

## Campus Newsletter - February 2024

### Summer Projects 2023

2023 saw 5 weeks of Campus: three weeks of Residential and two weeks of Hippo, giving breaks to 105 children. Feedback from children was overwhelmingly positive; 96% told us that they enjoyed the project, 99% made new friends, 94% tried new activities, 87% said that Campus had increased their confidence and 88% would like to attend future Campus projects. According to one parent, their child "had a really good time at Campus and made new friends, many of whom he stayed in touch with after the holiday ended". These kinds of testimonies are what makes Campus worth it, so we'd like to thank everyone that made these projects possible, from giving their time to donating money.



### Campus Stories - Oyin's Story

This was my first year volunteering with Campus and it was without a doubt the highlight of my Summer. Campus gave me the opportunity to do something I enjoy in a new area with new people, which was fulfilling but also pushed me out of my comfort zone in the best possible way.

It was very rewarding to see children who started the week on the quieter side coming out of their shell and trying new things. I learnt new songs on the bus that will stay with me for a very long time (for better or worse!). Being on Hippo, there was time to get to know the other helpers in the evenings, which I really appreciated. We had a great mix of young, new and experienced helpers on our week, so there was always someone to speak to if I was unsure of anything. By the end of the project, it felt like I'd known everyone for much longer than a week!

I think Campus gives children and helpers alike the freedom to make new friends, explore and have fun. After my week I wanted to learn more about Campus

and help throughout the year, so I joined the EC. And this December, I coordinated a day of Winter Project!

### Winter Project 2023

This winter, 96 of our kids were able to return to Campus for a day of Christmas cheer. Swimming, trampolining and eating doughnuts off strings is always a great way to end the year! This WP also saw the hearts of all experienced coordinators grow three sizes, as they saw 4 people try their hand at coordinating for the first time.

### Upcoming Events

Young Helper Project is coming up over the Easter weekend - look out for an email to sign up!

New helper applications will open in March - please share with anyone who might be interested! If you can advertise at your university or workplace, please contact our recruitment team ([recruitment@campusholidays.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@campusholidays.org.uk)).

### Fundraising

As you may be aware, Campus has been without an online donation platform for the past year. However, joy was felt across the EC this October as we welcomed a new platform on *Wonderful*. If you feel the urge to donate, you can find our page by visiting

<https://wonderful.org/charities/252982>

or by scanning this QR code. Instructions for setting up a direct debit can be found on the donation page of the Campus website.



We'd also like to thank all the trusts and private donors who helped make Campus possible this year. These included, but were not limited to The Speedomick Foundation, The Alec Dickson Trust, and the National Lottery Awards.



### Get involved?

If you have a Campus story you want to share, send an email to [publicity@campusholidays.org.uk](mailto:publicity@campusholidays.org.uk) to be featured on the instagram or next Campus newsletter!

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