



Space Academy Holiday Club 2014

What fun we had! In July St Mark's was home to a Lift Off Mission into Space. 23 Children came on board the space craft Faith and spent 2 fun filled days learning about space and how much God loves them. We started each day with a launch at Mission Control which shot us into space; from there the children took part in many activities. The children were put into groups according to

their age and sent to their Luna Landing stations. These stations were called Mercury and Jupiter.

Space Academy introduced us to its theme song. This song had all the children and volunteers joining in and flying around the room. I think many of the volunteers agree that this song was very catchy and I bet they are still singing it today.



The mission into space had the children looking at the character Daniel in the bible. The children heard stories, and were able to join in with them. The stories led to a discussion



time in which the children could learn more and ask question. The children were all engaged during these times and listened carefully.



Each day the children were introduced to Buzz Brain, he is the Captains right hand man. He told the children lots of interesting facts about space and astronauts. He is a very clever man, although he did think he could travel to Venus with factor 50 sun cream. There was lots of fun and laughter as the children were able to go outside and play games. They enjoyed water games, a parachute and skittles game.





Each day the children were able to make crafts, some in their Luna Landing stations and some altogether in the Engine Room. In their Luna Landing stations they made telescopes and flying saucers and were able to design their own alien. In the engine room they made crafts from the story of Daniel. They made fire flame picture frames, painted statues and made a lion mask. During craft times the children showed lots of concentration

and what they produced look really fantastic.

In amongst these activities they sung more songs and at the end of the session they were quizzed on what they had heard in the story and on Buzz Brains space facts. This was great because the children could answer them and it showed that they had taken on board what they had heard and learnt.

At the end of the day we were contacted by Ground Control, who assisted with our re-entry into earth's atmosphere. We made it home each day safe and sound with excitement and with a thirst for more. Even if we did land in the Atlantic Ocean.



The two days ran so smoothly and it was because of all the hard work and time given up by the volunteers. Each of the volunteers took a role within the day, and delivered their role with high a standard. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in space and are all looking forward to next year. It was such a fun two days and I can honestly say that everyone that came and was part of our Mission into Space would agree with me. It was such a joy to see the smiling faces of the children and it was great to hear what they had learnt about God.