



Aspirations Week 2024

May 20th—May 24th 2024

Our 'Aspirations Week' supports our school value of 'Aspire'.

The aim of the week is to support our children to find out more about the world of work and encourage them to explore the skills and attributes they may need. As they grow older, we wish them to be successful and to succeed in later life, in their chosen career(s), whatever that may be!

This week was organised by our 'Values' lead, Mrs Angela Huntley.

Monday

Our week started with a whole school assembly and a fabulous visit from an Emmy, award winning camera man. We were very lucky to listen Mr O'Donnell's work history from camerawork, drones and working on adverts across the globe! The children had some great questions for Mr O'Donnell and listened with great interest.

Our youngest children got an exciting visit from Norfolk Fire Service!

The Fire Service were amazing, showing the children around the truck, teaching them about the water hydrants, showing them the equipment for fires and cutting. They also let the children sit inside the truck and use the hoses. The children asked questions about who they rescue (mainly aimed at animals!), how long their ladders are and if they carry foam as well as water on the truck! Lots of children were inspired by their visit and wanted to drive a fire engine when they are older!

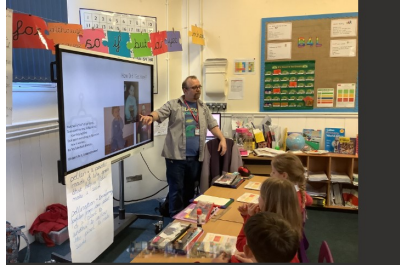


Tuesday

On Tuesday, our day started with a visit from Mr Neave. Mr Neave has his own engineering business! He brought along an amazing robot that he had made.



The children absolutely loved meeting the robot and experiencing the robot's abilities! It was called NE-5. We could definitely see lots of science and maths involved!



In the afternoon, Mr Bonner, a musician, visited the school to talk about all the musical instruments he plays and his favourite one was the double bass! You need a big car to transport one of those!

Wednesday

On Wednesday, Mr Tong paid Key Stage 2 a visit. Mr Tong is a Councillor and a member of the Green Party. He told us about some of the decisions he has to make and how good communication skills are needed in his line of work.



In the afternoon, Miss Jeffries, an Archaeologist, brought along some fascinating historical artefacts for the children to explore. She explained how she worked and about some of the interesting things that she had discovered. The children wanted to know if she had ever found dinosaur bones! Unfortunately, she hadn't—not yet!

Our Nursery and Reception classes had a visit from the Police!

The children asked questions about what time the police officer works, what does she drive, who does she help and how does she protect herself. They got to look at the police protection items, try on hats and uniform and sit in the police car. The siren was very loud!



Thursday

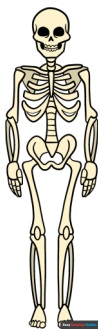
In the morning we were visited by a lecturer from the University of East Anglia, Mr Smith. Mr Smith told the children that he trained teachers to become qualified. Again, the children had the opportunity to ask lots questions.

In the afternoon, Key Stage 1 children were visited by PC Kurn, a local Community Police Officer. He shared all about how to keep safe, what the police help us with, and brought in items from his work for the children to try out, such as walkie--talkies!

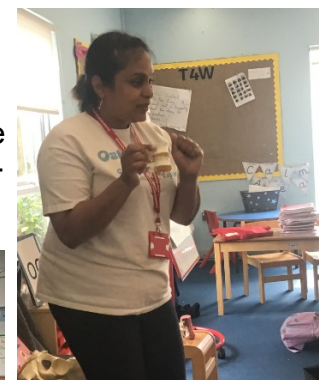


Friday

In the morning, we were visited by an osteopath, Miss Chaitoo. This was an excellent visit!



Miss Chaitoo spoke to *all* the classes across the school. She talked about the human body and its functions, as well as explaining what an osteopath does as part of their work. The children asked lots of questions like, 'What is the worst pain you have had to treat?'



In the afternoon, our last visit of the week was by Tyler, head football coach for 'The Football Fun Factory'. He spent time talking to some of our Key Stage 2 classes about his job as a coach and sport.



Friday

Our fantastic week ended with the children coming into school dressed up as their future selves! Here is a snapshot.



What we say—children's quotes

My favourite visitor was Mr Neave with his robots.

I enjoyed digging for treasure with Miss Jeffries.

I want to be a dancer when I am older.

I want to be a chef!

I enjoyed the actor because it sounds like a fun job.

I think it is great that people gave up their time to come to talk to us..

I have enjoyed all the people coming in to see us, and the stories they have told.

I enjoyed meeting the archaeologist, she showed us cool things.

When I grow up I want to be scientist.

This was such a brilliant week! The children had the opportunity to meet many people from different walks of life. We hope that this has given them ideas for what their future options could be, and how they might work towards achieving this.

If you would like to visit us next year, to talk about your job and be prepared to answer some questions, please get in touch. We would love to hear from you!

Thank you very much for your continued support of the children's learning.

Mrs Angela Huntley
Values Lead