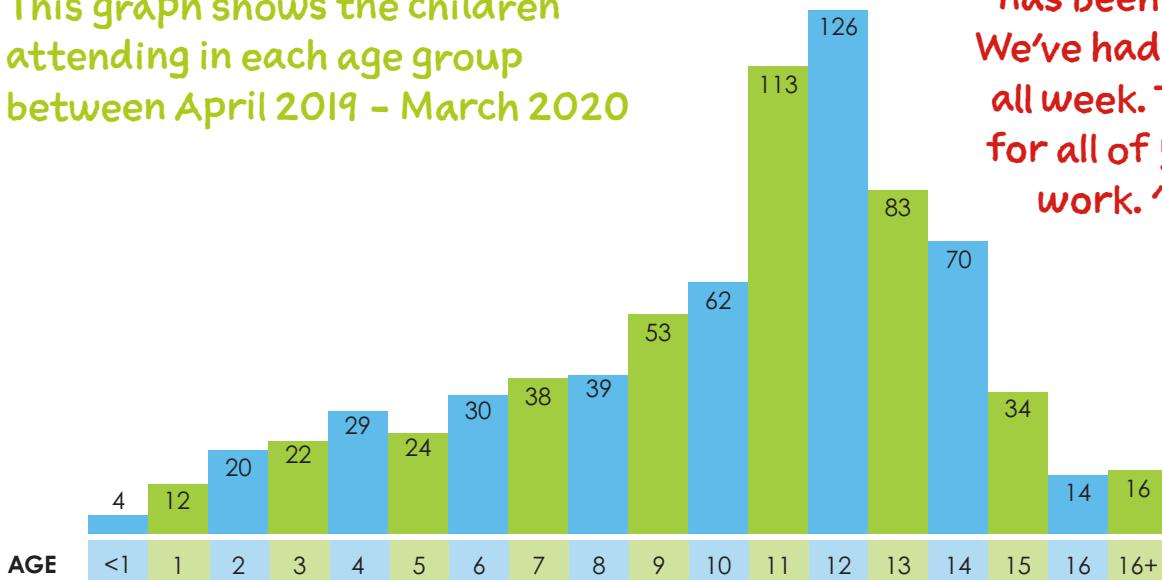


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MUNCH impact

2017-2018	2,570 meals served Children from 34 schools 1,892 children
2018-2019	5,832 meals served Children from 58 schools 577 children
2019-2020	6,168 meals served Children from 60 schools 855 children

This graph shows the children attending in each age group between April 2019 – March 2020



Our vision for **MUNCH** is to develop a sustainable social enterprise, establishing a community food shop and café to provide volunteering and employment opportunities as well as a casual meeting and eating venue to reduce social isolation.

"The food this week has been amazing! We've had full bellies all week. Thank you for all of your hard work." Sarah

If you would like our bespoke money box to collect in your workplace we will happily supply one, they are handmade by one of our students.

