

## **From Me 2 U -**

### **Older students prepare English (or any other language) lessons for younger students**

During the first two periods Year 8 students prepare and organize short English lessons of 15 minutes each for Year 1 students. There are 12 work stations in all. They not only plan and teach the lessons, they also take over parts of the organization and timekeeping and emcee the opening and closing ceremonies. After the two periods of preparation Year 8 students pick up Year 1 students from their classrooms and the fun begins.

This year we started off with The Pony Song at the opening ceremony in front of the school building. 75 students of year 1 and 50 students of year 8 running round in a huge circle dancing with each other-- what a brilliant way to start the project. After that the students split up into their groups and there was an hour of fun English lessons. Some sang, some played charades, some played board games, some dressed up as wolves and bears, but everyone was speaking English. To finish off everybody gathered outside again to sing and act out the song *I'm Singing in the Rain*. Year 8 students enjoyed singing and shouting just as much as Year 1 students. The whole project went very smoothly thanks to Year 8's creativity and brilliant organization and Year 1's enthusiastic participation. Thanks once again to all involved – From Me 2 U was a great success.

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