

# THE PAIS PROJECT—ABIGAIL NUTTALL

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## *Schools Work*

After spending two months in Leicester and continued visits to the 4 schools we partner with we have seen so many incredible things and opportunities arising.

We are now providing lunch clubs for all the schools in which we attend. It has been quite challenging that the different primary schools react differently to the same lunch clubs we do—our improvisation skills have really been tested.

The three primary schools we visit are: Overdale, St. John the Baptist and Shaftesbury. The large difference is between Overdale and St. John as at Overdale school we have more opportunity to go

deeper with our message whereas at St. John the children need more encouragement to sit and listen for a while.

Another challenge we are facing (but a brilliant one at that) is that at Shaftesbury school, where we started the lunch club this week, we had around 40 children who came and we had turn people away for lack of space— it was absolutely packed! - Fantastic!

The high school in which we work is Manor High School and we started the lunch club (Refresh) 2 weeks ago and on its second week there were 35 young people and another 10 that came in at the end! We were so amazed, God

has really laid the way for us there, the next challenge we face is to try to gradually get the young people used to hearing about God.



## *Oadby Baptist Church*

Boys Brigade

I have continued to attend Boys Brigade every week and I feel that relationships are beginning to form, as the boys are getting more used to me. I was able to do my first devotion for the younger boys this week which I really enjoyed and I think the boys really took the message from it—that God has made them so unique and that they are so special and loved in God's eyes.

Girls Brigade

Girls Brigade has continued to be a really enjoyable time

for me as I am really beginning to build strong relationships with the girls and am getting involved in the activities they are doing.

I have been able to build quite good relationships with the girls in the older group where a few also go to Manor High School, and have attended Refresh which is really exciting!

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On the Friday evenings I have led one of the devotions which was well received by the young people, which has more of a mix of Christian and non-Christian young

people. I have also been able to form individual relationships with the young people by getting involved in activities—sing star, connect 4 etc—whose the teenager?!

Sunday Club

I have also had the chance now to experience both the younger and older Sunday schools and am hoping to be put on the Rota for leading some of these lessons.





## M4 Conference



From the 15th-17th October the Pais Leicester team were joined by the Pais Rotheram team to hold the M4 conference in the centre of Leicester.

LET NO MAN  
DESPISE THY  
YOUTH; BUT BE  
THOU AN  
EXAMPLE OF  
THE BELIEVERS,  
IN WORD, IN  
CONVERSATION,  
IN CHARITY, IN  
SPIRIT, IN FAITH,  
IN PURITY.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

## Outreach

During the outreach into the community everyone split into groups and we all went to Victoria Park.

We had, beforehand prepared some lollipops with a Bible verse (Romans 8:38-39) and invitation to the church service which concluded the conference attached. So we went into the park and offered the lollipops to people which provided opportunities for conversations with the public. We were able to explain to them that we were at a Christian conference and were wanting to bless the community. There was also a general astonish-

M4 consists of four parts: Conference, Academy, Mission and Mentoring. (The conference being the first stage). Each part is aimed at inspiring you people who are wanting to share there connection with God.

The M4 Conference was originally held in Burnley every year and all the Pais teams attended bringing young people from there church. But for the first time this year Pais teams are holding there own conferences in their areas in order to maximize the impact on the young people .

The M4 conference is based on the verses 1 Timothy 4:12 and focuses on showing young people how they can still be a Christian and be normal and also how they can make a big impact in their schools and everywhere around them.

The weekend consisted of inspirational talks from the Pais directors, New Generation and Pais Leicester :D. There were also fantastic worship and prayer sessions. The weekend also involved a period of outreach, where everyone went into the community and did various things to try and bless the community.

ment that we were giving things completely for free! In one case a Sikh gentleman tried to give us a donation and was so surprised that it was free—he was delighted! It was a great way for us to demonstrate Gods unconditional love.