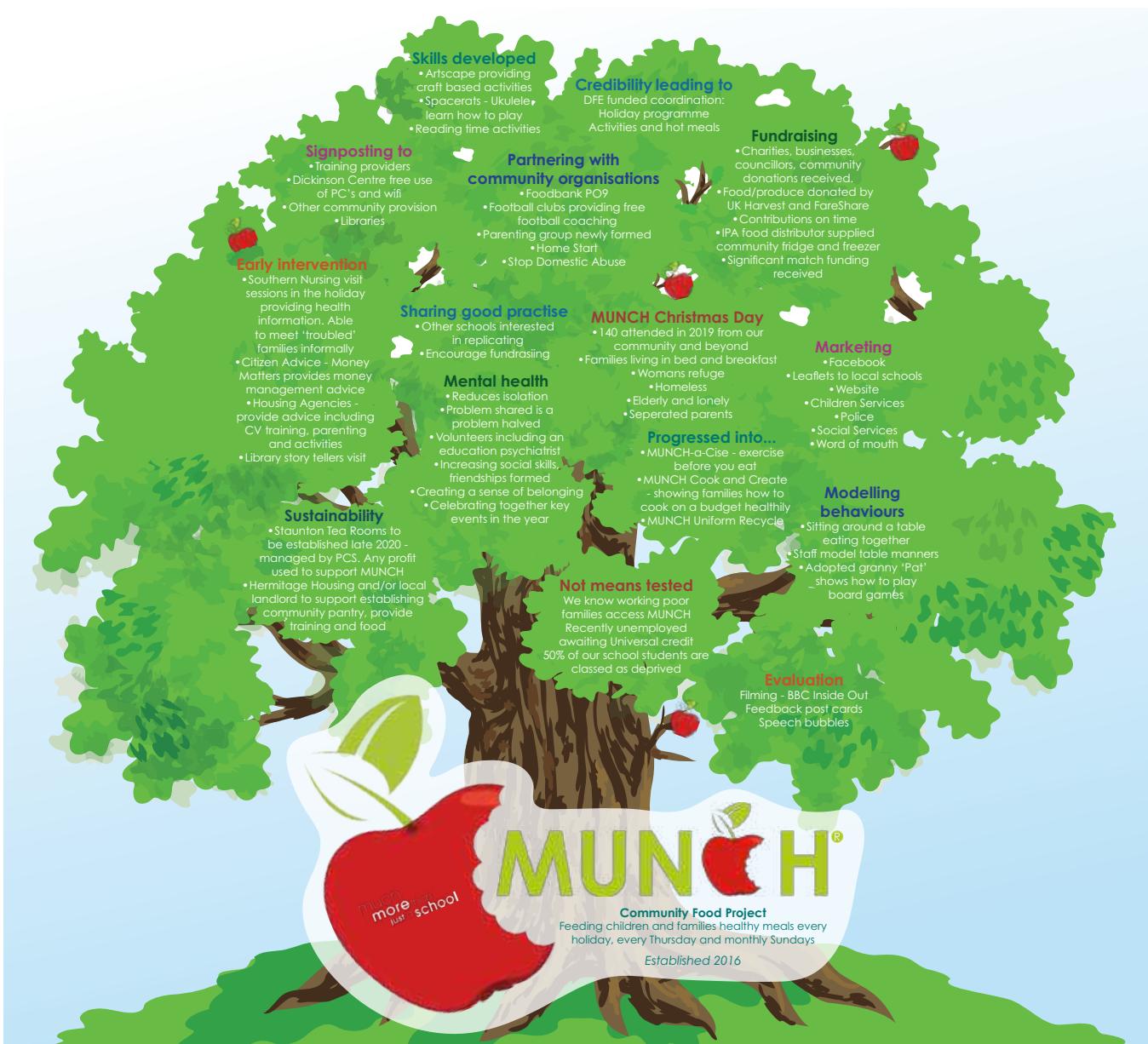


"It is a great place to come and eat and make friends" Liam

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR MUNCH FUNDERS

This project is only possible because people and organisations care. We regularly receive monetary, physical, anonymous and in-kind donations from a variety of sources and our thanks go out to all of them.

Be proud you have made a difference to our community. Thank you



MUNCH
Community Food Project



PARK CATERING SERVICES

2019-2020 has been a very busy year for the Catering Team.
The Team have won many awards throughout the year.

Awards won are listed below



Head Chef Steven Cross has been instrumental raising the profile of quality of school meals around the country, gaining experience and attended the following:

- Toured the country during National School Meals Week
- Alyn William at the Westbury Hotel invited Steven to attend for a day
- Met celebrity chefs Tommy Heaney, Candice Brown, Prue Leith, Jamie Oliver and Jimmy Doherty
- Went to Mensa Wilhelm Bracke School in Germany at the invitation of MKN
- Public Sector Catering Expo 2019 presented and demonstrated
- Attended meetings at Houses of Parliament discussing school food and improvements going forward
- Featured on BBC South Inside Out programme regarding Munch programme <https://vimeo.com/299177101>
- Recipe published in Tilda cook book
- Featured in EduCatering June 2018 – The Big Interview
- Provided all the recipes and training for Connect4Summer



PARK CATERING SERVICES

Steven has worked with 5 schools transforming their school food provision. Steven has recruited a great team of Food Ambassadors who meet twice a week and have worked on several high profile events.

