



Display item – Snooker Championships

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Aim: To display a Snooker Championships using boys as the balls and eventually all the balls being 'potted'

Equipment

- Two boys dressed as players (White shirt, bow tie and black trousers) and provided with a cue
- The remaining boys will be dressed in grey/black shorts and t-shirts/vests etc. appropriate to the colour of the ball they represent
 - 1 white ball (cue ball)
 - 1 yellow
 - 1 green
 - 1 brown
 - 1 blue
 - 1 pink
 - 1 black
 - 15 reds

The Table and Setting

Large green plastic tarpaulin approximately 16 feet wide by 35 feet long, suitably marked with white tape. Hoops were placed at each of the corners and sides to represent the 'pockets.' The boy's obviously in place on the 'table' as balls. To make the atmosphere authentic, 2 tables were provided for the players with chairs, and the jugs of water and glasses.

Scoreboard

This is made from card to show the state of play to the audience. It represents a proper scoreboard with a 'slide' marker to move on to the appropriate score and the figures on the card are displayed 0-19 and 10, 20, 30 etc.

The Game

In turns each player goes to the edge of the 'table', takes a cueing stance and just touches the white 'ball' with the tip of the cue. The white ball then walks in the direction of the red 'balls' and gently moves against them causing them to scatter. The next player takes his turn.

The Rules that may have to be explained in detail to the boys are:

1. After any shot the white ball always completes his movement by stopping reasonably close to the edge of the 'table' to avoid the problem of long cues and rests.
2. When playing a red ball, the first red touched by the white always goes into the closest pocket.
3. The player then chooses a colour and the colour also goes to the nearest pocket unless indicated by the referee.
4. Each player's turn always stops by failure to pot a coloured ball. This is done to avoid having a long series of set moves for the boys to remember.



Approx 30 boys



Outfits for 30 boys,
2 cues, 16x35ft green
tarpauling, scoreboard,
white hoops, table and
chairs for players



Approx 15 minutes but will
take a long time for
arranging and practicing a
substantial time taken out
of the programme

Level:

All – mainly older



Make sure players collide
gently to avoid any injury
from occurring



The Referee

The referee is also suitably dressed in evening and he indicates by either a nod or a shake of the head if the coloured ball is to go in a pocket or not. The game is thus carried out as a normal game of snooker with the referee controlling the totals of each player's score, by indications to the coloured balls as to whether they should go on or stay out of the pocket. For effect the coloured balls are replaced on their spots by the referee lifting them at the elbows and carrying them bodily back. Also, at least once one of the players should ask for the cue ball to be cleaned and the referee carries the cue ball 'off the table' and pretends to clean it with the whiter gloves. If done with anchor boys no actual 'snookers' are used but if older lads are used this and possibly other sophistications could also be attempted.

Note: It will take a lot of work and a substantial amount of boys to pull off a thing like this

This may seem rather complicated, but not only is it a superb display item but once done, can be used as an activity in your Anchor Boy programme for fun.

Anchor Boy Programmes

Ideas for displays/parents night

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Various



Various but at little cost



Various times

Level:
All

Aims

- To show parents what the boys have achieved throughout their year in BB
- To help boys to show what they have learned in BB
- To demonstrate understanding of what they have learned
- To have fun at all times

Equipment

Depending on what mime or drama piece you are doing but improvisation at little cost whether possible

Time

Short and snappy rather than long and dreary

Introduction

- When introducing drama to very young children it is most important that the right foundations should be laid so that the whole thing is shown to them as a game.
- Remember that we are not trying to make performers out of the children but to merely stimulate their thought so that they can discover and find out things for themselves.
- You will have to be very patient in the beginning as children of this age learn by repetition and the more they do it the more confident they will get.
- They may well suggest things themselves and you should always be receptive to these suggestions, perhaps turning them around so that all can enjoy them.
- It is much better for you to also get involved, do not just stand and watch, you do not want them to perform for you but with you. If you join in you will all share the experience, which is what it is all about.

Aims of the drama

There are many purposes behind mime and drama games and the ideal result is a complete experience, which involves mental, physical; and emotional expression. Listed below some of the aims which we consider important:

Self-expression: The child's own contribution to what is happening. We provide the means for doing this and some children have more experience and knowledge than they can ever express in words. Mime is an ideal way of giving way to that experience. It all comes out in 'what' they do.

Co-operation: It is a wonderful moment when a very 'isolated' or 'selfish child' is mature enough to be 'caught' or to come 'second' in the interests of the game. They are probably more surprised than you when this happens.

Stimulus of Imagination: Children have always had marvellous imaginations and often-just need to be given an idea for them to enter the world of heroes, villains, make believe etc.



