

April – June



Read about our
activities during
April, May and June!



April - June statistics

210 children & young people came to JYC between April – June!

Children and young people took 380 extra meals home with them after JYC sessions.

14 young people took part in our filmmaking club with Film Oxford during the May half-term!

12 young people took part in the Zine Making art project with The Story Museum!



April 2024



April - JYC activities

What we did:



Painting
Drawing
Bracelet making
Nature art



Free play activities
Puzzles
Chess
Board games
Lego



Badminton
Football

82 children
attended
JYC after the
Easter
holidays

13 young
people
attended JYC
after the
Easter
holidays

C & YP also
took away 53
extra meals
after JYC
sessions



Free hot meals



Pick up hot meals this Easter holiday for the whole family!

Wednesday 3rd April & Wednesday 10th April.

Collect between 12pm-1pm at Rose Hill Community centre.

Eat in or take away!

To pre-book, please fill out our form by visiting: form.jotform.com/232073846743359

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We produced 40 free hot meals for families during the Easter holiday break.

Families picked up the meals across two dates and could choose from a veggie pasta dish or a chicken and veg dish.

We also produced 59 free hot meals during the May half-term for families.



Free bike repair



23 bikes were repaired by the CycloX team outside Rose Hill Community Centre at our second partnership event.

Local families registered to get their bikes repaired for free and some children from our JYC sessions also got their bikes fixed!

It was lovely to see so many benefitting from this and sharing bike safety tips.



Naturehood (April - June)

After two wonderful years, our partnership with the Earthwatch Naturehood project has come to an end.

Since 2023, the Naturehood project has provided RHJYC with free nature sessions for children who attend our after school youth club.

Each week, the children truly enjoyed learning about nature, asking lots of questions and absorbing information in calm and relaxed outdoor spaces.

The children soaked up so much knowledge, and you could tell they were applying what they had learned the previous week to the next activities the following week.

Through this project, we were able to ensure that children were physically active, and we observed that the children were happy and excited to do the activities, developing their self-confidence, making them proud of their accomplishments.

They were also able to spend time in outdoor spaces local to them, including Rivermead Nature Park, which many had never visited before despite it being on their doorstep.



Naturehood (April - June)

The children took part in many engaging activities which included:

- Learning about insects and pollinators and building a worm farm.
- Learning about habitats and the environment.
- Planting seeds and bulbs (flowers, fruits and vegetables).
- Painting our own planters.
- Pond dipping and water testing.
- Creating our own hedge and pond.
- Watering and harvesting.
- Learning about natural dyeing with leaves and onion skins.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Petia, Anya and Jamie and the Earthwatch team for setting up this partnership with us and delivering these amazing activities!



Comments from our Director, Chris Chaundy:

Collaborating with Earthwatch has been an immensely gratifying experience, due to the profound impact it has had on our children's comprehension of nature and the environment.

Earthwatch has crafted each session to ensure that they are both enjoyable and intellectually stimulating, perfectly tailored to the children's level of understanding.

Witnessing the return of our children from their excursions at the nature reserve or our allotment is an absolute delight.

This generous support not only allows us to allocate our resources to other vital areas but also guarantees that our children are not deprived of these enriching experiences.

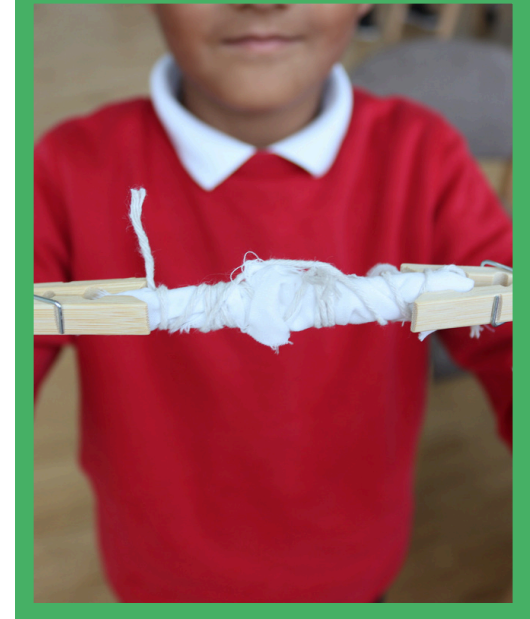
We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Earthwatch for making this invaluable contribution to our charity.

