

CAITHNESS SAFE HIGHLANDER EVENT 2015

Evaluating the event in terms of pupil and teacher responses.

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REPORT

1. BACKGROUND OF THE EVENT

The main objective of Safe Highlanders is to educate children about all aspects of safety in a fun and enjoyable way. This is provided by 8 minute sets designed to deliver safety messages to children.

The sets included in 2015 were:

- Fire Scotland – fire safety
- Caithness Youth Action Team – drugs and alcohol safety
- Maritime and Coastguard Agency – water safety
- St Andrew's Ambulance Service – First Aid
- Fujitsu – Internet Safety
- Police Scotland – road safety.
- Morrison Construction/Galliford Try – building site safety

2. RESEARCH

Primary research was undertaken by means of two questionnaires consisting of ranked, geographical and open ended questions. Questionnaires were given out to pupils to evaluate the event, and teacher questionnaires evaluated how well they thought the event had run.

Questionnaires were completed after the event and handed back in relation to school area; this enabled a higher response rate, with 182 pupils and 17 teachers completing a questionnaire.

The questionnaires from the 182 pupils (102 boys/80 girls) was collected, analysed and presented into charts, representing the responses for each of the 13 questions. The 17 teacher responses have been presented in tables, which highlight similarities in responses.

3. FINDINGS

The findings found that most of the pupils enjoyed the event, with 97% of pupils finding the event good or very good and only 3% finding the event okay or they did not enjoy it. However, compared with 2014, 83% of pupils either found the event very good or good, indicating a large positive % difference.

Pupils were least satisfied with the First Aid set, with 26% stating the set was okay and 7% did not enjoy it. This is an almost identical finding to the 2014 event which recorded 26% and 7% respectively. Pupils identified the reasons for this was due to the lack of taking part in any activities and only being shown the recovery position. No one was able to say how this set could be improved.

Another set that raised issues the internet safety set with 15% of pupils finding the set okay and 5% did not enjoy the set. Those 20%'s comments ranged from boring, not interesting and a need for a bit more fun. However 80% of the pupils found the set very good or good.

The favourite set by quite a margin was the road safety set delivered by Police Scotland. This was reflected in the feedback; 92% very good and 8% good and was undoubtedly down to the content of the set with the van and dummy. Some excellent feedback comments received with 'made me think twice before I cross the road' standing out. This set also made the biggest impression on the pupils.

The majority of teachers found the event was well organised and that they had plenty time to get everything in place. They found that the pupils overall highly enjoyed the event.

One recurring theme was the comments over the length of each set at 8 minutes. Many comments made that perhaps the sets could be 10 or 12 minutes long.

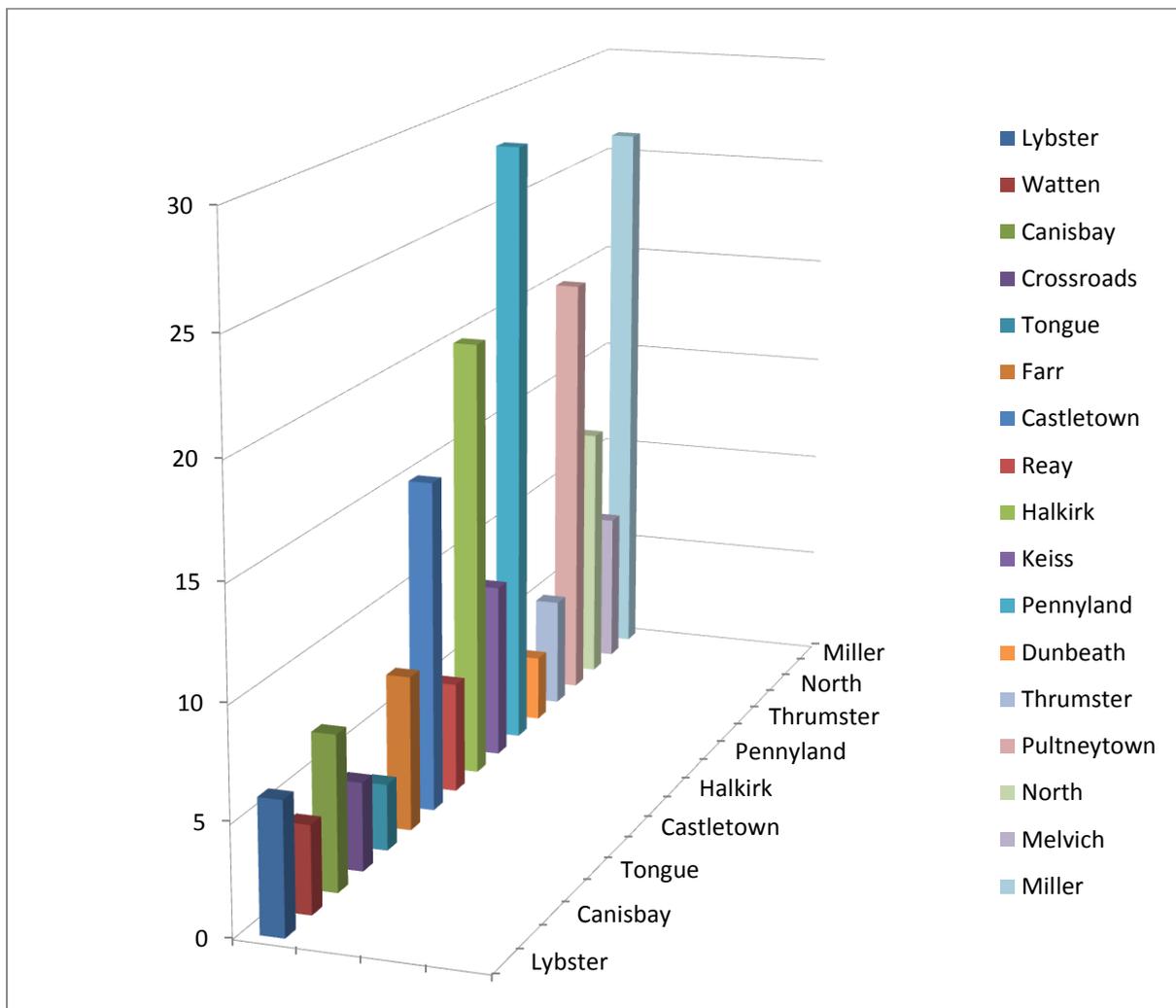
4. CONCLUSION

Overall the Safe Highlander 2015 event has been deemed as a success from pupils and teachers and that it has raised safety awareness amongst the school children who attended.

