

TT Kidz Impact – Sawtry Table Tennis Club

Theme: physical activity, children and young people, inclusion

Defining the Issue

Post pandemic, Sawtry Table Tennis Club were keen to grow their junior section. With funding received to support return to play, they went out and recruited children who receive Pupil Premium funding for an eight week TT Kidz programme.

Background

TT Kidz is a programme designed by Table Tennis England to introduce children aged 7-11 to the game of table tennis in a fun, engaging and inspiring way.

Sawtry Table Tennis Club were keen to bring more juniors into the game and provide an opportunity for children who may usually miss out on sporting opportunities due to barriers such as cost or disabilities. With funding, they worked with a local school to identify disadvantaged children who are on Pupil Premium, and provided the course and kit bags to those children for free.

Pupil Premium is a grant given by the government to schools in England to decrease the attainment gap for the most disadvantaged children.

The Project

TT Kidz for Clubs is an eight week programme designed to be the best introduction to the sport for children aged 7-11. Clubs are supported with equipment, marketing and training.

Sawtry Table Tennis Club saw this as the ideal programme to grow their Club's junior sessions and provide an activity to disadvantaged children.



The Project (continued)

Rather than children booking on through the TT Kidz website, the Club recruited locally with the support of a local primary school.

Pauline Williams, Lead Activator, and her team took the lesson plans and spent time thinking about how they could adapt the tasks to meet the needs of the participants. Recognising that they would be working with children, including a girl with dwarfism, they went out and purchased two low level tables to make the session more inclusive.

“The mini tables have been a great investment. For some of our children, a full size table is too big. The mini tables allow smaller children to enjoy table tennis on a table tennis table just like the other children, not a bench or classroom table due to their size.”
Pauline Williams – Sawtry TTC



Key Learnings

1. 16 children have enjoyed the sport and developed relationships with the Club and activators.
2. Adapting the game has allowed the children to develop coordination and grow in confidence.
3. TT Kidz can be used as a great introduction to the game and support children into other sessions within their Club.

“The TT Kidz programme at Sawtry has been really inclusive, and the Club have really thought about each child’s needs and adapted accordingly, which has allowed them to grow in confidence.”
Parent of child



Further Information

For more information on TT Kidz visit www.ttkidz.co.uk



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