

KAKKAIYANKULAM THEATRE WORKSHOP III: May 21, 2012

Kakkaiyankulam Muslim Maha Vidyalaya

Key Contact: Mr L Farhan, Principal

Age group: 8-11

11 girls

Sabiba, Aska, Asira, Asna, Nusra, Farvin, Fathima, Rifasa, Nakira, Siyana, Hassa

12 boys

Inshaf, Faasil, Hafrath, Aasir, Afkath, Ijas, Hisssam, Nusair, Akkar, Fausan, Afrin, Hassan

Programme:

Name game ball pass

Team Game: Keep the ball in the air (2 teams)

Reading good essays (Creating Character): Sabiba and Fathima

Writing Exercise: Creating Character, Take II

Snack Break

Craft Activity: Cutting and gluing

I couldn't do a theatre workshop last week because an MP had been in to visit Kakkaiyankulam – I believe they were opening a school building. Unfortunately I'd purchased non-refundable train tickets, so to make up the cost I thought I'd do two sessions one week (Monday and Tuesday).

We played the name game, and tried the balloon game with a ball instead. Even after dividing the children into two teams, the game quickly became chaotic. But they're little children, so it's understandable!

I over-estimated the children's abilities with the creating character exercise – I need to first let them draw from what they already know, when they write. They're not yet ready to write about things from their imagination. This time I asked them to write about a friend.

I wanted to get the children working on an involved craft project (to encourage future creativity when making props/costumes in the future), but tested the waters in this session, teaching them the right way to cut paper, use water-based glue (to glue paper) and for white adhesive (to glue heavier items). They responded well to my instruction, but cutting and gluing six strips and three circles of paper (with water-based glue) and some black twine (with Chemifix) took almost an hour and a half. I think in their effort to be precise they cut extra slow! We finished late, and there was no time for other games, but the work they did was quite good.

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Cutting paper rectangles and circles



Gluing enthusiastically