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PRIMARY SCHOOLS ENGAGEMENT

In partnership with Taylor Wimpey, the Trust Team delivered diversity workshops to pupils at Emmanuel Primary School, where the key Taylor Wimpey Staff from the Coronation Square development Lisa Beresford, Sara Calvo and Lisa Paul spoke about their roles in construction.



STUDY PROGRAMME



To round of a successful first Term 24 of the Study Programme students were invited by the PFA to take part in the PFA A and B LICENSE for current and former Premier League Players on Thursday 21st December. This included current Arsenal players Mohammed Elneny, Aaron Ramsdale, Everton's Arnaut Danjuma, and former Spurs player Jermain Defoe, which was quite eventful.

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

The Trust collaborated with the Met Police to deliver a Connect Day between Waltham Forest based Blue Light Services and 75 Norlington School Boys who had the opportunity to play team sports like rugby, basketball and football

The Trust also delivered the Redbridge Holiday Activities and Food Programme at Loxford Leisure Centre to 11-16-year-olds on free school meals. The four-day camp consisted of multi-sports activities, nutritional workshops and free hot meals – benefiting more than 80 young people.

Through the Premier League Kicks funding, the Trust were also able to open up free spaces for children not on free school meals and enable more young people to benefit from consistent and easily accessible enrichment activities over the holiday period.



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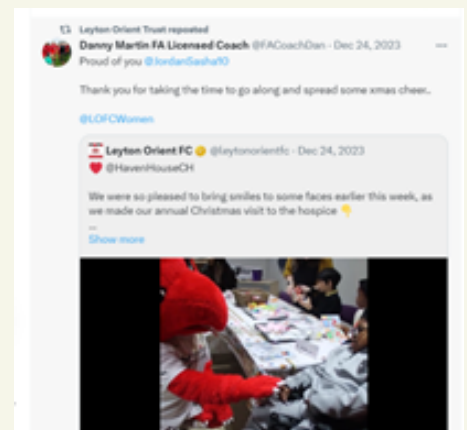
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100% of participants enjoyed coming to the HAF camp and felt more confident in working in a team. Some stated, 'the sessions were fun'... 'I get to meet new people and make friends' ... 'we play lots of sports' ... 'food' ... 'everything!'. One parent said, 'My son really enjoyed his three sessions at the HAF camp. Well done to bringing up and giving opportunities to these young children'. Another parent stated, 'my son is having an exceptional time at the winter camp and he is able to express himself and the love of all kinds of sport'.

CLUB AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

December is always a busy time for the Men's First Team with four games in 12 days. In addition the players find time to visit those most in need with Joe Pigott, Tom James, Brandon Cooper, Layla-May Duffield, and Ivan Imasuen spreading joy at Homerton Hospital, delivering presents ahead of Christmas. They also visited St Joseph's Hospice and Haven House, bringing smiles to faces as part of the annual Christmas visit to these institutions. Also, Idris El Mizouni and Olivia Worsfold participated in the "Love Christmas" initiative at SAINT Church, assisting in the packing of Christmas boxes.



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December also saw the launch of the MeshuganOs, which is the Leyton Orient Jewish Supporters Club, who met and lit Chanukah candles as well as receiving a visit from Adrian Martin the LOFC kitman who undertook a Q&A.

To wrap up a successful year the O's welcomed several homeless individuals and volunteers from the Docklands Community Initiative Foodbank for the Boxing Day match followed up on 29th when local junior club Coppermill Swifts FC were guests in the HUB before taking part in flag bearing and half-time penalties. Dawlish Primary also made use of their Free Tickets as well as six Kicks participants who volunteered as Ball Boys.

All of the work in December was featured on BBC Radio London's Sports Programme which also focused on Sutton, Millwall, QPR's community work over the festive period.

