

The Penn Friends, the 5-9 year old group of the Children's programme at Yearly Meeting 2018 met over the weekend of 5-7th May. We have done a lot of activities and had fun exploring Quaker Faith and Practice through our theme of Quaker Stories.

On Saturday we heard Sam Walton's story about trying to stop the bombing of Yemen, where his Friend Ahmad lives. We learnt that the UK are selling war planes to Saudi Arabia, and we wrote letters to Ahmad sending our message of support and hope. We also began our Journals, where we could write or draw anything we wanted to remember what did at Yearly Meeting. We enjoyed the sunshine in Tavistock Square, playing parachute games and eating strawberries.

We joined the Yearly Meeting for all age worship On Sunday. We heard a story and did

some singing. we then wrote and created our own stories to share with the Yearly Meeting. These stories included experiences of meeting for worship, creative writing, and paintings. We joined the Fox Cubs for juggling with Michael, we all learnt something new and we all tried our best. We ran a nominations session, in which we focused on speaking truthfully, respecting others, and seeing people's skills, and we learnt that Quaker decisions are not about voting.

Monday started with a Godly Play story with Melinda Werner from Philadelphia yearly meeting. We discovered that we all have gifts to share, and did an activity to explore our gifts.

Our experience of being part of BYM included meeting new Friends, playing games together, sharing our stories, and learning new things