APPENDICES

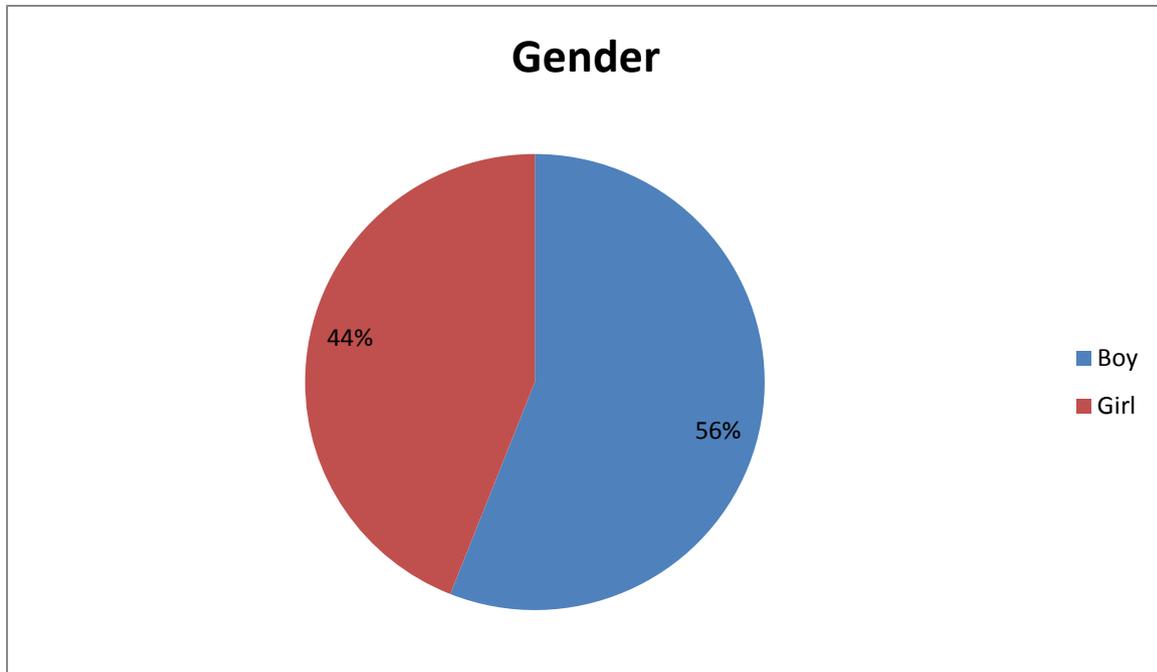
APPENDIX 1 – STUDENT RESPONSES

Overall 182 questionnaires were handed back by pupils from Dunbeath, Pulteneytown, Farr, Miller, Tongue, Wick North, Lybster, Watten Canisbay, Melvich, Reay, Castletown, Thrumster, Crossroads, Halkirk, Keiss and Pennyland. The table below shows the breakdown of where the pupils who responded were based.



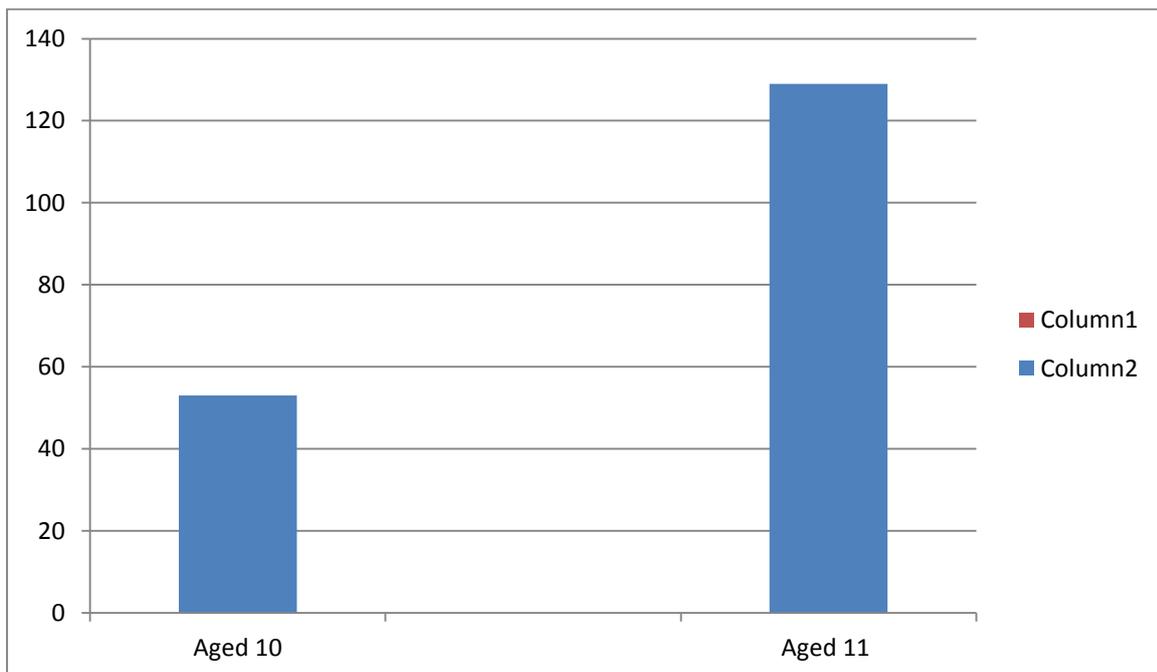
GENDER

The majority of pupils that responded to the questionnaire were male (56%). A reverse on 2014 which had a return of 57% female.



