

## High Oak Youth and Community Centre

THE KIDS ENJOY USING THE TURNTABLE

## Youth Music

## Music and Dance with the High Oak Youth Group

At the High Oak Youth Club on Friday evenings we have created a 12-week music programme, this includes music, DJ skills and dance.

As a part of the music programme the children have the opportunity to get familiar with the different music styles, programmes and equipment.

Some of the young people are not as active in the programme, but just like to listen to the different styles of music and see what's going on for that session.

We have created a music room, where they can use the equipment and work on their skills. They can also just test out new sounds and put music to their songs or raps.

The D J workshops allow them to explore the different programmes, learn how to manipulate and mix music.

We have a group of Young people who are

really interested in music; they have created their own rap and song. They have been working on this over the past few weeks at High Oak and will go to a professional studio to record their track. This will be a great confidence boost for them to have their own CD with their music professionally recorded.

The young people have enjoyed the programme and have a lot of fun with each other and the teacher creating their own music and lyrics.

They are learning a lot of different styles of music at the center. Each young person has developed in their music and this has helped them to express themselves through their own music styles and taste.

The girls dancing group is also working well, the girls are working with a younger group of girls in the center and sharing different styles of music and dance. The girls have been to visit lots of shows and entered different competitions. This has really boosted their confidence and made them want to succeed even more in what they are doing.

## Saltwells Youth Club

At the youth club on Monday we had a karaoke session.

We invited the dancing girls from High Oak and they have started to teach the children at Saltwells Youth Club.

They have been there on several occasions and the younger girls really enjoyed the dancing sessions. The children have started to improve, and learn the choreography. Even the volunteers are now joining in at times.

When we combined the dance session with the karaoke, it will improved both of them and make it more fun.

The girls who where teaching dance started not just dance on their songs, but also singing together with the younger girls from Saltwells Youth Club, as a result some of the children who was too afraid to join in the dance session, have now join in.