10 awards achieved

2000 meals served at Park per week

Income has risen by 70% since going in house

Student Christmas Lunch 900 students and 150 staff all enjoyed 2 course meals on last day of term

456kg of our own Park Porkies produced

Our first range of charcuterie meats produced

30 licensed events

7 specialist dietary requirements catered for daily

7 dedicated organic suppliers used

30 jars honey produced

4 tonnes of organic flour used

5 schools converted to catering in-house



Park Community Enterprises Ltd (PCE) was established in May 2013 (company number 8519328) and its purpose is to give young people real life work experience and education in a real life working environment away from the main school site.

PCE Ltd started in a small way by developing an enterprise project which is known as Park Design and Print Services (PDP). Initially, with the use of digital reproducing equipment, they took on the production of all the internal school reprographics. In doing this they were able to start producing bespoke educational printing, exactly meeting the requirements of school staff e.g. student planners and learning materials.



This has now developed to PCS having:

Park Design and Print industrial unit

Apex Construction Centre for the training of young people
Park Small Holding where we grow our own produce and rear animals

Park Community Ventures is the charity of Park Community School and was formed in February 2010 (Charity no 1134562). Its objectives are to fundraise to advance the education and aspirations of students in the School by:

- Developing effective relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the School
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities or equipment which support the School and advance the education of the students
- The prevention or relief of poverty or being disadvantaged
- Increase opportunities for sports and recreation
- Provide opportunities for economic and community development

The charity has successfully raised over £82k since its formation, some of which has been used for the **MUNCH** project.



This has now developed to PCS having:

Contributed to students' membership costs for sports clubs

Contributed to students' costs to visit places of interest

Paid for scouts uniform

Paid for army cadet subs

Paid for transport costs to musical competitions

Supported students going to Tanzania

Purchased books for hobbies

..... and so much more



Park Design and Print produces work for a large number of customers, including businesses, education providers and charities, both local and national. The income provides further opportunities for young people.

We are a local employer as well as providing a range of training and employment opportunities for our students and those from other schools.

Our industrial unit provides a base for students to undertake enterprise projects and also as a base for those students who struggle in the main school building.



Different groups of students visit each week to learn about print and design work and take part in fun, creative briefs which help them to understand what we do and how we do it. PDP produce bespoke educational printing to meet the exact requirements of school staff and the unit allows PDP to develop, design, create, and offer our services to both internal and external customers. We employ Park students from Years 9-11 and have expanded by offering work experience to students from other schools.

Park Design and Print, Unit 6 Fulflood Rd, Havant PO9 5AX



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10 Students employed at PDP

**66% of turnover is for
external customers**

**Provide printing for over
200 organisations**

**Over 500 students have
completed enterprise
sessions at PDP**



APEX CONSTRUCTION CENTRE

The Apex Construction Centre is where Park students undertake construction skills qualifications including bricklaying, plastering and carpentry.

Students achieve Laser LEAP Level 1 and Level 2 Certificate and Award qualifications. They are able to build footstools, bird boxes, spice racks, coat pegs, table tennis tables and items of their choice.



Apex home to YES – Young Enterprise Squad

In the Apex Construction Centre an area has been created for young people to be able to work and meet. Together we have experimented and produced some sample ideas for us all to see what is involved in creating new products. It has been a journey of discovery.

Supported by several staff members with a range of skills the Squad can learn all of what they need to make YES a great success.

The Squad have already experimented and produced several prototype products, including a river table, picture frames and mirrors.



The Apex Centre is also home to:

Oarsome Chance who provide students with a range of practical skills.

The Flash On Air digital radio station, a not for profit community radio station run entirely by volunteers. Promoting the talents of local unsigned bands, musicians, and singer/songwriters in the greater Portsmouth area. You can listen to them on FM from their studios in the Apex Centre and DAB across Portsmouth and the surrounding area and online everywhere through Tune In and Internet Radio. Our students have the opportunity to create their own musical slots and learn the skills of live broadcasting.