AGE OF PUPILS

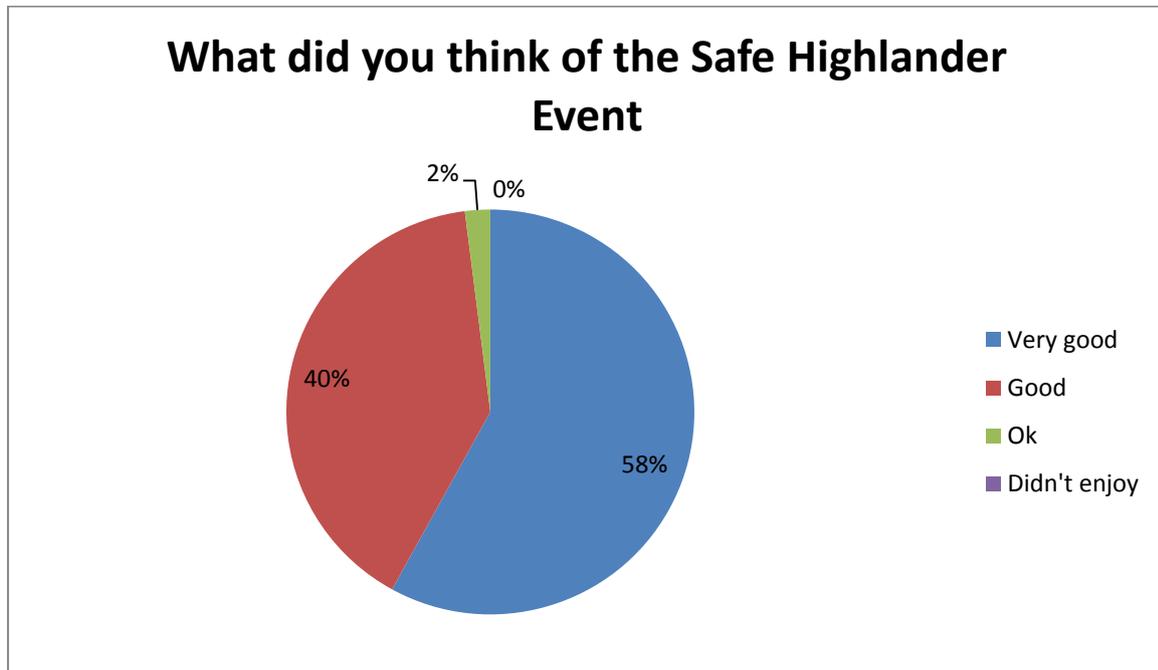
The age range of the pupils is aged 10 to 11 with most aged 11 as expected for P7.



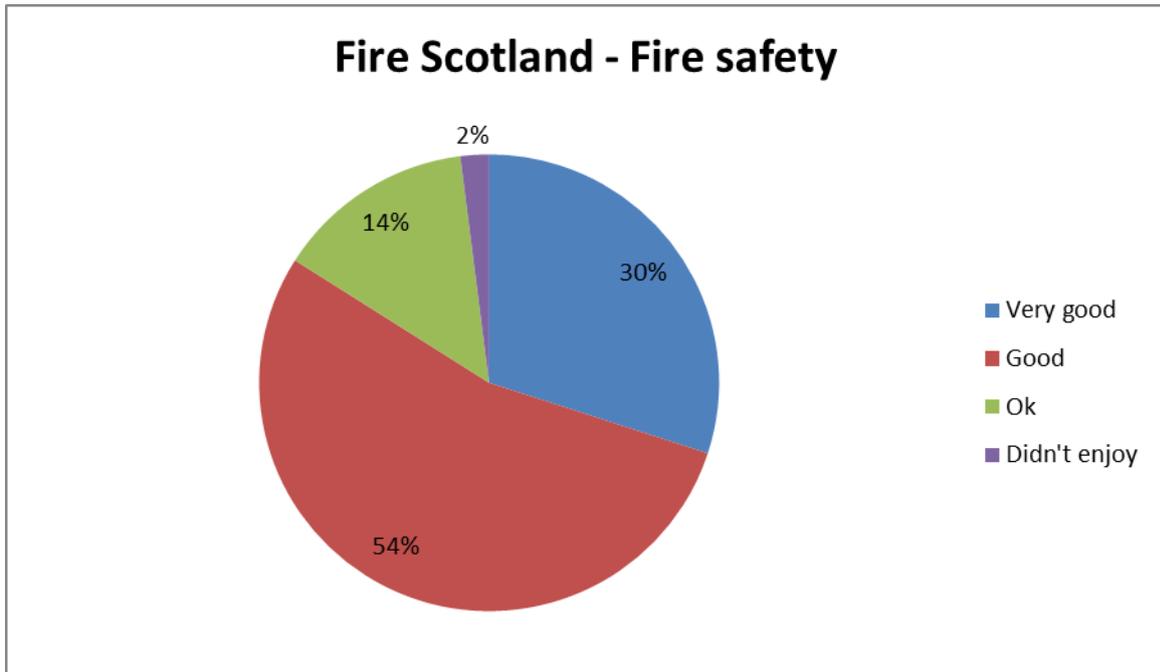
THOUGHTS ON THE EVENT

As can be seen from the table below 58% of the pupils found Safe Highlander 2015 to be very good, with 40% finding it good. This clearly demonstrates that the majority of pupils enjoyed Safe Highlander 2015.

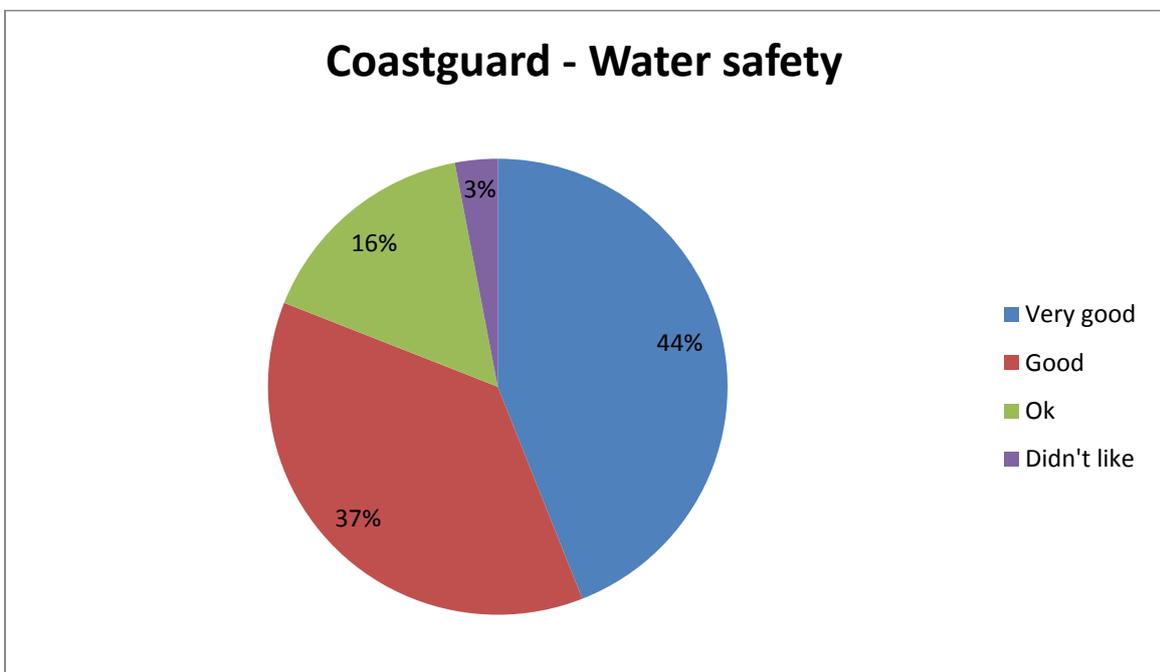
For comparison 2014 figures were 44% as very good and 39% as good.



