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### **Diamond Jubilee Stay and Play programme off to a great start!**

This year's Stay and Play Programme for children with special needs sponsored by NatWest has adopted the theme of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and is off to a brilliant start with youngsters, leaders and volunteers thoroughly enjoying the vast array of activities on offer.

The first week focused on South Africa and included African mask making, moulding clay animals and painting the South African Flag. African music and dance also featured strongly throughout the week along with specially designed interactive story telling about wild animals living in South Africa. This week is focusing on India and has so far included jewellery making, painting the national flag, looking at the national dress and an introduction to Indian music and culture.

The 17 youngsters, aged between the ages of 5 & 14 years, also have a weekly timetable that includes swimming at the GSLA pool every Tuesday and a main trip on a Wednesday that has so far included fun games and imaginative play at the Europa Park and this week an interactive tour around the Hindu Temple. Every Thursday sees the whole group being integrated and included into Sports Train activities at the Bayside Sports Centre. Last week not only saw children from Sports Train collecting the children from the Stay and Play base but also taking on the roles of helpers, ensuring that all of the children could join in and enjoy the sporting activities on offer. The children from the Stay and Play Programme will also be embarking on their planting project this week which will see them taking home fabulous, fun and funky grass heads and decorated plant pots for their loved ones.

The leaders and volunteers have all been working extremely hard to ensure that the youngsters taking part have fun, keep fit and healthy, relax and experience lots of different music and learn as the summer moves towards its finale week which will include a mini Commonwealth Sports Day, a Music Concert, a Disco, Multi Cultural Dance and, as always, the Water Sports day which they all love.

For further information on this year's Summer Sports & Leisure programme sponsored by NatWest, please pick up a brochure at the Bayside Sports Centre, the Kings Bastion Leisure Centre or the GSLA pools. Alternatively for a text copy, e-mail the Gibraltar Sports Development & Training Unit on [gibsportsdev@gibtelecom.net](mailto:gibsportsdev@gibtelecom.net)