

# Youngsters go potty

SWINDON Academy opened its doors for a family fun day on Saturday.

Despite the howling winds and pouring rain more than 300 parents and children attended the event, which is the first of its kind for the academy, formally Headlands School.

Activities on offer included sports such as trampolining, badminton and football, as well as face painting, cookery and a Formula 1 racing simulator.

Assistant principal Sean McKeown, said: "We're really pleased with the success of the event and it's great to see

families having fun together.

"The idea for the family day came out of comments from parents who said they would like more for them and their kids to do together in the area.

"At the moment they have to go into Swindon to do activities, but we want to have a resource in the centre of this community.

"We are hoping that with the success of this event we can do something similar more often."

One of the youngsters enjoying the activities was nine-year-old Chloe Flemington, from Pinehurst.

She said: "I've been

trampolining and I've had my face painted – it's been really good fun."

Five-year-old Callum Marriott was not deterred by being too small for the Honda race simulator.

He said: "I'm going to come back again next time when I'm bigger.

"Then I'll beat my dad."

Seven-year-old Callum Minns, who goes to Gorse Hill Infant School, had tried most of the activities. The face painting was really good fun, and I liked the trampolining but the badminton was best because the teacher was really nice," he said.



**LOT OF BOUNCE** Swindon Academy community learning day. Callum Minns, seven, has a go on a trampoline, above, and Kate Martin, 10, is pictured left making a clay pot

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