THE SETS

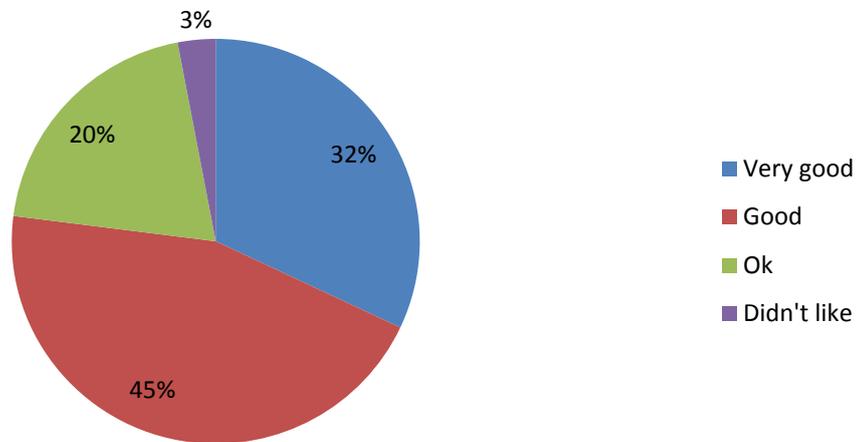


It is clear that the majority of pupils liked the Fire Safety set. The 2% who did not like the set felt that there could have been more activities rather than a power point presentation. One comment made was –‘show us a real fire’!



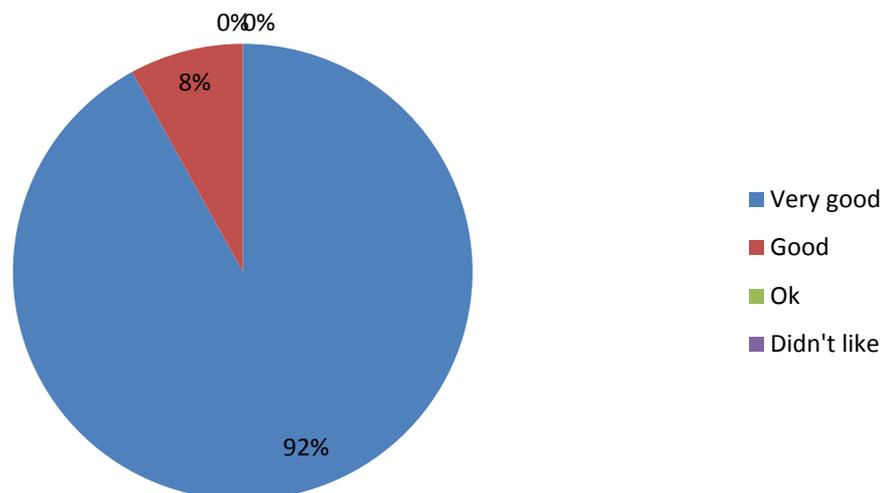
Another set that received a favourable feedback return. Only criticism received was a pupil felt the set was boring as they were just standing about watching.

Morrison Construction/Galliford Try - Building Site Safety



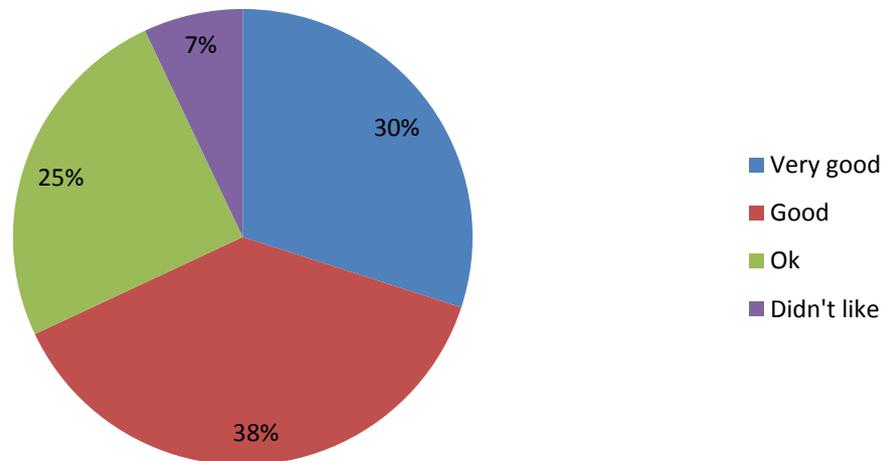
Another well received set with a 97% favourable return. Some pupils said it was difficult to hear the man due to the road safety set being in close proximity.

