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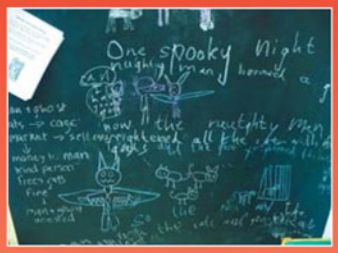

Taking inspiration from the 'It's Child's Play' exhibition, Artist Aaron Head ran a series of creative workshops for children over the summer holidays. The exhibition featured toys from the Holley Cornelius collection on loan from Bletchley Park and exhibits from Milton Keynes Museum. Participants were encouraged to bring in old broken toys and unwanted material, which they repaired or re-invented. Mosaics were created from defunct jigsaw puzzles, sorted into different colours to create new images based on building up individual pixels. The children also used simple kinetics and basic sculptural techniques to make rudimentary toys like pop guns and spinning tops from recycled rubbish and broken toys.

Another series of workshops were held during October half term to coincide with Discover Milton Keynes' 'Myths and Mysteries' exhibition. Storytellers from 'A Word in Edgeways' worked with children to create, illustrate and share their own stories, inspired by the objects on display. By exploring the history of Milton Keynes through found objects and fragments of information children interpreted the clues to create their own gruesome, fun and tall tales for future generations.

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