

Window on Westgate



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BEING HEAD TEACHER FOR THE DAY

First I said hello to all the teachers and then went outside to welcome all the children for the start of the day. After that I had a radio interview and was asked lots of questions. Ms Carpenter was asked a few questions too! We had a visit from someone from Leeds City Council and we showed her around the school. I had to organise and photocopy all the things for the Beetle Drive and sort out some lost property. At lunchtime I had to host the top table. I really enjoyed being the Headteacher.

Head Teacher
Miss Bentham

FROM MRS SENIOR...

On Friday 20th November Westgate Primary took part in Takeover Day. This is a national, annual event, which gives children and young people the chance to work with adults for the day and be involved in decision-making. Children benefit from the opportunity to experience the world of work and make their voices heard, while adults and organisations gain a fresh perspective on what they do.

It all started with an assembly explaining all about Takeover Day and the jobs that were available. If the children wished to apply for a post, an application form had to be filled in. Mrs Senior and School Council had the very hard job of reading all the applications and appointing the new members of staff. The children were then notified in Assembly. All children liaised with their member of staff beforehand to find out if there was anything they needed to prepare. This year we teamed up with Courtyard Planters' Katie and Tom, who very kindly agreed to take on 4 apprentices for the morning. The children had a fantastic time learning all about running a small business.

On the morning of the 20th all children arrived on time and dressed for their role. The new Mrs Finlay, Mr Liddicott arrived at 8.00am and got stuck in straight away delivering messages and sorting the registers. Miss Bentham was interviewed by a Leeds University student and then had a meeting with a councillor, and then finished the morning by hosting top table. Everybody, staff and children, thoroughly enjoyed the experience and hopefully it gave the children an insight into what the world of work is really like.

FOUNDATION STAGE UNIT

I said hello to all the children and did the register as they came in. I played a game called Spotty Dogs. We looked at the Christmas Songs and practised singing them. I read a story about Charlie and Lola. At home time I helped the children get their coats on and zip them up.

Eliza Ibbetson



I was the Reception teacher on Takeover Day. First I read some children a book about a castle, then I did the register. I sat with a group while they did some maths and then I marked their work. It was really good fun and I think I would do this again in the future.



Jacob Parapia

YEARS ONE AND TWO

I was the Year One teacher. First I taught Numeracy. I liked it because everyone was kind and did as they were told. After that I taught PE, we did lots of games. Finally we did Literacy. I read Shark in the Park.

The children had to draw a telescope and label it. I enjoyed planning the Literacy.

Livia Mirfield

I was the Year One Teaching Assistant. First I filled the water bottles. After that I sorted out the cards for maths. I worked with a group during maths. After break we did Literacy. I had to stick in work into people's books.

During lunchtime I had to supervise the hall. I wanted to try out this job as all my family are teachers.



Lucy Chambers

I was the Year 2 teacher. In Numeracy I had to count in 2s and 5s with the children. I read a story about a tiger to the children and did their spelling test.

Eve Webster

I helped some of the children in Year 2 with their work. I also helped Mrs Hall by photocopying some spelling sheets.

Esther Newell



YEARS THREE & FOUR

Teaching in Year 4 was really good. It was fun doing the register. I read out all the spellings for the spelling test, some of them



were really tricky. After that we went swimming. I taught a group. When we got back to school I read with a group of children.

Annaliese Ralph

I was the Year 3 teaching assistant. It was really fun. First we did some Scottish dancing in PE: it's a lot harder than you think! Next I stuck homework and spellings in to books and put logins into planners. I enjoyed coming in my own clothes.



Eve Heath-Walker

YEARS FIVE & SIX

I was the Teaching Assistant in Year 5 with Mrs Simpson. My favourite part was doing all the photocopying. I enjoyed working with Mrs Simpson. I did lots of jobs in Year 5,



such as guided reading and spellings.
Molly Sellers

I have really enjoyed being the teaching assistant in Year 6. I learnt how to use the laminator and the photocopier. I helped mark the homework with the children and read out words for the spelling test. My favourite part of the day was reading out the spellings for the test. I also added up the lunches and took the slips to the office. I have realised that being a teacher is quite fun.



Maisy Dixon

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISORS

I loved it! I thought it would be hard work, but it's OK!

I liked serving top table their dinner. I didn't like it when I had to stand in the cold.

Tyler Hird



I served top table and enjoyed being outside in the fresh air. I collected all the jugs and put them all away.

Hollie Osborne

COURTYARD PLANTERS

When we got to Courtyard Planters Katie showed us around. I planted some seeds and got to serve a customer. We then made a wreath, it looked very pretty. I had so much fun!

Lizzie McDonald



I applied for the job at Courtyard Planters as I love gardening and I wanted to see what it was like to work in a shop. First we went with Sue and planted some bulbs. We put soil in the bottom and then put in the bulbs and then more soil and then more bulbs. We then went with Katie and took snips off a plant and planted them in a pot. We had a break



and served some customers. I didn't have a favourite bit because it was all really good!
Isobel Wilks

I really enjoyed working at Courtyard

Planters as we made something that Katie the boss, had never made before. It was a bird feeder wreath.

We had a coffee break and I had a coffee.

We planted some bulbs. My Nanny came in and bought my Mum's Christmas present. Katie showed us the website and her Facebook page.



Daniel Parapia

While we were at Courtyard Planters we did lots of activities, such as planting, serving customers and trimming plants. My

favourite part was making the bird feeder wreath. It was basically a wreath with bird food attached.



Katie, who was our boss was very kind and made us feel really welcome. She showed us the website and how it worked. We also did some wrapping of plants and served customers. I found this job very interesting and had a great morning.

Grace Martin

THE SCHOOL OFFICE

I took over Mrs Finlay's job on Takeover Day. I worked in the office and did lots of jobs for Mrs Fuller and Mrs Finlay. My favourite part was filing the papers and



doing things on the computer, I also got to answer the phone. I loved doing this job and I hope I get a job similar to this one when I am older.

Alfie Liddicott