Police Scotland - road safety



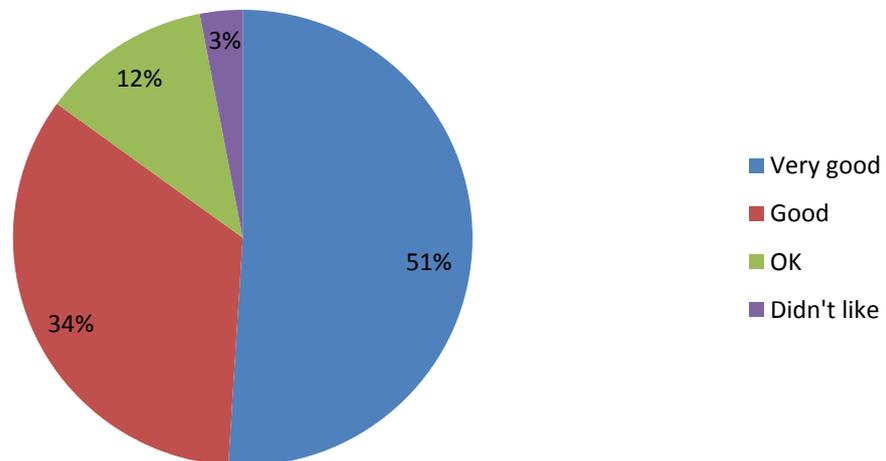
The most popular set by a considerable margin. Many pupils using the word awesome several times to describe this set

St Andrews Ambulance - First Aid



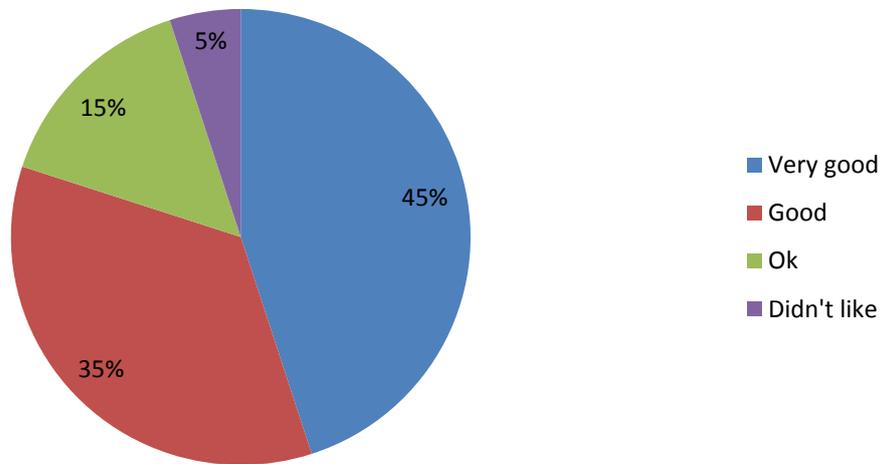
The First Aid set attracted comments ranging from 'just did the recovery position' to 'could be improved but don't know how'. Generally however the set was well received as indicated by the % scores.

Youth Action Team - Drugs



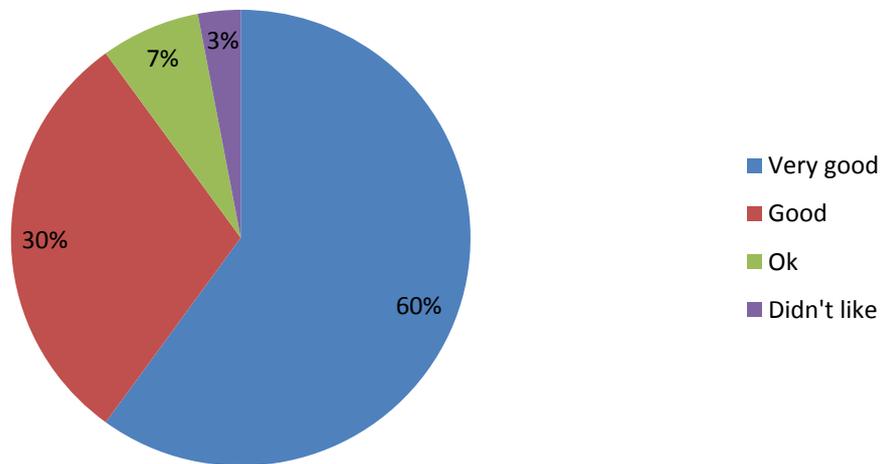
Again a well-received set as shown. A few comments suggesting that the set could be more fun with some activities build in. One pupil wanted to know how drugs effect people and why.

Fujitsu - Internet Safety



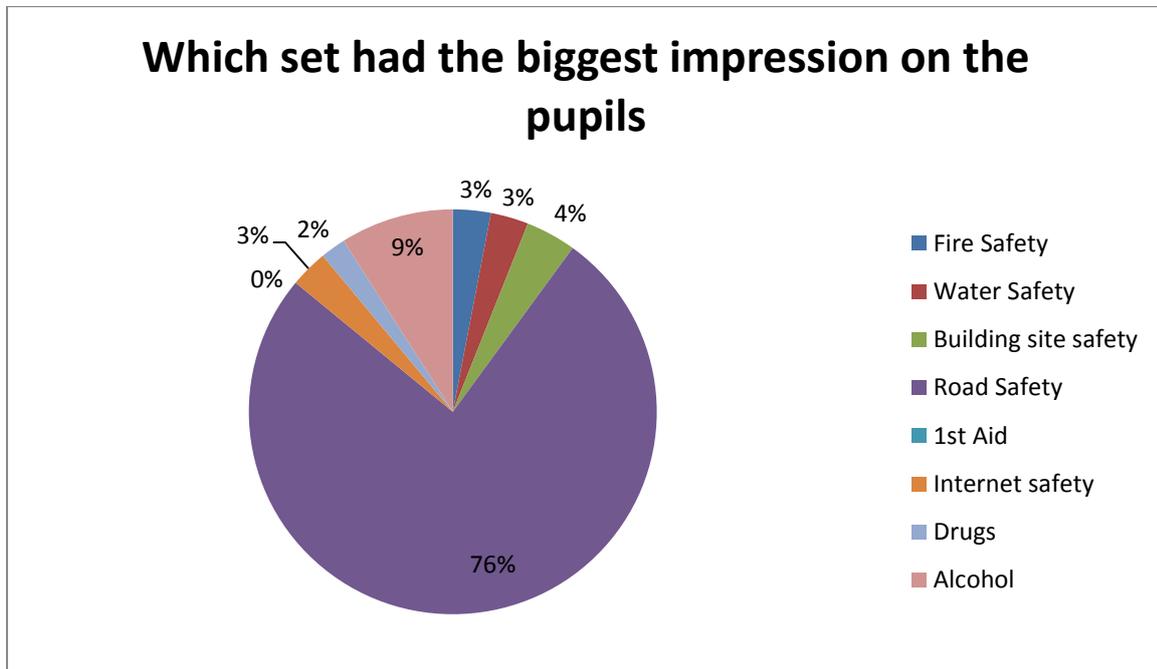
This year's figures reflect previous years with pupils showing that they enjoyed this set. A small % of pupils found the set could be improved by explaining the consequences of internet misuse.