MIND, a mental health charity support us by promoting good mental health within our locality.



Apex Training Centre, Bishopstoke Road, Havant, PO9 5BN



Apex Centre
Park Community School's
Skill Centre

**Think it.
Plan it.
Build it.**



PARK SMALL HOLDING

At our small holding on a local farm we grow vegetables and rear animals for meat. The produce is used in the school kitchen, encouraging students to make the connection with what they eat and where and how it is grown. Students have the opportunity to study horticulture and gain level 1 and 2 City and Guilds qualifications.

The eggs produced by quails, ducks and chickens are used in the school kitchen and sold to staff and the community.

Each week different groups of students visit the farm and spend a morning helping with the animal care and the growing of vegetables and fruit.



Quails lay at least 20 eggs daily

Chickens lay at least 10 eggs a day

Ducks average 2 eggs each day

156 pigs reared, with another 20 new pigs just arrived

Over 20 working bee hives

50 varieties of fruit and vegetables grown



YES TRIPS

YES trips help students see more of our local area and the nations capital. Decisions about where to go are based on requests by students and teaching staff. They have travelled by train and minibus to many places, including:

London – Tour Bus and viewed all of the sights – walked along the South Bank and then onto Trafalgar Square

Bournemouth – Visited Rock Reef Activity Centre and went on the zip wire over the sea and took part in a clip and climb session. Spent time walking along the beach.

Portsmouth Dockyard – did the complete tour and spent time in the Action Stations and then walked to Gunwharf and all had a meal together.

Top Spot Snooker Hall – spent a very competitive morning together thinking about teamwork and lifestyle attitudes.

Peter Ashley Activity Centre – took part in team building activities, laser quest, climbing, archery, problem solving and assault courses.

London – Houses of Parliament, learning about the three different areas of parliament, enjoying a walk along the Thames and a visit to the London Eye

Brighton – went up the BA i360 and visited the Brighton Pavilion

For all trips the students are asked to pay a contribution towards the cost, with a minimum suggested donation between £3 and £10 depending where they are going. This encourages an appreciation of cost.

We also ask students on some of the trips to bring money to go to a restaurant for lunch. This is so they sit together, converse and are brave enough to try items on the menu that they may not have experienced before.

The trips are designed to be like a family day out.

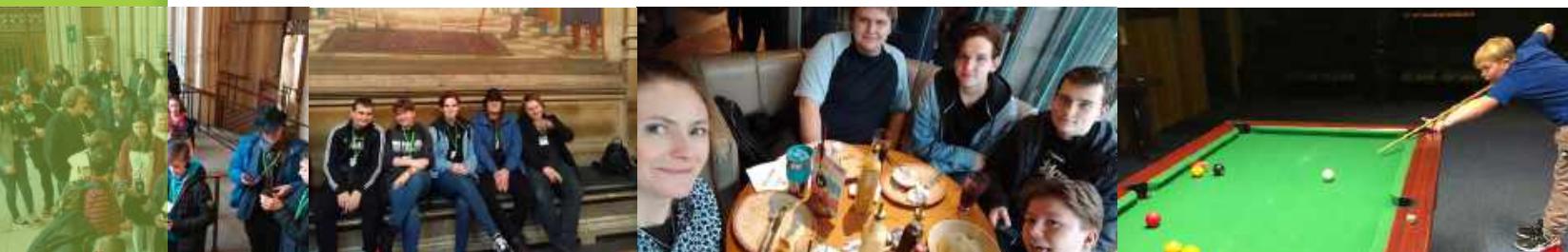


Student Comments:

'I had fun when they upgraded us to first class on the train!'

'We took a trip around the Houses of Parliament and had a 90 minute audio tour which was very interesting'. Megan

'I found the trip very exciting. It made me feel independent as I was far away from home. The trips are a good opportunity to see new things and for my future'. Lewis



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Connect4Summer was a programme in August 2019 for children in 38 venues across Hampshire which provided an exciting programme, including a range of sports activities and healthy cooking classes for children and their parents or carers. We provided additional support for our most vulnerable families who were in need. This scheme was made possible by a joint funding bid between Park Community School and Romsey Community School who received funding from the Department for Education.



