

This is an excerpt from the first 6 week Forest School Programme run at Abney Park, with Holmleigh Environment Club. If it is something your school or group would be interested in please contact Anna Smale at Abney Park, Stoke Newington High Street, London, N16 6UR TEL: 0207 275 7557

Week 6 – 19th October 2004

The group arrived and followed instructions regarding wood collection. Karen has noticed that co-operation amongst the group has improved, and their confidence within the woodland has increased. They were excited about finding different insects, which demonstrates an awareness of their new surroundings, paying more attention to detail too.



They sorted the timber well, and sensibly. Discussing measurements carefully! Timber was stored in the chapel to dry. The children remained engaged throughout the activity, and Lucy had tested them on their leaf identification in the classroom before they went out. They have tried hard with this, and succeeded as they can recognise a few simple leaf shapes now. Their challenge was 10!



They conversed about remains of a fire they found, it was still warm and they were wondering about whether to put it out. They also made comments about litter and the dangers in the park, which means they have taken on board the safety measures set out at the initial meeting.

They chatted with Steve (a colleague on site) about Forest School, explaining why they were here and what it was about, and were enthusiastic in their delivery and Steve clearly understood what they had been doing during the 6 week programme.



Preparing for the half-term activities!