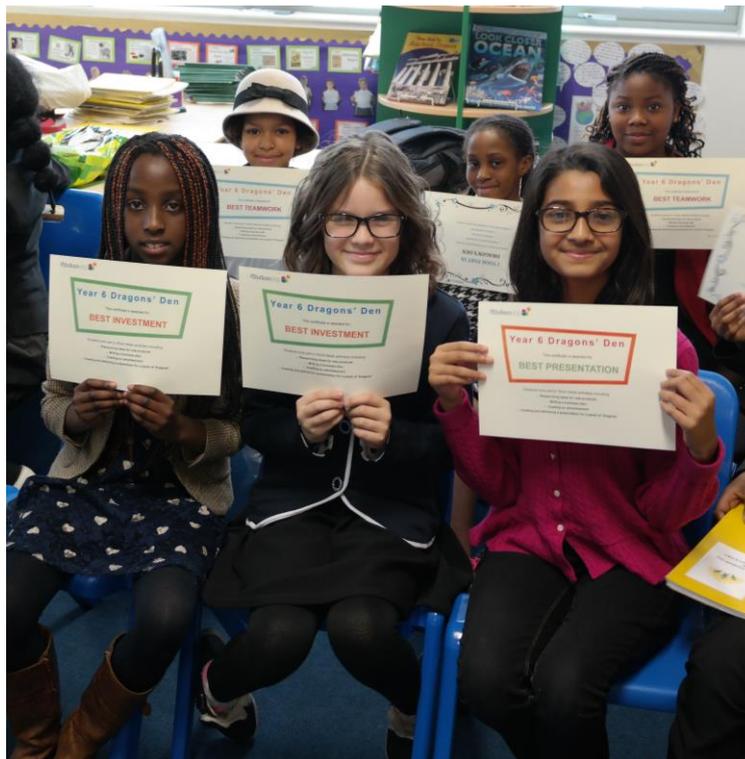


Keir Hardie Primary School Work Week Report 16th – 20th November 2015



Introduction

Keir Hardie Primary School took part in Work Week from 16th – 20th Nov 2015. This was the school's third Work Week. All children from Nursery to Year 6 participated in the week which aims to:

- Develop children's awareness of the world of work and work-related concepts and vocabulary
- Increase understanding of a variety of occupations and roles, and help prevent stereotypes around gender and cultural suitability for particular jobs
- Help demonstrate the links between learning in school and success in adult life
- Develop children's financial capability from a young age and increase understanding of why people earn and save money
- Develop children's sense of responsibility and their skills for co-operation, enterprise and problem solving
- Develop parents'/carers' awareness of the world of work

Themes

Each year group focused on a different work-related theme and participated in daily classroom sessions, in-school workshops with world of work visitors and visits to local workplaces. 15billion-ebp supported the week by briefing teachers, providing detailed lesson plans, resources and props for the children and organising the input of a wide range of employers. The Work Week themes for each year are:

Nursery: The Great Outdoors

- Pupils learn about 'outside jobs' (such as builder and gardener) through role play, adult led and child initiated activities

Reception: Food Glorious Food

- Pupils learn about different job roles within the food/catering industry, work as chefs to make flapjack and invite their parents to 'afternoon tea' in the classroom

Year 1: The Workplace

- Pupils learn about the variety of jobs there could be in the same workplace and the skills used. There is also a focus on challenging gender stereotypes

Year 2: Our Community

- Pupils learn about different job roles which help the community and work in role as 999 operators

Year 3: Why We Work

- Pupils explore why people go to work and what motivates people to do certain jobs

Year 4: Literacy and numeracy at work

- Pupils explore different jobs each day through creative activities and role play

Year 5: This Can Be You

- Pupils focus on aspirational careers by researching successful people with links to Newham, participating in 'speed networking' with business volunteers and writing job applications

Year 6: Inventions

- As companies, groups of pupils create an invention, write a business plan and are supported by a business volunteer to perfect their presentation skills before presenting to a Dragons' Den panel

Highlights

Nursery

The theme for Nursery was 'The Great Outdoors' in which the children found out about jobs which involve working outside. Nursery had two visitors throughout the week. Lucy from the DLR talked to the children about travelling on trains and train safety. Bob from Royal National Lifeboat Institute taught the children about water safety and the role of the RNLI.

“Both morning and afternoon nursery class enjoyed the entire week especially planting and the visitors that came (the DLR and Life Boat Institute)” Nursery class feedback



Reception

The theme for Reception was 'Food Glorious Food' in which the children found out about jobs in the food and catering industry. The children enjoyed two interactive visitor sessions during the week. Paula from Billingsgate Seafood School brought fish for the children to look at and touch and gave the children prawns to peel and taste. Bettina, an independent cake maker talked to the children about baking and decorated biscuits with them.



“Our class enjoyed the fish school – children exploring and tasting prawns and fish. We enjoyed seeing the children’s reactions!” Reception Teacher Feedback

Year 1

Year 1 found about the skills needed for different jobs within their theme of 'The Workplace'. Both year 1 classes visited Plaistow Library where they issued books in, created a book display and were given a tour of the library.

