



Project Crossovers

Wednesday 13th February, week four.

Today I spent nearly all day with another music leader here, Teri, who works with babies (both in the sensory room and out in nurseries) as well as running “Jam Band” one of PMZ’s open sessions for young people between 11 – 18 .

During Jam Band sessions a group of young people play and sing together, learning whatever songs they’ve previously agreed on. There’s a range of characters, from the young girls who confidently step up to the microphone (I wonder if they were that confident when they started?) or those that look really rock-chic on base guitar, to the articulate and energetic young man whose progression here at PMZ really is something to write home about! (See Dylan’s story) What a great bunch – all very cool young dudes enjoying themselves, developing their music skills and producing some great sounds. All done under Teri’s (and Shane’s, but that’s another story...) leadership. Teri (who only looks about 15 by the way, but I’m told she’s older and she certainly knows her stuff) has this amazing ability to gently and calmly lead a group of excited teenagers in a completely un-supervisory, un-teachery way, so that they get on and want to create and produce some great music – a valuable gift indeed. I wish there’d been someone like Teri around when I was a teenager; she has street cred too, she’s in at least one gigging band!

