

# FOCC Edinburgh West – West Lothian



## Daily Blog for the group visit ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2012

### Day 1: Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June ~ Arrival & Meeting the Families



**Broxburn church hall, children after arrival**

The children were all very tired after their journey from Cherikof to Mogilev and on to Minsk by bus. Then by plane to Manchester and finally by minibus to Broxburn. Some only had a few hours sleep on Friday night before leaving home at about 1am our time. So they were allowed to be tired and most slept on the minibus. Their spirits were lifted by the lovely crowd waiting outside the church hall in Broxburn and waving to us as the minibuses pulled up. One wee local boy said to me as I was standing outside the minibus “hoy mister whits happenin here, is the queen comin” J Of course it wasn't the queen but it was our 23 children who will be treated like royalty for the next 4 weeks.



### **The welcoming committee**

**Fun Stuff:** Watching the new children just stare at things they probably haven't seen before like wee Vadim very cagily putting his hands under the automatic hand dryer and pulling them away when it starts.

**Stars of the day:** The children for sharing their snacks with wee Vadim who had turned up with no luggage or snacks, just what he was standing in. Natasha for being brave when she was car sick and getting all of it in the bag. And of course Katia and Olya for delivering our children safely to us