

Tues 16 June

## Swimming/Rehearsal/Karting/Soft Play

Today started with our last swimming session of this visit. There was much splashing and playing with toys as usual. Then it was back to the hall for a snack of bananas and biscuits which prepared us for our first concert rehearsal on the concert stage. As rehearsals go it was ok and the concert is shaping up to be very good with some lovely items.

We all had a packed lunch before splitting the group into younger and older. The younger ones went to the soft play which also had electric go karts. The older ones went to the real, fast go karting and loved it. After a full safety briefing well translated by Tania, the children and adults put on all of the protective clothing. The children had two races each either in a group of 4 or 5 karts. The organisers then gave out their printed results and Sergie had the fastest lap followed by Dima and Kiryl. There were some hair raising moments as they spun round or crashed into each other or the barrier. Having seen some of the driving in their country they should fit in well, apart maybe from Masha who you could say had a very controlled drive, very controlled indeed. They really enjoyed the event and it certainly brought out the competitive side in a few of them. In the adults race Ross was the overall winner, then Fraser, then Jaco and Tania bringing up the rear.

Younger ones - went to Overboard soft play and had great fun playing on the soft play equipment. They are normally closed on a Tuesday but opened up especially for us so we had the place to ourselves. The children could play away with nobody else to worry about. They played on all the equipment over and over again building up a sweat which was soon cooled down by the free drinks. They also enjoyed 2 shots each on the electric go karts. Maybe not as fast as the older ones but none the less they caused great excitement. Surprisingly little Lena being the best driver, not crashing at all.

Great age appropriate fun for all children today, and adults :)