A big thanks to Earthwatch for also donating wellies and waterproofs for our children to use in the future!

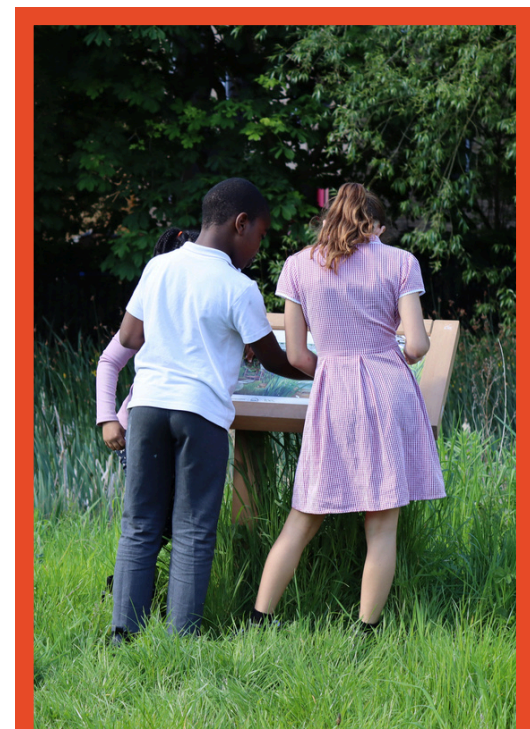
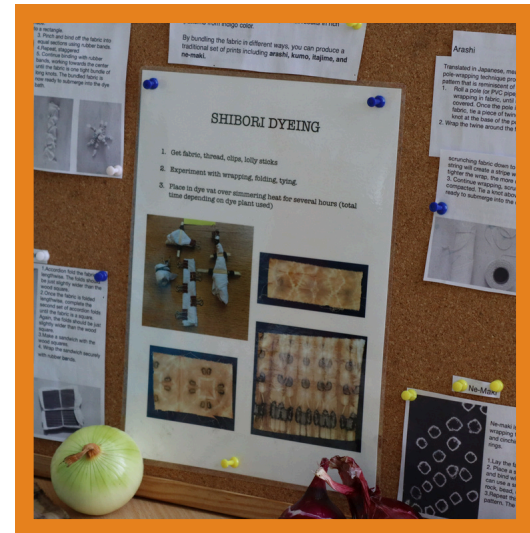


Naturehood (April - June)

Naturehood
earthwatch
EUROPE



Watch our three month highlights video on our YouTube channel:
@rosehilljunoryouthclub
or scan the QR code.



Zine Making project

THE STORY MUSEUM



During April and May, The Story Museum organised Zine Making workshops for our older girls group as part of their Heritage Lottery funded project called 'Story Connectors'.

The Story Museum's project offers young people (age 12-16) the opportunity to learn skills in zine-making, digital journalism and review writing, all with a focus on fictional stories (in books, films, plays, gaming etc).

The group learned about the history of zines and even visited TSM to look through their collections and exhibits to get inspiration.

They then spent four weeks creating their own zines, which will be merged together to create a final zine, which will be distributed online, and offline in the community and TSM.

ZINE MAKING ART PROJECT ROSE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Story Museum is partnering with Rose Hill JYC for a special project exploring your favourite stories!

Over 5 workshops, The Story Museum will be leading activities on Zine making - a small handmade magazine that you can make yourself from materials available at home.

As part of this project, the group will also be visiting The Story Museum to see our spaces and hear your ideas.

The project will take place at RHJYC's senior girls club for ages 11+.

Just come along, chill-out, make some art, meet new friends and have some hot food.

Workshop dates:

Thurs 18th April, Fri 3rd May (visit to Museum), Thurs 9th May, Thurs 16th May, Thurs 23rd May, **5:30pm-7:30pm**.

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Supported by:
 JYC ROSE HILL
 STORY MUSEUM



Rose Hill Junior Youth club has successfully received a grant of £14,770 from the Well Together programme to support local children, young people and their families!

The Well Together Programme is delivered in partnership by OCVA and Community First Oxfordshire and funded by the NHS Integrated Care Board with the aim to promote health and wellbeing and reduce inequality through community-based activities.

Over the next year, we will be running cooking activities every week at our youth club sessions, exploring healthy and fun recipes that the children and young people will love making and trying!