"The class enjoyed the role-play at the supermarket and matching the skills with the right job" Year 1 Class Feedback

"I liked the adaptable resources. All lessons lent themselves to cross curricular links" Year 1 Teacher Feedback

Year 2

Year 2's theme of 'Our Community' involved the pupils finding out about workers with jobs helping the community. 2L visited Plaistow Fire Station where they learnt about fire fighters and 2W visited the Siemens Crystal where they learned about the environment and jobs in recycling. Back in school, they had visits from Ruth from Dogs Trust and Lucy from the DLR.



"The class enjoyed learning about the fire fighters' role at the station and using the equipment. The visits from the DLR and the Dogs Trust were very exciting" Year 2 Class Feedback

Year 3

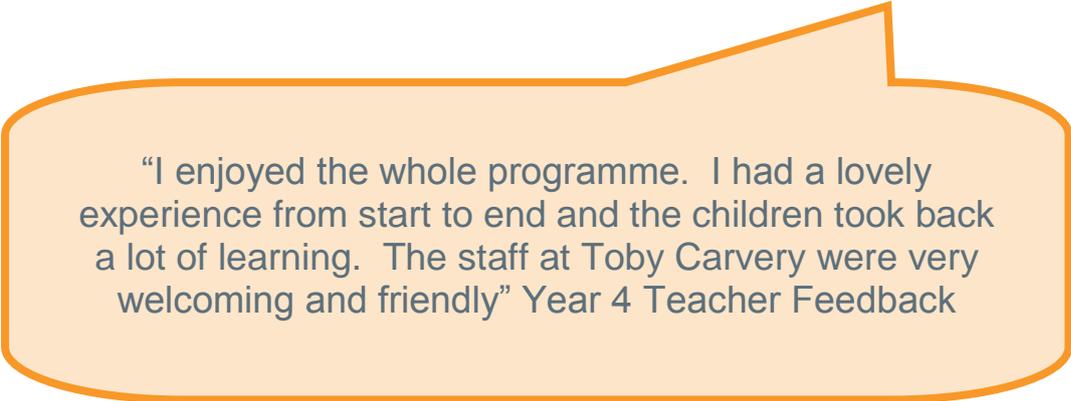
Year 3 explored the theme of 'Why We Work' in which they learned about why people go to work and how to manage money. 3F and 3J both went to the Museum of London Docklands where they did a workshop on money skills. Back at school they took part in a 'Pay Day' shopping lesson in which they had to decide how to spend a week's wages.



"Year 3 learned the reasons why people work, the wages that certain jobs earn, and how to write a job application... Our class enjoyed recreating Westfield in the classroom and being able to spend their wages"
Year 3 Class Feedback

Year 4

Within the theme of 'Literacy and Numeracy at work', Year 4 pupils found out about how the skills they are developing in these subjects at school could be used in a variety of jobs. Class 4W visited House Mill where they designed posters to advertise House Mill, role-played serving customers in the café and had a tour of the old mill. Class 4G visited the Toby Carvery where they had a tour of the kitchen, talked about jobs in restaurants and were invited to lunch!



"I enjoyed the whole programme. I had a lovely experience from start to end and the children took back a lot of learning. The staff at Toby Carvery were very welcoming and friendly" Year 4 Teacher Feedback

Year 5

The theme of 'This Can Be You' saw Year 5 focus on their futures by researching aspirational careers. They read job descriptions and each wrote letters of application. They questioned three professionals about their jobs and careers during a 'Speed Networking' session and also took part in a Positive Attitude Workshop delivered by a business volunteer.



"I liked how enthusiastic the visitors were in sharing their thoughts on the working world and that all the resources were prepared and organised – thank you!" Year 5 Teacher Feedback

Year 6

Within the theme of 'Inventions', Year 6 formed companies with the aim of inventing a new product. They were visited by professionals who taught them how to pitch their products. The week culminated in a 'Dragons' Den' session in which the groups pitched their products to a group of professionals. Certificates were awarded to the best groups.



"The class learnt how to present ideas effectively. They enjoyed discussing and putting their ideas together and presenting their business ideas to the dragons"
Year 6 Class Feedback

Overall Comments about Work Week

The feedback from pupil and teacher evaluations was very positive with all teachers and pupils rating the programme either 'Very Good' or 'Good'. There were lots of positive comments from pupil's including improving confidence, team working and understanding about working life.

Throughout Work Week we had positive comments from volunteers and visit hosts about the good behaviour of students and how well they were engaging with the activities. We received excellent feedback from volunteers who worked with year 6 children about how seriously they took Dragons' Den and how much work they had put into their presentations. One volunteer stated 'there is something special about this school', another volunteer stated 'the students were well presented and the presentations were fantastic, it was a real pleasure meeting them'.

It has been great working with Keir Hardie school, Sheila is incredibly organised and staff at the school have been very welcoming, well prepared and friendly. The children engaged well with the activities and were well behaved and enthusiastic during visits and visitor sessions.

We have taken on board feedback about having more time for children to ask visitors questions and will look into more role-play costumes for KS1. We are also updating the lesson plans for year 4 and 6. All in all though it was a very good week and we look forward to working with Keir Hardie again.

Thanks

15billion-ebp would like to thank:

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