

PLAYTIME

CHALLENGE SUMMARY

This challenge is an ideal opportunity to explore the right of all children to relax and play with friends. And it's as simple as it sounds. Children could bring in their favourite game from home, host their very own 'fun fayre' complete with bouncy castle, or stage a 'Play Olympics' involving friends and family.

RESOURCES

- Friendship stories
- 'Playtime' film clip
- Case study of Tong Primary School

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Children will:

- further an understanding of child rights and how these relate to their own lives
- empathise with people who have been treated unfairly
- plan and coordinate activities with peers
- understand that their actions affect themselves and others at a variety of levels, from their family and classroom, through to a global level.

FRIENDLY ADVICE

By encouraging children to play and have fun together, this challenge could help you deliver on the values of the healthy schools network and encourage a positive, helpful community in your school or youth group.

ACTIVITIES

A good starting point is to watch our film clip, "Playtime", where friends from around the world discuss how they like to have fun, and what games they play. You could discuss the similarity between the games children all around the world enjoy, and the reasons why many children don't have this basic right.

Tell the group that they're going to celebrate every child's right to play by having fun and playing with their own friends.

Before you generate and plan your own ideas, we suggest you have a look at our case study on Tong Primary School, in the friendship gallery. They organised a Funday for teachers and students and got the whole community involved, playing on pogo sticks and a bouncy castle. They even had a clown who taught the children tricks.

In pairs or as a group, discuss the following ideas or generate your own on how to raise money, while playing and having fun.

Ideas:

- Bring a favourite game and play it with friends, for a small donation
- Organise a 'fun fayre'
- Make a small donation to learn a new skill, such as balloon art or juggling
- Run your very own 'Play Olympics', where the 'athletes' pay a small donation to compete in a selection of playground games

And last but not least, agree your activity and run with it. Celebrate your success with everyone involved, and use our gift ladder to explore the difference your donation will make.

Let us know how you get on and we could feature your creations on our online gallery

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