God provided so many opportunities for us—he directed Natalie to a gentleman from Poland and so Natalie was able to speak with him and share with him what we were doing.

Over the weekend we gave out around 600 lollipops! It was great to

see the young people grow in confidence and excitement throughout the outreach sessions and the feedback given was that they would have liked to have done more!



## Highlights

There are so many to choose from, the M4 Conference has impacted myself so much also—it was truly incredible.

A particular highlight for me was when we were handing out lollipops we gave one to this young girl and her mother an as we turned walked away I could hear 'Pais Team' in the background ( I just thought I was hearing things

as if I just have Pais running through my head all of the time :D ). But it was the young girl telling her Mother. This was a real encouragement for me s it showed that even though I don't remember all the young people I come into contact with in the schools, they remember me and the work we are doing and are telling their families!

Another highlight for us was when about 2 weeks after the

conference a teacher came to us in one of our schools and told us how much her daughter had enjoyed M4 and how much it had impacted her spiritually as she now had her passion for God rekindled!

We also had some incredible news this week that a group of young people who attended M4 had invited New Generation to come to their college with hope of setting up a Christian Union.

## Devotional

Everyday, as well as our personal devotions we have team devotions which are a great way of strengthening and encouraging the team and learning more about each other. I thought I would share with you one of the devotions we have done together.

Samson  
Judges 13

When we think of Samson we automatically think of long hair, Delilah, incredible strength. But I want to focus

more closely on his mother.

- His mother was barren (vs 2) - There must have been such a feeling of distress for her and a feeling of inadequacy.
- There were many rules surrounding Samson's birth (vs 4-5) - we may feel there are so many limitations to what seems an impossible outcome.
- Samson's mother was able to show real love

for and faith in God whilst her husband was fearful (vs 23).

I feel that Samson's mother is a really inspirational character as when we feel weak or inadequate to carry out a task or feel limitations on what is wanted to be achieved if we have faith in and a love for God even when those around us are fearful, God will produce something incredible of great strength and power and force to change the world we live in.



BUT HIS WIFE SAID UNTO HIM, IF THE LORD WERE PLEASED TO KILL US, HE WOULD NOT HAVE RECEIVED A BURNT OFFERING AND A MEAT OFFERING AT OUR HANDS, NEITHER WOULD HE HAVE SHEWED US ALL THESE THINGS, NOR WOULD AS AT THIS TIME HAVE TOLD US SUCH THINGS AS THESE.

JUDGES 13:23

## Miss You

Hmm... what have I missed this month?

- Water. The water in Leicester definitely does not taste the same as up north! I need a Bolton Brew!
- Bonfire Night! - It turns out that Parkin,

Treacle Toffee, and Bonfire Lollies don't exist in Leicester, as I found out in Asda from the perplexed looks from the staff there! I thought it was a national thing! :O So much for the Bonfire Party I was planning

for Natalie!

- Oh and I still miss you 'Merlinastars' - It is getting quite exciting now is it not?! :D

## Prayer Requests

Please could you pray for:

- Thanksgiving for the awesome work God has done so far!
- That God will keep us refreshed and keep us overflowing with new and innovative ideas to reach the young people.
- That God will continue to work in Refresh, bringing young people in and also allowing us to present His word to them in fresh new ways.
- The lunch clubs in the primary schools will continue to flourish and that we will be able to adapt each club to each school whilst still conveying the same message.
- That I will be able to continue developing relationships in the various youth ministries at OBC and that I will be given more opportunities to lead devotions.

- That God will lead us as a team during our devotional time as we are about to start a new format of devotions which we are a little unsure of.
- For Pais Brazil—which Junior is hoping to start next year and so needs apprentices and churches and schools to connect with.

Thank you for your prayer and support this past month is proof that without it the incredible things that have happened would not have taken place. M4 would not have been nearly as successful, The lunch clubs would not have such great first attendances, my relationships with the young people at church would not have been strengthened. And so again I thank you so much Hope you are all well See you soon!