



There seem to have been very few Powerhouse meetings since school went back - however, we have had some fun games and helped out with the Family Service on 1 November. We have also had some discussions about the Communicating with God from the series of Children's Talks. We are now going to join in with Kidzone for the Nativity preparations!!!!

*Tracey*



This year we are delighted to have seven young people in our Inspire group, the largest number ever, including four who moved up from Powerhouse at the summer.

There are some churches where no young people attend on a Sunday morning at all, but Polmont Old is blessed to have this enthusiastic group, whose members are often seen in church, even on "holiday" Sundays, taking part in worship and helping with activities - like operating the overhead projector, serving tea and coffee after church or helping in the crèche.

We took part, with Jerome, in the "Witch of Endor" drama at the Hallowe'en weekend service, and we are looking forward to getting involved in the Watchnight service drama this year.

Inspire is for young people from fourth year at high school until 18 or thereabouts, so if you fall into that category or you know someone who does, we'd love you, or them, to join us! See any of the group or give Lorna a call (01324 711228) and we'll be glad to give you more details.

*Lorna Farquhar*

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Santa Claus, will you kindly go,  
And visit a friend whose name you know:  
Leave there your prettiest gifts and say,  
All happiness come on this Christmas Day.



There has been a steady core of fifteen or so (not counting Jerome and Gordon!) at The Grid this session. A new version of dodgyball has proved very popular and most enjoyable...

We have watched an animation called **Meet the Robinsons**, which was a clever and amusing Science Fiction story with some excellent one-liners (eg 'Celebrate failure'; 'Keep moving forward'; 'I don't think you have thought this through' and 'I'm always right even when I'm wrong'). We came away with positive ideas for dealing with life's problems and working through issues.

**Madagascar 2** was another hilarious animation. Discussing our reactions to the various characters reminded us we all have different personalities and we should not make snap judgements by looking at people.

**The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen** was 'literary' Science Fiction (completely unbelievable!), where various characters from other stories (Dorian Gray, Alan Quartermayne, Williamina Harper; Tom Sawyer and Dr Jekyll & Mr Hyde etc) come together to solve a plot and 'save' the British empire - which taught us issues about life and death and not to judge a book by its cover...

**Bend it like Beckham** - although some of us were not that enthusiastic to watch lassies playing football we enjoyed this edgy comedy and came away with a greater understanding of what makes up our 'culture' and why it is so important.

*Tracey*

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### Victorian Christmas poems

May Christmas come with Joy to thee !

It draws true hearts  
together,  
It breathes a peace sublime,  
God bless the kind old  
season,  
God bless the dear old time.

