

**North Beckton Primary School**  
**Work Week Report**  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017**



## Introduction

North Beckton Primary School took part in Work Week between 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. This was the school's fourth 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: All Aboard! Jobs in Transport**

- Pupils are introduced to various transport jobs (such as train driver and pilot) through role play, adult led and child initiated activities

### **Reception: Football Café**

- Pupils learn about jobs in the café and they have the chance to create their own football café

### **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: Your Skills at Work**

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

### **Year 5: Building Futures**

- Pupils become architects for the week and use their maths skills to calculate area, perimeter and scale. Pupils presented their work to professionals from the construction industry to win 'Best Building'

### **Year 6: Dragons' Den**

- As companies, groups of pupils create a product, 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 'All Aboard! Jobs in Transport' in which the children found out about jobs which involve moving. Nursery had two visitors scheduled for the week. Met Police gave a talk about safety and taught them about the role of the police. The DLR taught children about working on trains and played a game to learn about train drivers.



### Reception

The theme for Reception was 'Football Café'. The children learned about professions that are active and work in the café. The children had 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. The West Ham Mentors taught the children about jobs in football and they did a sports activity in the playground.

"Billingsgate Market was very good. The children enjoyed peeling and tasting the prawns. They also liked holding the sardines"

**Reception class feedback**



## Year 1

Year 1 found about the skills needed for different jobs within their theme of 'The Workplace'. One class visited John Lewis. The other year 1 classes visited the Emirates Experience where they learned about jobs in aviation. The children were also visited by TFL who taught them about working on trains.

"Visiting the workplace was a super learning experience for the children. John Lewis were excellent and shared lots about their jobs"

**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. All classes visited East Ham Fire Station where they learned about Emergency Services and the role of firefighters. At the station they got to spray the hose, sit in the engine and speak to firefighters. Back in school they also had a visit from the Ambulance service.



"East Ham Fire Station were brilliant, lots of useful information provided with pictures and scenarios to support. Also great to use real props so children got a real authentic experience"

**Year 2 teacher 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. All classes visited Bank of England Museum. 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. They also had a visit from staff at Santander bank where they were taught about the importance of saving and did a budgeting activity.

"The trip was fantastic and really linked well to what they were learning"

**Year 3 teacher feedback**

"We enjoyed visiting the Bank of England Museum and looking at the gold bar! We also enjoyed looking at the money in the bank and its history"

**Year 3 class feedback**

### Year 4

Within the theme of 'Your Skills 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. Classes visited Tate and Lyle Sugars, Wahaca restaurant and Siemens Crystal.

"Activities were engaging and challenging. Great ideas made pupils think how they could be involved and support sustainable environment projects"

**Year 4 teacher feedback**



## Year 5

Within the theme of 'Building Futures', Year 5 pupils became architects for the week. All classes visited Museum of London Docklands where they took part in a skyscrapers and structures workshop. Back in school they created models and presented them to construction professionals. Certificates were awarded to the best group.



"We enjoyed making structures and showing them to a judge. We also learned how to make buildings eco-friendly"

**Year 5 teacher feedback**

## Year 6

Within the theme of 'Dragons' Den', Year 6 formed companies with the aim of inventing a new product. They were visited by professionals who taught them how to improve their presentation skills. 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.

"We enjoyed presenting to the dragons' and working as a team. We also learnt about finances and how to be confident whilst presenting"

**Year 6 class feedback.**



## Evaluation

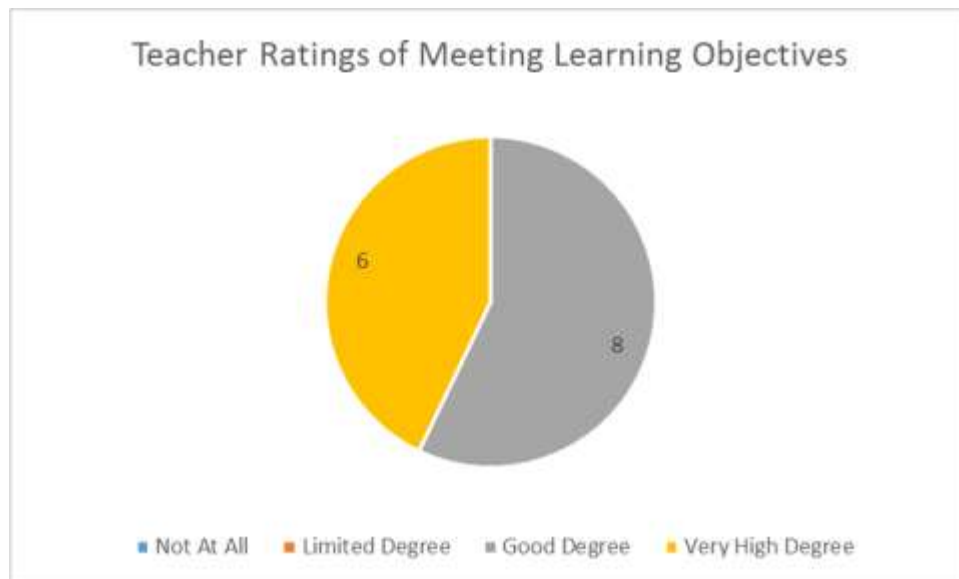
14 evaluation forms were received. Feedback was very positive. All teachers rated Work Week Very Good (8) or Good (6). No teachers rated it OK or Poor.



An overwhelming number of pupils enjoyed Work Week and found it worthwhile. All classes rated the programme Very Good, no classes rated Work Week Good, OK or Poor.



All teachers felt that Work Week had met its aims, objectives and learning outcomes to a Very Good degree (6) or a Good degree (8). (Statistics based on the majority of choices ticked by each teacher)



### Overall Comments about Work Week

It was great working with North Beckton Primary School for a fourth year. The week was very successful and received excellent written and verbal feedback from teachers, children and businesses involved. Staff were well prepared and fully got on board with the spirit of the week and this enthusiasm was passed onto pupils who were engaged and curious throughout the week. Feedback from teachers was highly positive, with all teachers stating that the programme met learning objectives to a Very Good or Good degree. Pupil feedback was also very positive with all classes enjoying the week and finding it valuable and memorable.

We received fantastic feedback from visitors and visit hosts:

*“We loved welcoming the class to our site! It was a lot of fun to have younger children here and very rewarding for our staff also” Tate & Lyle Sugars*

*“Today’s workshop was a very good experience, I was impressed with the children’s confidence” State Street*

*“Children were exceptionally well behaved” Billingsgate Seafood School*

Many thanks for a successful Work Week and we look forward to working with you in future.



## Thanks

15billion-ebp would like to thank:

- Children and staff at North Beckton Primary School and all the parents and other adults who were involved in the week.
- Staff at, Emirates Aviation Experience, East Ham Fire Station, John Lewis, Bank of England Museum, Tate and Lyle Sugars, Wahaca, Siemens Crystal and Museum of London Docklands for hosting visits.
- DLR, Metropolitan Police, West Ham, Billingsgate Seafood School, TFL, London Ambulance Service, State Street, Thomson Reuters, Dragados Construction, Lend Lease and Newham Council for allowing their employees to visit the school.