

Wednesday 7th & Tuesday 20th July 2010

It's that time of year again which means the Berenbergers are getting ready for another BerenbergKids event. This year, we wanted to do something a bit different and interact with the children and so we gave decorating playgrounds a miss! Following on the success of our Christmas parties, we thought a Summer fun day would be just that.

This volunteer event was split over two days allowing more people to contribute to this great cause. With such an over-whelming response from the London office, we almost had to organise an extra day! On both days the sun was shining and the children were ready to burst out of their classrooms as we set up the playground for the fun to begin. With groups of the Berenberg volunteers located at different stations, we watched the children excitedly find an activity they wanted to join. With bouncy castles, cake decorating and face painting filling the playground it was no ordinary playtime! As the day progressed there were lots of Spider-men and Princesses jumping and playing on the bouncy castles and eating their well decorated cakes. The children responded really well to us and we all got on from the outset and by the end of the day, you couldn't tell the children apart from us as we were having just as much fun as them!

As the teachers and classroom assistants looked on they couldn't believe how animated and excitable the children were and how even the quietest child was laughing and playing. As well as the Berenbergers attending the fun day we also had a group of work experience students join which was a really different experience. One commented »It is so nice to interact with the kids this way and see them really enjoying themselves, is great to give something back to the community«, another said »My favourite part was helping the kids decorate their cakes and then watch them eat them. It was really messy and I ended up covered in icing and sprinkles but was worth it«.

As the day come to an end we helped tidy up, pack away and then waved good-bye to the children. We all really enjoyed the day and cannot wait until the next BerenbergKids event!



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