We will also be supporting local primary schools in Rose Hill and Littlemore with small group and one-to-one mentoring sessions for children, based at our youth allotment space.

These sessions will focus on improving wellbeing and building friendships through nature, cooking and art activities.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for local families to take part in easy, tasty and fun cooking activities at various community events based in Rose Hill throughout the year!

“Having the Well Together Funding and their support for our work in Rose Hill & Littlemore is incredibly valuable to us. It allows us to support local schools, addressing the needs of their children and young people.

We can also encourage children to eat healthily by creating fun and engaging food activities in our youth club sessions and offer informative and engaging cooking activities for local families at community events.”

-Chris Chaundy



May 2024



May - JYC activities

What we did:



Drawing
Paint mural
Volcano making
Stencil art



Free play activities
Board games
Lego
Music



Football Archery
Badminton

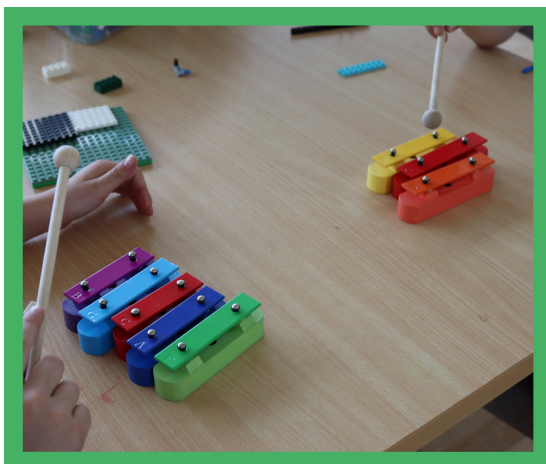


Banana and
Oat Flapjacks

110 children
attended
JYC in May

30 young
people
attended JYC
in May

C & YP also
took away 152
extra meals
after JYC
sessions



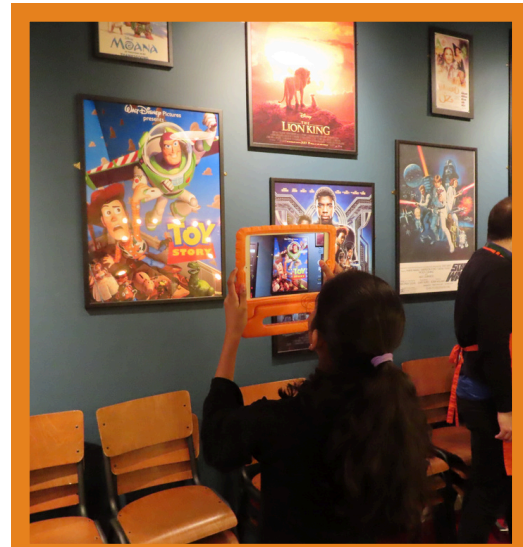
Group visit to TSM

On Friday 3rd May, we took a group of girls over to The Story Museum for a behind the scenes evening tour & art activity.

We explored the exhibits and took pictures of what we found interesting using an iPad.

We then chose our favourite images and started drawing our own versions.

We then experimented with collaging and created our first zine, which we would then go on to add to in our youth club sessions.



14 young people took part in a free filmmaking project during the May half-term.

The workshops were led by Film Oxford and the young people spent time learning the skills needed to create a short film about:
Activities for young people in Rose Hill.

The aim was to showcase local opportunities for young people, and to let others know how to get involved.

We were really pleased to see new friendships form between the participants and they have since joined our older youth sessions and hang out together, thanks to this filmmaking project.

Big thanks to the James Cowper Kreston Foundation for supporting this work!



On the first day, we discussed how good and bad lighting and sound can affect our production and how it looks and sounds to the person watching our film.

We then practiced using the equipment in preparation for our first interview.

“It made me try what I haven’t tried before, it made me feel part of a group. I enjoyed the part where we got to do the light, film, sound and edit because I haven’t done it before.”

-Young person



We had many opportunities to interview local people during our workshops.

We interviewed staff at RHJYC who run activities for young people and also the children who take part in these activities.

It was great to see the young people taking on the different roles in the film crew, being in charge of directing, sound, lights, the clapper board and asking the questions.



We went to different locations during the three days, including the local nature reserve, youth allotment space and areas in and around the community centre.

