

## Royston Power Kites Entertain the Chernobyl Children

On Tuesday the Royston Power Kites (RPK) entertained the Chernobyl children currently visiting Royston under the banner of the Friends of Chernobyl's Children (FOCC) charity.

The RPK met the sixteen 6 to 7-year olds for a couple of hours on Therfield Heath Sports Club's football pitch, and after some introductions started off by flying a number of brightly coloured single-line kites of various shapes and sizes. After a few minutes the kites were handed over to the children to have a go, and the field was quickly filled with excited children shouting and screaming as kids do.

Luckily there was more than enough wind to get all the kites in the air, but this didn't stop the children running around frantically with the kites to try and make them go higher. Inevitably there were a few crossed lines and it was a case of keeping your head down at times!



For the second half of the morning the RPK demonstrated some of their more serious power kites, using these to pull them around on their kite boards and buggies. The kids had to sit and watch this at a safe distance, but after a while they got the chance to sit in the buggies and be pulled around by the kites using power kite training rigs, and they quickly got to grips with steering with their feet whilst holding on to the handles.

As a finale each child was given a kite rucksack, donated by power kite manufacturer Flexifoil, containing goodies provided by Turbulence and Beautiful Balloons. Flexifoil also donated a Buzz power kite for the children to use back at home. The kids boarded their minibus with big smiles and a cheery wave goodbye.



For more information regarding the Royston Power Kites visit the club website at: [www.therpk.co.uk](http://www.therpk.co.uk), and for more information regarding the Friends of Chernobyl's Children visit their website at: [www.focc.org.uk](http://www.focc.org.uk).