Awareness and sensitivity: Oh, for a quiet session with the Anchor Boys – mime and drama will give you just that. It is the beginning of group control, when to be quiet, when to be still or to move. Thinking and feeling in lots of detail, characters and situations.

Resourcefulness: By solving problems in make -believe situations, the shyest children will gain confidence for solving problems in life. Try it, believe us it works.

A Childs word through a window: I will remember my children watching children's V and looking through round, square or oblong shaped windows to find what they were supposed to be looking for.

You can capture a child's interest by working in the first instance with the things they know and love, e.g., houses, animals, toys, flowers, gardens, trees, trains, planes, holiday, beaches etc.

To keep their interest the game needs to be exciting and fast moving and they will always respond to challenges. DO NOT UNDER ESTIMATE THEM. They respond well to being caught, escaping, losing and finding something. Children do not always accept death as final in Mime. They always have immediate re-incarnation. The villain is always more popular than the hero. Sometimes in younger boys, a girl is popular to play , particularly if they are given the opportunity to really 'ACT' as they call it.



A selection of links to websites full of resources to assist you with your programme.

CREATIVITY

CRAFT/ART

<http://www.activityvillage.co.uk>

<http://familytlc.net/>

<http://www.mycraftbook.com/SearchForCraftIdeas.asp>

<http://home.att.net/~DLeddy/kids.html>

<http://www.linit.com>

<http://www.hercraftideas.com>

<http://www.verybestkids.com>

MIME & DRAMA

www.dramatix.org

Christian drama scripts site with over 700 scripts available, mostly free of charge.

www.fools4christ.co.uk

Drama section contains original scripts as well as links to 50 drama-based websites.

www.ely.anglican.org/parishes/milton/drama/drama.html

Drama scripts written by members of All Saints Milton for use in worship.

www.users.on.net/pole/drama/drama.html

Scripts for Christian Drama and Mime

www.geocities.com/Broadway/4093/

Christian Drama Emporium with lots of links and a 'Top Ten Drama Sites'

www.dramamission.com

Large collection of free Christian drama scripts.

www.dramateachers.co.uk

Site aimed at teachers with general ideas for using drama with children and young people.

www.creativedrama.com/

Look at the Theatre Games section for ideas on improvisations and warm-up games.

www.tiebreak-theatre.com/drama.htm

More drama games and improvisations for use with children and adults.

COOKING/FOOD

<http://familyinternet.about.com/cs/recipes1/a/blrecipeindex.htm>

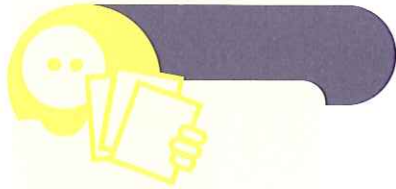
Are your kids bored? Here are some recipes that will entertain the kids for hours and the best part is, you probably have the ingredients in your kitchen.

MUSIC

http://www.singingkettle.com/recording_studio.html

<http://members.aol.com/dayvel/dayvel.html>

<http://freekidsmusic.com>



SPIRIT

<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/re/re.htm>

A website with resources for Primary School RE teachers.

<http://www.sundayschoollessons.com/index.htm>

Suggestions for Sunday school lessons with art, crafts, stories and music.

<http://www.mssscrafts.com/teachingresources/anystory.htm>

Bible crafts and activities for any story.

<http://www.teacherhelp.org/>

Educational and other resources for Christian children's ministry.

<http://www.io.com/~lcowper/resources.html>

On-line resources for Old and New Testament stories.

<http://www.ebibleteacher.com/children/ottoc.htm>

Links to Old Testament lessons and worksheets.

<http://www.natsoc.org.uk/jesusfiles/index.htm>

A bank of worship and activity ideas, drama, clip art and much more.

<http://www.dltk-bible.com/>

Bible crafts, colouring pages and lesson ideas.

<http://www.twopaths.com/wordsearch.htm>

Full-sized and junior word search puzzles on Bible topics.

BODY

[Http://www.funandgames.org](http://www.funandgames.org)

We specialise in the traditional and contemporary playground and group games that children and youth love playing. No matter what the situation or occasion you'll probably find a game or two to suit. Included in the list of games are Active Games (team and non-team), Parachute Games, Quiet and Party Games, Night Wide Games and many more.

MISC

<http://www.show.me.uk>

A guide to the U.K.s museums and galleries –where to find them and what's on.

http://www.allkids.co.uk/kids_pages/kids_activities.shtml

There's a varied selection of different activities on this page for when the kids complain of being bored and want something different to do. There's paper based activities, outdoor pursuits and playground games.

http://www.funattic.com/game_list.htm

Ready... Set... Go! The best game ideas, resources and activities for birthday parties, picnics, youth groups, summer camps, company events, educators, family life, home schooling or just for the fun of it.

