



The Beacon Project

with Parish CE Primary School and
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service



What is the Beacon Project?

Children at Parish have recently completed the Beacon project. This is a six week, one day a week programme designed to engage children who may have poor school attendance, have experienced ACEs or trauma, or who may be vulnerable in another way, such as Young Carers or those with disabilities.

12 Parish children recently took part in activities such as team building, community safety (eg safety in the home), practical fire demonstrations (eg using breathing equipment and the fire hose) and First Aid.



The Activities



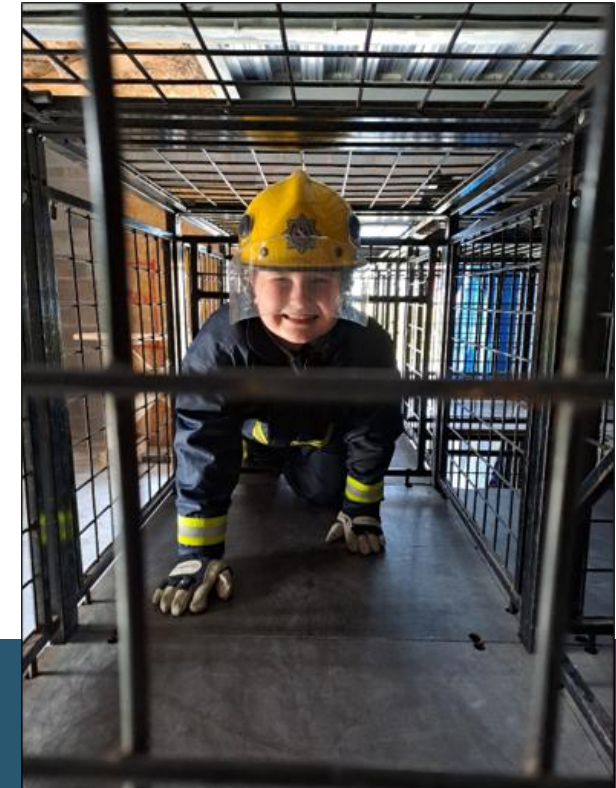
Emotional check-ins
every session

The foam drill



Team-building

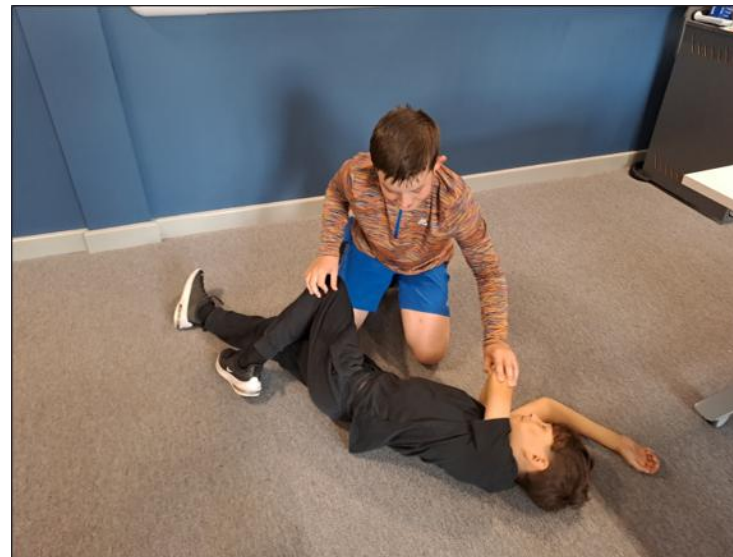
Search and Rescue in
the Rat Run



The Activities



The smokehouse



First Aid



Rescuing Parish staff from the tower!

Passing Out Parade

The children taking part were honoured with a passing out parade in front of parents, staff and senior fire officers. They gave a demonstration of their learning, and wore full PPE, proudly showing us everything they had experienced during this project.



What did our children think of the project?



"I loved it all, especially the practical activities, because it's something not everyone gets to experience"

"It taught me to be brave and show resilience and perseverance"

"Never back down, never give up"

"I learned teamwork, CPR, how to shout 'fire'"

"My teamwork and friendship skills have improved massively, so I can use them more often"

"I learned to work as a team and it's ok to be out of your comfort zone"

What did the team say about our pupils?

Week 1 Team games, hoses and hydrants	Week 2 Fire safety in the home and the foam drill	Week 3 Road safety and the smokehouse	Week 4 First Aid and Rat Run	Week 5 Team games, evaluation of the course, and practice of passing out parade
Pupils worked together to move balls along pipes; there were lots of mistakes, but no one gave up! Pupils showed some emotional dysregulation, struggling with being 'first' or 'last'.	Pupils planned an escape route from their home. Their target is still to work on communication with each other.	Teamwork and communication between pupils has improved, and they showed enthusiasm in the smokehouse which could be a bit scary!	During teamwork, some pupils walked away in frustration, but managed to regulate and return to take part fully.	Some pupils showed frustration at their role in the passing out parade, but were able to communicate within the team and enjoy the last session thanks to the resilience skills learned.



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Message from Chief Fire Officer Nic Searle:

Congratulations to each & everyone of our Beacon Course participants for completing the 6 week course.

Take with you all of the important life skills you have learnt about teamwork, communication, working with others, resilience and kindness.

I am very proud of all you have achieved and wish you success for the future.