Youth Action Team - Alcohol



A well liked set with only 3% of pupils not liking the contents. They would like to see all get a shot of the 'glasses' with more time being agreed with this set.

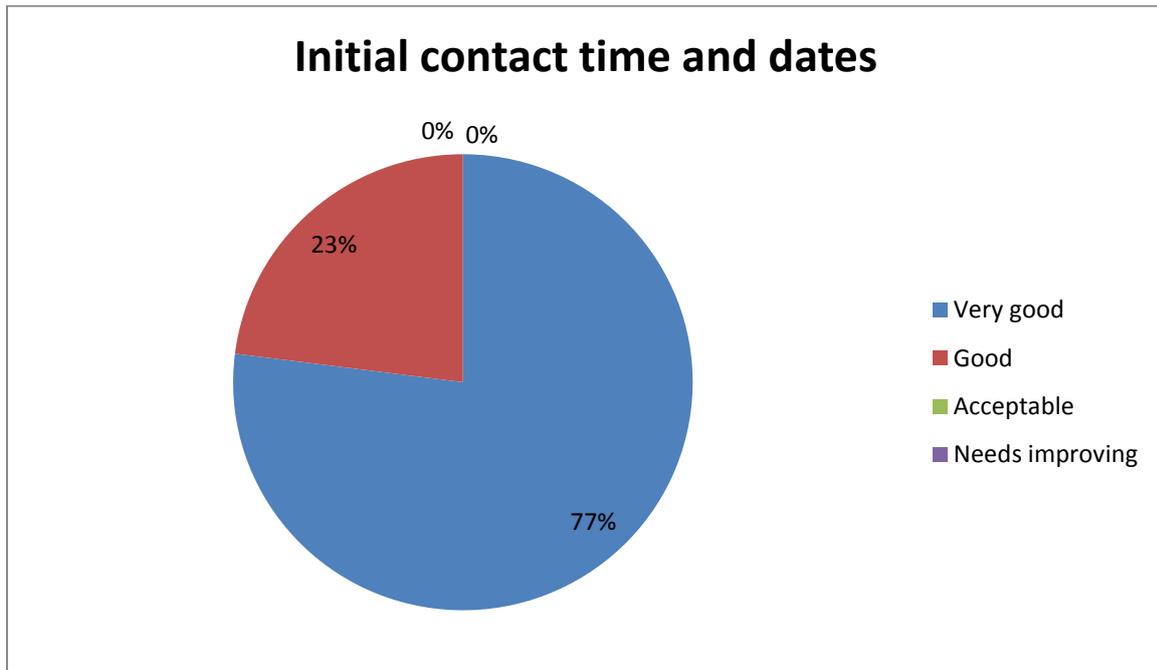
WHICH SET HAD THE BIGGEST IMPRESSION ON THE PUPILS



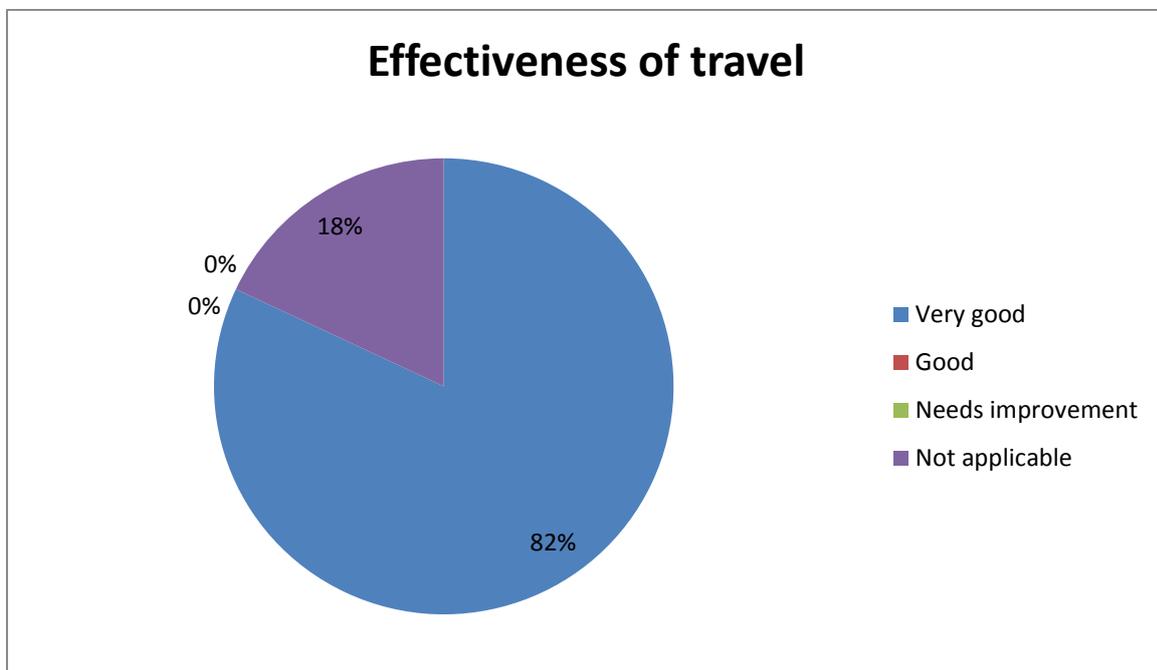
It is very clear that Road Safety set had a huge impression on the pupils undoubtedly due to the Police Scotland van and their dummy. This was followed by Internet Safety. First Aid and Drugs made the lowest impression on the pupils.

65% of pupils mentioned that there are no improvements that need to be made to any of the sets and nearly 50% of pupils felt that the 8 minutes per set was not long enough.

