

Family Fun Day - 9th of June @The Parks

On the 14th of June, nine families came together for the YMCA Defence Family Fun Day.

The afternoon kicked off at The Parks Theatre with The Y Gameshow. When families arrived, they were handed emoji clues – each one a code for a type of food. Their first task? Decoding the emojis. Some were quite easy, like 🍓🥛🍌 (Strawberry Milkshake), while others relied on American pronunciations like 🍞💡 (Batter). Did you guess them?

Once the kids realised there were sweets on the line for each round, everyone's competitive spirit kicked in.

Round 2 featured five different movies to guess – with a twist! They had to name the exact number in a movie series, which was tricky when there are five Toy Story films!

After that, it was time to get the blood flowing with a bonus round of Heads or Tails.

Round 3 challenged the families' listening skills in a game of Name That Sound. Would you recognise the sound of a golf club on freshly cut grass? Many families did – impressive!

Round 4 was a real challenge, with 15 famous celebrities and characters to identify. The whole family had to contribute, with something for every age group. The younger ones had no trouble spotting Muffin, Bluey's cousin. Some families even guessed Darci Lynne, the American ventriloquist – a very impressive feat! Cliff Richard, however, stumped most.

Another bonus round followed – this time, a scavenger hunt! Hidden throughout the theatre were cards, each worth bonus points. But there was a catch: only one card per family, and just one special gold card worth five points. The Arora family found the elusive 5-pointer and scored a bonus prize.

After all that excitement, we returned to the theatre for the Speed Round: Guess the Logo. This round proved tricky, and many families needed a second flick through the logos.



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Round 6 was a Spot the Difference challenge – and some families found more differences than were listed on the answer sheet!

The final round brought the pressure – families had to guess the song and the singer, all from movies. That made it a bit trickier, especially when trying to name the actress singing. Alisha Weir, the young star from Matilda, was a tough one for most to identify.

Throughout the event, a ladybug kept appearing on screen. Observation skills were put to the test, with a bonus prize on offer for anyone who could guess how many times it appeared. The answer? A surprising 10 times!

It was then time to crown our winning family. Taking out 1st place were the de Kwant family – no surprise, as they consistently topped the minor rounds. 2nd place went to the Jones family, just edging out the Bakers who came in 3rd.

All families did an amazing job tackling The Y Family Gameshow! To wrap up, we played one final True or False Round packed with YMCA fun facts. Did you know the YMCA invented both volleyball and basketball?

With everyone's brains stretched, it was time to get the bodies moving for the second part of the Fun Day. We made our way across to the indoor heated pool – and waiting there was an Aqua Inflatable Obstacle Course, ready to test agility, balance, and coordination.

That's not all – there was also a Pod Runner, where families tried their best to run across water! Everyone who gave it a go showed incredible resilience, problem-solving, and balance.

The small pool was also open for free play, with basketballs, soccer balls, and smaller inflatables providing plenty of entertainment.

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us!

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