"It was great to be able to do lots of different activities with my daughter, even activities I wouldn't have thought of doing."

Teresa

HOLIDAY CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

We provided grant funding to the following Holiday Childcare Providers (HCP) to allow free access to children in receipt of free school meals and their working parents. Each parent could book 10 days of free childcare. We worked with 17 venues across Hampshire. A free two course hot meal was provided.

- CF Play, Farnborough
- Isis Club, Basingstoke
- Fun House, Basingstoke
- Creative Kidz, Andover
- Sports-skool, Winchester
- Active8minds, Petersfield
- Active8minds, Gosport
- Active Kids, Havant
- Growing Places, Havant
- Sports-Skool, Hursley
- 360degrees Sports Coaching, Romsey
- Mountbatten Holiday Club, Test Valley
- Itchen College, Southampton
- Hamble and Applemore
- Early Years, New Forest
- New Forest Childcare, Totton
- Growing Places, Fareham
- Oaktree Family Group, Gosport

**5,620
child care
sessions
offered**

**16,000
offered
Family Fun
sessions**

**Open for
20 days
10-3pm**

**19,360
children and adults
attended family
fun sessions**

FAMILY FUN DAYS

The family fun days took place in 21 venues including:

- The Grange Community Junior School, Farnborough
- South View Junior School, Basingstoke
- Alderwood School/Leisure Centre, Aldershot
- Westside Community Centre, Basingstoke
- Wooteys Junior School, Alton
- Roman Way Primary School, Andover
- Knights Enham Junior School, Andover
- The Carroll Centre, Winchester
- Woodlands Community Hall, Bordon
- The Hilt Community Centre, Eastleigh
- Romsey Community School, Romsey
- Testwood School, Totton
- Pavilion on the Park, Eastleigh
- Itchen College, Southampton
- Medina Primary School, Portsmouth
- Salvation Army, Portsmouth
- The Acorn Centre, Havant
- Park Community School, Havant
- Hayling Island Community Centre, Hayling Island
- Alver Valley Junior School, Gosport
- St Vincent's College, Gosport



CONNECT4SUMMER

The Daily Mile

This proved to be one of the most inspiring parts of the Connect4Summer day. Initially, we were concerned whether families would participate. Families embraced it and even become competitive, going from dawdling to 'let's see how fast we can get round'.



"It made such a huge difference. My kids are so happy!"
Lubna



We are really proud of what we have achieved, we had tremendous feedback from parents. Every child and parent was given free quality food in weekend bags. We formed great partnerships across Hampshire and hope to extend this project further.



For more information visit pcs.hants.sch.uk/connect4summer for our full review document and a short video about our project



**150kg
kilos of meat
600kg
kilos of fruit and
vegetables were used**

**180
staff employed**

**27,800
meals served**

**30
previously
unemployed staff
offered interviews/
jobs after the
project**

**Average daily
attendance for
each family
fun venue was
44 children**



This is a very important point in our school calendar when we celebrate together. It is a memorable time for students and staff. Our award-winning catering team produce over 1,000 meals in just one morning, the first meal being as good as the last. Four sittings, with staff waiting on each table. A traditional Christmas lunch and pudding was provided free to all. The morning was full of fun with inflatables, a Christmas film and music provided by our student bands and musicians.

MUNCH Christmas Day Lunch

On 25 December, for the fifth year, we hosted our Christmas Day Lunch. Early in September we took booking enquiries and with the continuing success of MUNCH were confident that our 140 free spaces would be filled quickly. There was an amazing community spirit, children played on inflatables and made craft. We were very fortunate that Father Christmas took time for a flying visit and distributed presents for all, with the help of our generous funders.

We are extremely grateful to those that enabled us to hold this event, including personal donations, businesses who provided the presents and community and school staff volunteers who helped on the day.

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"I liked listening to the band and everyone singing along made me feel really Christmassy"





"My Christmas dinner had everything I liked on it and my mentor served it to me!"





We are open!

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