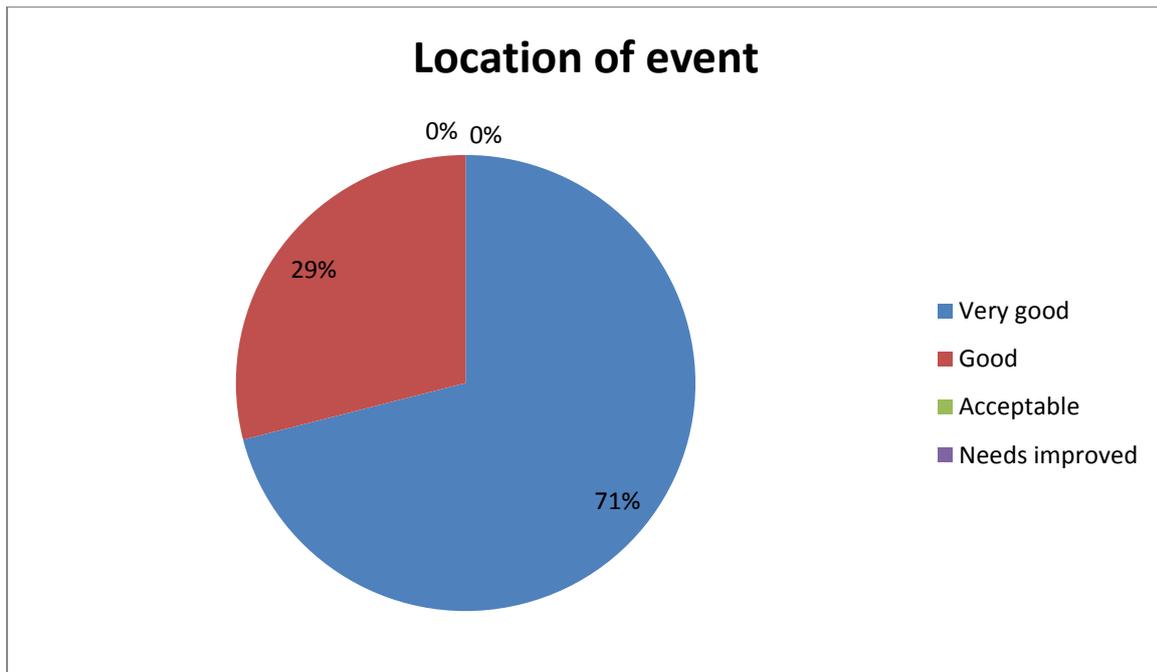
APPENDIX 2 – TEACHER RESPONSES



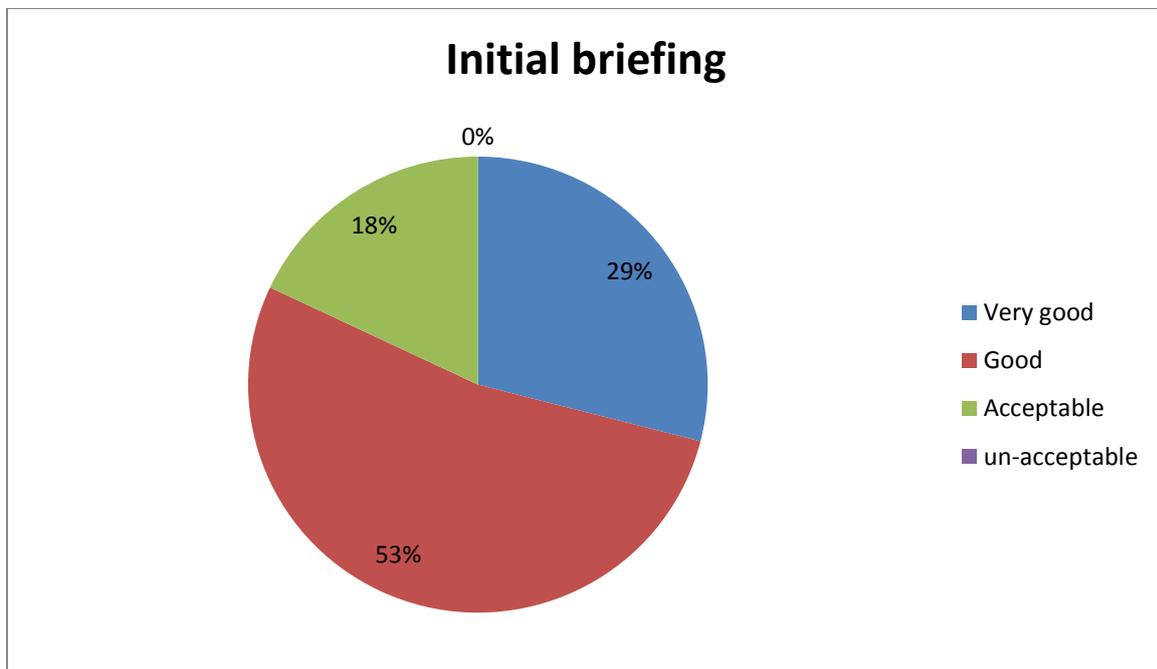
The majority of schools found the initial contact time and dates very good, with Dunbeath stating event was organised well in advance and Lybster stating all done in good time and next year's dates out already.



Pulteneytown and North school pupils walked to event. The majority of teachers were pleased with the travel arrangements. Comments included – 'Excellent could not have been easier'; 'ran smoothly and on time'. Melvich and Tongue provided their own transport

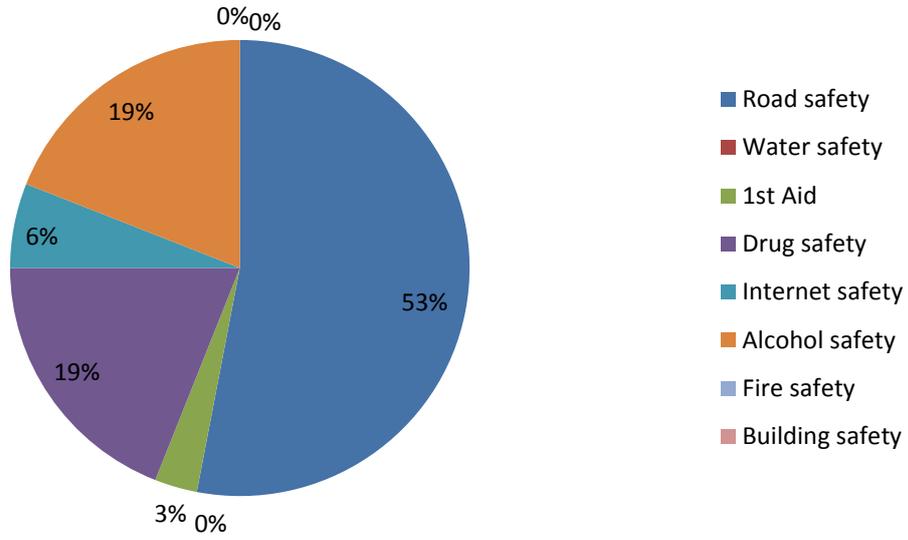


All teachers found the location either good or very good. Felt venue was spacious with good pick up points for the buses. One comment made about venue being good but prefer in Thurso and that all the venue was not disability friendly.

