

Ambition to inspire youth achievement

By **Simona Sinkeviciute**, reporting from the **Unity Centre**

SOME of Year 5 and I went to the Unity. When we first got there we saw a man called Ricky and he is 43 years old.

He started to work in the Unity in 2001 and became a manager in 2006. There were lots of displays and on one it showed which days where you can do boxing, swimming, pizza night and zumba. They even went to Blackpool.

The building was built in 1963 and when it's raining the roof is always leaking so Ricky sent an application to receive £500,000 grant to build a new nice Unity with no leaking roof.

Ricky showed us the computer room and said that there was an accident in the computer room and water was really pouring into the room, but luckily Ricky put bin bags over all the computers and saved them.

Then Ricky showed us a bullying display and said: "If some-

one gets bullied I will try to solve it and make them happy and comfortable."

You can even take reading books home to read.

Ricky showed us the sport hall where you can play football, outdoor cricket and roller

skating, then Ricky showed us the gym and said that the gym is the worst because there's lots of leaking in there and I asked, "Was it expensive for all the workout stuff?"

He replied that the young people

helped get £10,000 to buy the workout stuff.

Ricky likes to work with children and young people because he wants to help them with their college and homework. Ricky's life inspiration is to be a physics teacher and Ricky's wish is to get a new nice centre with no leaking roofs and the sweetest thing he said was: "If I win the lottery I would work for free."

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Ricky Jones, Unity Centre Manager



THOUGHT-PROVOKING: Manager of the Unity Centre **Ricky** answers a question posed by journalist **Paul Roxburgh**

The gorgeous girl's room



CHILLING OUT: **Lauren Santos, Leena Saeed, Simona Sinkeviciute, and Rezwana Begum** take notes in the **Unity's special girl's room**

WHEN we got to the Unity we saw so many posters and displays on walls they really stood out because of all the bright colours.

And most of the displays were telling us what activity would be on, like swimming on Thursdays and Wednesday. The Unity is also open till 3 to 6 Monday to Friday. Another fascinating

fact would be that if outside it would rain a bit too much and ever so hard the roofs and little pipes would start to leak and Ricky said one year ago there had

been a flood. He also said: "This is a very old building." His lifetime dream is to have a nice new pretty building he would knock walls down to make this building into new. He would keep the buildings shape though. Then we went into the pretty pink girls room. I loved it!

The girl's room only was decorated with gorgeous flow

By Lauren Santos, reporting from the Unity Centre

ers with different colours and yellow painted bells on windows. There was also a gym!!!!!! When there was a flood that year ago everybody in the computer room where the flood was were all panicking so they had to put some paper bags all over

"The girl's room only was decorated with gorgeous flowers with different colours and yellow painted bells on windows"

the computers to not make damage to them. Lucky no computers got damaged with water. The Unity was built in 1903!!!! But Ricky started in 2001. There are so many different activities. One day they got roller skates. Oh, and on Wednesday it's a bit of Zumba. "I love maths its my best subject", said Ricky. He is 43 years old, but looks younger. He wanted to have a new centre that's warm with lights that work all year round.