

THE PAIS PROJECT— ABIGAIL NUTTALL

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Pais Leicester



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Foundational Training

My year on Pais began with two weeks in Burnley for Foundational training.

The two weeks consisted of biblical teaching, by the founder of Pais - Paul Gibbs, on a series called 'The Kingdom Principles'. Which were a really inspirational set of teachings about how to live the life of a Christian as oppose to just doing the bare minimum a Christian 'needs to do'.

We also had practical youth ministry teaching: how to deal with certain circumstances, how to run a successful lunch club and assembly. The final day taught us how to construct and deliver a successful preach, after which we were given an hour to prepare a 3 minute talk for any age group, and then were told to deliver it to a group of about ten of us and were assessed on everything by two Pais

directors. It was the scariest thing I had ever done—it was a good job I had baggy jeans on because my knees were knocking like mad!

We also had lots of time to get to know each other with some great social activities.

The atmosphere was incredible, it was so fantastic to meet people who shared the same goals and love for Jesus as myself.



WHEN THOU PASSETH
 THROUGH THE WATERS, I
 WILL BE WITH THEE; AND
 THROUGH THE RIVERS ,
 THEY SHALL NOT
 OVERFLOW THEE: WHEN
 THOU WALKEST THROUGH
 THE FIRE, THOU SHALT
 NOT BE BURNED; NEITHER
 SHALL THE FLAME KINDLE
 UPON THEE.
 ISAIAH 43:2



School Work

Throughout the week we visit four schools , three primary schools and one secondary school. The schools system in Leicester is quite different, a lot of the primary schools go from reception to year 5, high school goes from years 6 to 9 and then they go to college from years 10 to 13—take some getting used to.

We have done assemblies in all three of the primary schools, the first of which was about turning over a new leaf and the second was about Jesus and Peter walking on the water, in which I was Peter—eyeliner moustache to the rescue! - It's so much fun! - We have such a great time plan-

Oadby Baptist Church

OBC has asked me to get involved in all of the youth ministries they offer. I was originally asked to attend their Friday evening youth meeting (Klubb) every week and then on a three week rotation attend Boys Brigade, Girls Brigade and Children's Church (Sunday school), with the aim of building relationships. But, as I would only be seeing the kids once a month, I thought it would be difficult to

Highlight

The highlight for me this month has to have been in one of the lunch clubs we did.

The lunch club was based on the passage Isaiah 43 : 1-4 , for part of the club we split into three groups and did a small craft based on verse two.

As verse two has the theme of water running through it , signifying trials and worries, we

ning and delivering the assemblies.

We have also done two lunch clubs in two of the primary schools, which have gone well, although it amazed us how the same club can work so differently in each school.

In all the schools we have been getting involved in lesson support, so I have been with a year 3 class so far this term and have also been with year 1s. In the High school we have been given a slot before lunch to assist in the library lessons with low ability readers. Lesson Support is such a fantastic way to get to know the kids on a one to one

build relationships, so I am attending each ministry each week.

Its great! - I've been getting really involved in church life and have been really put to use. For example, this last week I was helping the Boy's Brigade make bread—ha-ha—the mess was incredible—there was more flour on the surfaces than in the bread—and then, instead of wiping away the dry flour the

decided to give each child a raindrop where on one side they could write something they were afraid of or worried about and then on the other side they could write 'God is with me'. Which they could keep with them and use to reassure them whenever they were worried.

When planning the lunch club we expected the children to

basis and is also such a valuable way of building relationships with the teachers.

We also, as a team, spend break times out in the school yard meeting the kids. It really is amazing at how quickly one loses the ability to play scare-crow tig—I was trying really hard as well!

In the next few weeks we are hoping to resume, from the previous year, the lunch club in one of the primary schools. Also, this is the first time Pais Leicester have worked in a high school so we are hoping to begin and establish a lunch club after half term.

boys just took a soaking wet cloth, slapped it on the worktop and smeared it about. The kitchen looked like a place where plaster casts were made! - It was great fun!

As well as church on the Sunday morning there is a youth meeting on the Sunday evening which I have been attending - which is a really encouraging and relaxed place to be as it is giving me a chance to meet with other Christians of my own age.

write things like, exams, homework or parents evening. I was astounded however when one boy in my group asked me how to spell a name and whether it was ok for him write down his step fathers name for what he was afraid of. I was in awe at how, after one lunch club, this young boy was able to trust that God would help him with his fear.

Independence—A Learning Curve

Of course living independently has provided several opportunities for me to learn new things:

1. I now know how to use the washing machine.
2. I am a very efficient dish washer—if I do say so myself—Dad eat your heart out!
3. In a village you must always look presentable as you are almost bound to see at least 3 people you know!

4. Do not put a naan bread in the microwave for 5 minutes—it will burn—fire alarms will sound.
5. A particular triumph for me—when the petrol pump is clicking—the tank is full don't keep pressing it thinking it is broken - it will overflow. (They don't tell you this in diving lessons)



Miss you



What am I missing at the moment:

- Merlin! - Yes Merlin has begun and I am so missing our Merlin fan club—you know who you are—please remember when you are discussing the last episode I am with you

in spirit at the heater!

- Pork crunch! - My weekly visits to home bargains are no more—alas—I have yet to find a reasonably well, pork crunch stocked Home Bargains in Leicester

A NEW HEART ALSO
WILL I GIVE YOU, AND
A NEW SPIRIT WILL I
PUT WITHIN YOU: AND
I WILL TAKE AWAY
THE STONY HEART
OUT OF YOUR FLESH,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU
AN HEART OF FLESH.

EZEKIEL 36:26

Prayer requests

Please could you pray for:

- That the lunch club in the high school after half term will be well received as the school is very diverse religiously with equal proportions of Christians, Sikhs, Hindus and Muslims.
- That the work God is doing in the schools we visit continues.
- That the young boy in the lunch club I men-

tioned will continue to come and learn more about Jesus.

- That I will be able to build strong relationships with the young people at OBC, I have found integrating into girls brigade quite smooth, boys brigade is proving a little more difficult.
- From the 15-17 October we are running an M4 conference which is for

young Christians, showing them how they can make a difference in their schools and how being Christian doesn't mean they have to become monks. We are praying that we will be get many young people who are on fire for God and that God will really speak to them in this conference.



Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support—it is so much appreciated. It is amazing how after only being here for a few weeks you can already see God moving things into place. I pray that you are all well. And cant wait to see you all! See you soon