We walked around and explored, discussed why we like these spaces and what we wanted to showcase in our film.

The young people really enjoyed being outdoors and discovering new spaces and activities which they can continue to enjoy in the future.

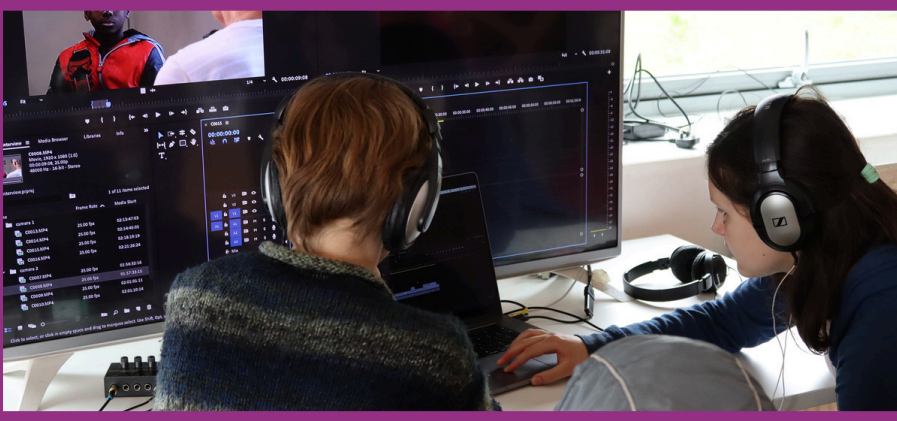


The majority of the young people involved have not had the opportunity to edit video footage before, so it was amazing to see them learn these new skills.

They used Adobe Premiere Pro software and were very interested to learn about how to use different transitions & elements.

“It was fun because I learned new things.”

-Young person



“FUN! Met some amazing friends.
My favourite would be the nature reserve
and my 2nd favourite is the allotment.”

“I found it fun because there was always
something to do and the group was smaller
which meant less noise.”

“I learned new stuff and was able to talk
to new people.”

“I loved it, it made me feel great.”

“I enjoyed making new friends!”

“Thank you for keeping us busy
during half-term.”

“Thank you for putting this amazing
project together, and to everyone who
was involved.”

“Thank you for the wonderful opportunity
you have given us.”

“Thank you for funding this activity, it has
been very fun.”

“Thanks, I met so many new people.”

“I loved it here!”

“Thank you, it was amazing!”

“Everything was good!”

“Very happy!”

“Thank you so much!”







We really appreciate the support from our funders, without them we would not have been able to offer any activities for young people during the May half-term.

Many of the young people would not usually have access to creative activities like these, and we are proud to be able to offer it to them for free.

It is really important for us to continue to develop free opportunities for young people, to develop their skills, confidence, and grow their curiosity about future roles in the creative industries.

A big thank you to Film Oxford, who have championed our work and given our children and young people access to amazing activities led by talented and creative leaders.

We look forward to developing more projects in the future with them.

-RHJYC

Bingo fundraiser

Thanks to everyone who came along to our prize bingo fundraiser!

The local community gathered at Rose Hill Community centre to play and win lots of cool prizes.

You helped us to raise £291.90, which will go towards activities at Rose Hill JYC!

Thanks also to our team for organising and supporting this event



Free theatre trip

Pegasus theatre invited us to an early screening of a new play called, 'Tuesday'.

Tuesday follows the story of siblings Ellie and Ollie as they embark on the adventure of a lifetime - navigating the most important day of school as each other!

It was a lovely sunny day and the children enjoyed visiting the theatre, which is not too far from Rose Hill.

The play was around 50 minutes long, but packed a lot of content in and the children enjoyed watching the show.

