



*Some of the youngsters at the Saturday Club with Kerry Lyle, second from left. t41sat01*

THE GROUPS behind a Saturday Club which has proved a resounding success is hoping to attract funding so more activities outwith school can be provided for autistic youngsters in the Oban area. Oban Parents Children with Autism (OPCA), the Scottish Society for Autism (SSA) and Argyll and Bute Council worked together to set up the club and enjoyed a celebration in October of their achievements.

Kerry Lyle, runs the club which is held in the community centre from 10am to 4pm every Saturday. At the moment five youngsters attend the club which uses two rooms in the centre. Through the Better Neighbourhoods and Fusions

programme, Argyll and Bute Council granted £39,000 to set up the club in Oban which was originally held in the old Drummore Learning Centre building from last March.

But Kerry, who travels from Glasgow every weekend to hold the club, said the building wasn't suitable in terms of space and also because the children felt like they were going to school on a Saturday!

Theresa Thomson, SSA area manager, said work is being carried out making funding applications in the hope of establishing after school club and trips. Elaine Robertson, North Lorn councillor, worked as an occupational therapist for 30 years in the Oban area, and said she was delighted with the club being established.