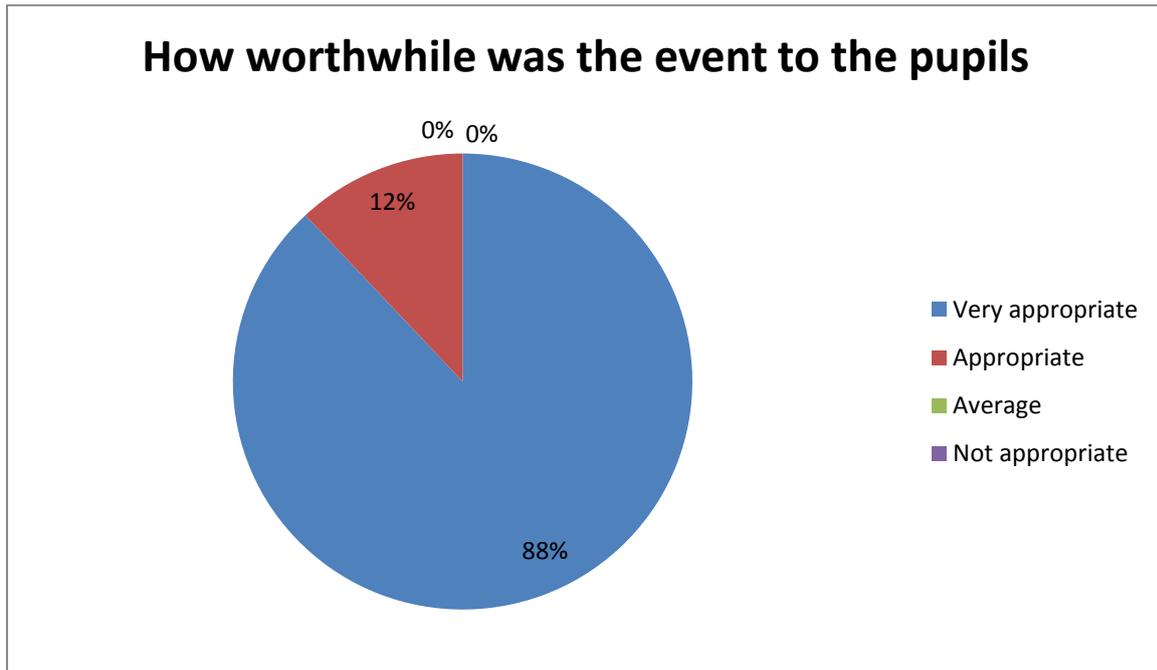


Briefing welcoming but points to note – ‘Introduce set holders, highlight length of each session at 8 minutes, highlight learning points, make sure all can hear’.

Which set made the most impression



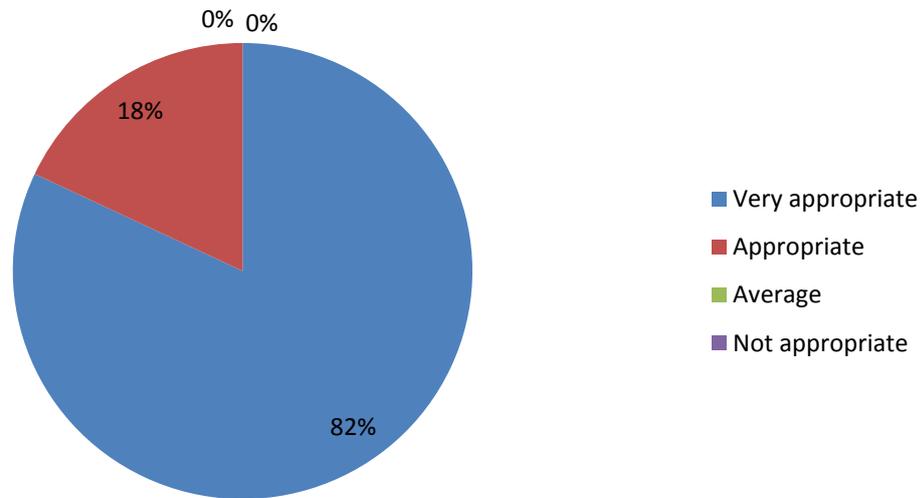
School	Set to be improved	Why
Crossroads	Drugs	Needed longer than 8 minutes to show everything
Crossroads	Alcohol	As above
Dunbeath	All	As above
Miller	Building Site	More interactive?
Thrumster	Do	Too near to road safety set made hearing difficult
Pennyland	Fire	More up to date imaging with some interactive work
Pulteneytown	Water	Needs to give more information



All the teachers found the event very worthwhile for their pupils as comments below.

1. P7 is right age for this. Gave them extra facts and skills to keep safe.
2. The activities were relevant in their lives and they definitely learned some new information from them.
3. Every pupil has taken more than one safety lesson from this experience.
4. It was all very relevant, enjoyable and at their level.
5. Lots of excellent experiences the children need to know.
6. Children enjoyed all activities and seemed to engage well with all the helpers.
7. Pupils were buzzing with all that they had learned and talked about it on the bus home. Rest of class very jealous of the P7 trip.

How appropriate were the scenarios



Teachers found all the scenarios very relevant.

FURTHER COMMENTS

1. It's been my first trip and I would strongly recommend to other schools/staff. All round experience, quick, no waffle, to the point, fun.
2. Keep up the great work.
3. In the past there had been railway and farm safety which was good.
4. Increase the time allocated to 10 minutes – this was a common statement from both teachers and pupils.
5. Fantastic.
6. Thank you so much for providing our pupils with such a valuable learning experience which they thoroughly enjoyed and spoke at length about to their classmates.
7. Can a snack time be fitted in?
8. Very pleased to see the e-safety set, this is very relevant for P7 pupils.
9. Could have an information sheet to fill in as they go round for things to look for and listen for. A fantastic day – thank you.
10. Very good all round, each set very well organised.