Feedback from our children after the show:

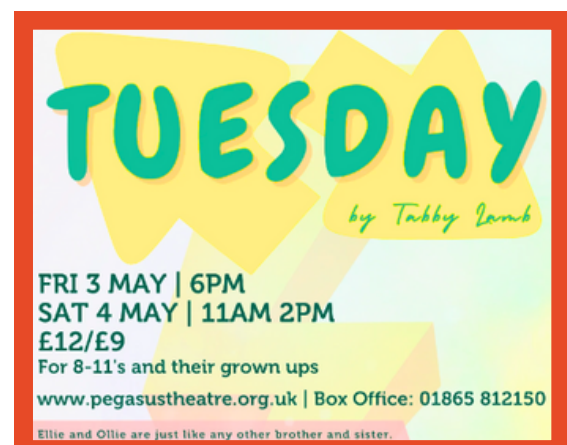
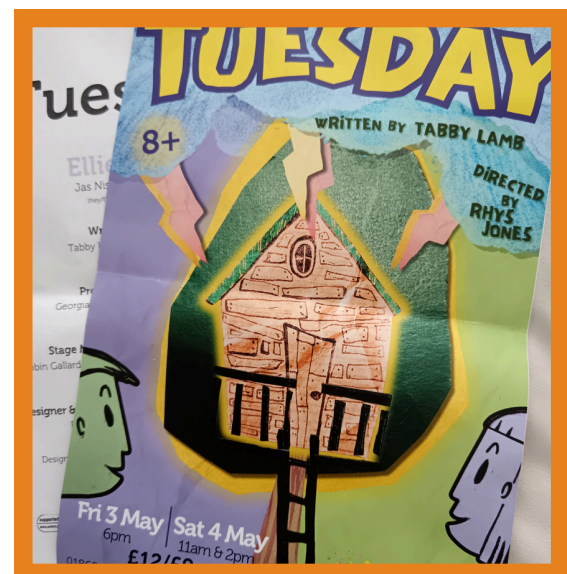
"My first theatre experience was so good, I wish to come again."

"I liked how they were best friends after all the arguments."

"The singing was beautiful."

"I liked the show, it was so interesting."

"The whole thing was good"





A big thanks to all of the families from Oxford High School who fundraised for us, so that we could run food activities for children during the May half-term, a time where a lot of children would otherwise have nothing to do.

The children really enjoyed the cooking session and learning that you can make pizza in a really simple, but fun and engaging way with healthy ingredients.

We called it a rainbow pizza because we used colourful ingredients like peppers, onions, mushrooms, sweetcorn and tomatoes.

It was nice for the children to share what they had made with their friends and family members, and their parents and carers were really impressed with what they had created.

Thank you for helping us to give our children enriching experiences like this, support of any kind is invaluable to us and we really appreciate all of the work that went into raising this money for us.

-RHJYC

Mentoring for primary schools

May - June 2024

well
together

We have also been providing small group mentoring support for children at John Henry Newman Academy at our allotment space.

The sessions focus on building friendships, self confidence and resilience and the children can participate in fun and creative nature activities in a relaxed environment.

Our mentors develop activities and games which aim to discuss healthy eating and the process of growing, harvesting and cooking food, in an informal but engaging way.

The children looked after their own raised bed, weeding it each week and planting their own seeds and were excited to watch them grow.

The allotment became a space where they could not only relax, but talk about their thoughts, emotions and frustrations.

Our mentors recognised the personal growth of each child during the six week period.

Our mentors encouraged them to talk about their feelings and gave them strategies where they could develop their patience and peer-to-peer relationships.

The discussions around healthy eating were also positive, with the children keen to tell each other what vegetables they had eaten and how they wanted to encourage other family members to eat something healthy.

We look forward to continuing our support at JHN, and also developing our sessions with Rose Hill Primary school from September.



All of the children said that coming to the allotment made them feel **'Happy'**.



All of the children said that coming to the allotment made them feel more **'Active'**.



All of the children said that the activities made them feel **'Happy'**.



The children said talking to the adults made them feel **'Better'**.



The children said they felt **'safe'** in the space.

June 2024



June - JYC activities

What we did:



Drawing
Bracelet making
Recycled crafts



Free play activities
Board games
Chess
Puzzles
Music



Badminton
Football
Archery



Sweet potato
& cacao
brownie bites

102 children
attended
JYC in June

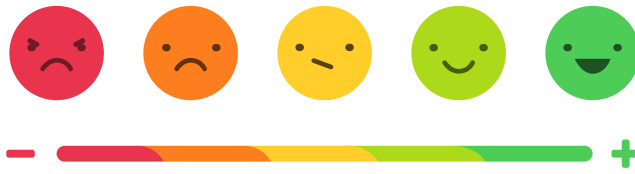
52 young
people
attended JYC
in June

C & YP also
took away 175
extra meals
after JYC
sessions





June - JYC Youth survey results



Based on 20 responses from children aged 5-11



The majority of children said they feel **'Happy or Very Happy'** when they attend JYC sessions.