* All links correct at time of going to print.

Notable Dates and Anniversaries

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A list of notable dates and anniversaries which could be used to provide a theme night and the basis of talks, devotions and activities.

January

1		New Years Day
8	1935	Birth of Elvis Presley, singer
15	1929	Birth of Martin Luther King
17	1942	Birth of Muhammad Ali, boxer
18	1882	Birth of AA Milne, author
19	1978	Last VW Beetle made
20	1892	First game of basketball played
25		Burns Night

February

4	1953	Sweet rationing ended
6	1952	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II
7	1812	Birth of Charles Dickens, author
11	1969	Birth of Jennifer Aniston, actress
14		St. Valentines Day
15	1971	Decimal coinage introduced
	1564	Birth of Galileo, inventor of the telescope
17	1923	The inner tomb of Tutankhamen opened
19	1985	'EastEnders' first broadcast
27	1831	Captain John Briscoe discovered Antarctica
29		Leap Year Day

March

1		St. David's Day
4	1890	Forth Bridge opened
6	1876	Alexander Graham Bell invents the telephone
13	1935	Driving test introduced in Great Britain
14	1879	Birth of Albert Einstein, Mathematical Physicist
15	44BC	Julius Caesar was assassinated
17		St. Patrick's Day
25		Until 1752 officially New Year's Day!
30	1853	Birth of Vincent Van Gogh, artist
31	1889	Eiffel Tower opened, Paris

April

1		April Fool's Day
6	1896	First modern Olympic Games inaugurated in Athens
9	1969	Maiden flight of Anglo-French built Concorde
11	1929	Popeye made his debut in a cartoon strip in a New York newspaper
	1961	First flight in space
19	1987	First Simpsons episode broadcast on the Fox Network
21	1926	Birth of Queen Elizabeth II
		St. George's Day
	1564	Birth of William Shakespeare, writer
	1908	Scout movement formed



May

2	1975	Birth of David Beckham, footballer
6	1954	Roger Bannister became the first man to run a mile in under four minutes
	1994	Channel Tunnel opened
8		World Red Cross Day
10	1914	Sir William Alexander Smith (Founder of The Boys' Brigade) died
	1966	Birth of Jonathan Edwards
18	1950	First personal computer goes on sale called Simon
26	1926	First Grand Prix race run at Le Mans

June

1	1938	First Superman Comic on Sale
2	1953	Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II
	1953	First ascent of Mount Everest, Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing
5		World Environmental Day
6	1944	D-Day
8		World Oceans Day
18	1815	Battle of Waterloo
26	1896	World's first cinema opened, New Orleans, USA

July

4		Independence Day, USA
6	1866	Birth of Beatrix Potter, author and Illustrator
11		World Population Day
13	1837	Queen Victoria became first sovereign to move into Buckingham Palace
14		Bastille Day, France
15		St. Swithin's Day
19	1877	First Wimbledon World Champion, Spencer Gore
21	1969	Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became first men to land on the moon
23	1903	First production line car sold by Ford
30	1966	England won football World Cup
	1947	Birth of Arnold Schwarzenegger, Actor and Politician
	1886	First BB camp at Tighnabruich
	1909	William Alexander Smith (Founder of The Boys' Brigade) knighted

August

4	1914	Start of First World War
10	1969	Internet revolution began, 4 computers connected together called ARPANET
15	1769	Birth of Napoleon Bonaparte
22	1864	Red Cross movement founded



September

1939	Start of Second World War
13 1916	Birth of Roald Dahl, author
15 1940	Start of Battle of Britain
19 1839	Birth of George Cadbury, chocolate maker
30 1965	First episode of Thunderbirds

October

1 2002	Wayne Rooney becomes the Premiership's youngest ever goal scorer
2 1909	First rugby match played
3 1922	First public demonstration of the television
4 1883	First BB company founded in Glasgow
5	World Teachers' Day
12 1492	Christopher Columbus discovers New World
14 1066	Battle of Hastings
21 1805	Battle of Trafalgar and death of Nelson
24	United Nations Day
27 1854	William Alexander Smith (founder of BB) born (Pennyland House, Thurso, Scotland)
28 1886	Statue of Liberty dedicated by France

November

1	All Saints' Day
2 1959	First section of M1 opened to traffic
5	Guy Fawkes Day
11 1918	Armistice Day
14 1922	First broadcast by BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation)
30	St Andrew's Day

December

1 1586	Sir Francis Drake introduces the potato to Britain
4 1791	The Observer (Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper) first printed
5 1901	Birth of Walt Disney
17 1903	First powered flight by the Wright Brothers
19 1905	First emergency ambulance service began
24	Christmas Eve
25	Christmas Day
26	Boxing
31	New Year's Eve