All children surveyed said that they feel everyone should be treated **'equal'** at JYC sessions.



The majority of children said that they either felt **'Safe or Very Safe'** at JYC sessions.



The children picked the words, **'Kind, nice, friendly, good'**, to describe how we should treat others at JYC.



The children said that their favourite activities at JYC were:



Park, drawing, playing with friends, playing outside, art, making bracelets, cooking, puzzles, football and the allotment.



The children said that they had learned how to do the following at JYC:



"Learned about plants at the allotment."

"Sharing and the allotment."

"Allotment and plants."



"How to cut fruit."



"To cook and bake."



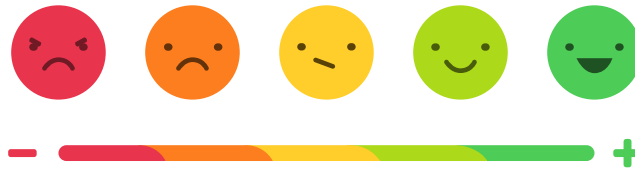
"How to make friends and football."



"How to be nice."



June- JYC Youth survey results



Based on 17 responses from young people aged 12-16



The majority of young people said that the atmosphere at youth club is **'friendly'**.



The majority of young people said that they had a say in planning activities and feel encouraged to participate in discussions.



The majority of young people said that they either felt **'Safe or Very Safe'** at JYC sessions.



The young people said that we should treat others with respect at youth club and:



"Be friendly and invite others over."

"Be kind, share and involve people."

"Be kind and respect people."

"Treat everyone the same and be kind."

"Show care and love."

"Treat others how you want to be treated."

"Show kindness and respect."

The young people said others should be treated equally at youth club because:

"Everyone deserves the same respect."

"It's a safe space."



"They can feel warm and friendly."

"everyone can feel equal."

"That's the kind thing to do, and no one should have the feeling of being left out or sad."



The young people said that they had learned the following at youth club:



"Communication skills."

"Drawing and makeup."

"Filmmaking."

"Be kind and respectful."

"Be active and kind."

"Made friends."

"It is creative and friendly."



"Made new friends."

FEAST research project with JYC



FEAST

15 countries
35 partners
13 living labs

FEAST is a 5-year programme involving 35 European partners, aiming to make healthy and more sustainable diets accessible to everyone across Europe.

Good Food Oxfordshire (GFO) leads the Oxfordshire Living Lab, as part of this initiative, focusing on community-based solutions to support healthier diets and tackle food insecurity.

The research in Oxfordshire aims to understand the barriers to eating a healthier and more sustainable diet, how people in our community experience food insecurity, and will test different approaches to facilitate the uptake of healthier and more sustainable diets and address food insecurity.

RHJYC will be supporting the project, helping to facilitate small focus groups with local parents and distributing questionnaires to our families and the wider community.

Want to help shape a **healthy** and **sustainable** future for Oxfordshire?

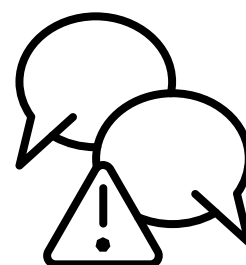
FEAST



Take part in our **survey** about your eating habits and experiences of food insecurity



Parents with a child under 5?
Express interest in attending one of our **focus groups** in September to share and hear more





Free play activities at JYC April-June



Older youth activities



Wooden crafts



Painting



Hamma beads



Painting



Sketching



Face / body painting



Glitter tattoos



Art activities at JYC

April-June





Banana and oat flapjacks



Rainbow pizza



Dough making



Sweet potato and choc brownies



Sweet potato and choc brownies







Home made scones topped with a strawberry compote



Frozen yoghurt topped with blueberries and cacao.



Frozen yoghurt strawberry mousse topped with cacao



Chick pea chocolate muffins topped with fruit



Crispy oat biscuits made with oats, maple syrup & mixed seeds



Banana Chocolate bread made with chickpeas & cacao



Strawberry mousse cups, cannelli beans, dates & strawberries

Video highlights



All videos can be found on
our YouTube channel:
Rose Hill Junior Youth club

Or scan the QR codes
below to watch the
videos:

