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It's that time of year again, when our fantastic pupils take over the school for the day. Yes, it's Take Over Day at Westgate Primary. This year we have even more pupils involved, with 16 children taking part in school and 5 children going to work at Court Yard Planters for the morning.

Take Over Day is a national, annual event and at Westgate plays an

important part in our work towards the Investors In Pupils Award. The day 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.

Take Over Day at Westgate always starts with an assembly to remind and introduce the event to the children. It is open to Year 3 to Year 6 children. The children are asked to apply for their post and have to fill in an application form. The difficult job of short listing and appointing is given to Mrs Hopkins and School Council. The children are notified during an assembly. Before the actual day, the children are asked to liaise with the member of staff they are taking over and find out what they need to plan and prepare before the actual date.

On the morning of the 11th November the children all arrived in school on time and dressed for their new role. Isobel, Patrick and Abbie all arrived early for their roles. Isobel was



put to work straight away in Nursery, cutting out letters for a display. Abbie welcomed the children at

WOOSH and registered them while Patrick helped Mrs Hooper

set up for the day.

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.



Mrs Senior

FOUNDATION UNIT



I really enjoyed working in Reception. I especially enjoyed going in the staff room. Today I

taught phonics and maths and played outside with the children. I also helped out in the lunch hall. **Merle McDonald**

Today I had to arrive at school early and helped the Nursery staff get the children's work ready for a display and get ready for the



children arriving. Then I sat at the door welcoming all the children. After that I helped all the children read books and draw pictures. We had circle time and then we played outside. I loved everything. **Isobel Wilks**



Today was really lots of fun as I got to work with lots of different children. It was also fun finding out what the job is like. **Corinne**

Evans

YEAR ONE & TWO

Today I was teaching Year 1. I took the register and said good morning to the children. I really enjoyed doing Maths with the children and I also read them a story. When I taught Music, we practised the Christmas concert songs. During playtime I went to the staffroom and had a rest. **Jacob Parapia**



The thing I most enjoyed was seeing how the teachers teach their class. I did Times Table Rock Stars and the children were really good at them. I then did the spelling test with them. I had a great time. **Hollie Osborne**



I loved everything about today, especially finding out what it is like to have a job. I liked working with all the

different children and finding out what things they liked to do. I really enjoyed today. **Abbie Whitehead**

YEAR THREE & FOUR

I was the Year 3 teacher and I really enjoyed it. I had to arrive early and help prepare for the day. I did Rock Stars and PE with the children and I gave out 10 stamps. **Patrick Hardin**



Today I was Mrs Cardwell, the Year 3 TA. The thing I enjoyed the most was teaching the maths group. We also glued some maths tests into the maths books and I marked some RockStars timetables tests. I also used the laminator which was super fun. I really enjoyed being Mrs Cardwell! **Georgia Barry**



I really enjoyed today because I did English, RockStars Maths and swimming. **Edward Joce-Simpson**

First I got to open the door for all the children and then I helped sort out the lunches. I marked some children's work and had a cup of tea. Later I watched the children practise their assembly. I loved today.
Ellie-Mae Hughes



YEAR FIVE & SIX
 I was the Year 5 teacher today. I really enjoyed planning the RE lesson. I also did RockStars and took the register. It was a nice feeling knowing that I had responsibility for teaching the class. Working with different members of staff was also fun. I also read with a guided reading group. I would definitely recommend taking part.
Eve Heath-Walker



I was the Year 5 teaching assistant. I had to do lots of photocopying and had to count the lunch choices and get the right colour bands. My favourite part of the morning was guided reading.
Harriet Michael



My favourite part was being in the Staff Room because it was fun to see what everyone was wearing. I enjoyed doing lots of different jobs.
Hollie Chew



MRS SENIOR
 I was Mrs Senior's assistant. I had to go round the school taking pictures of everyone involved in Takeover Day and then had to download them. We did lots of walking! We had to walk the children to Courtyard Planters, then go to Waitrose to buy healthy snacks for all the children and then walk back to Courtyard Planters to collect the children. It was a very busy day. It was the best day EVER!
Hollie Cockerham



SCHOOL OFFICE & HEADTEACHER
 Today I was Ms Carpenter. We went to a Maths Conference at Elland Road. I had to present a workshop to lots of head teachers. I also enjoyed drinking lots of cups of tea! When we got back to school I went to say hello to all the classes and then lots of papers to sign.
Lucy Chambers



Today I was in the office, I really enjoyed answering the phone and doing the dinner numbers. I also had to do a lot of laminating and sorting things into folders.
Carys Bownes

COURTYARD PLANTERS

I was at Courtyard Planters for the morning. We had lots of fun. We made snowflakes for the Christmas window display. We got to go on the till and serve customers and give them change. We got to use loads of glitter and Amelie got some in her hair. I wonder how that got there? *Matilda Blackman*



Today I went to work at Courtyard Planters. My favourite part was making a Christmas window display with sparkles and paint. I also enjoyed selling plants to the customers. *Amelie Tinslay*

I really enjoyed making the Christmas display, but I won't tell you anymore as it is a secret. *Lizzie McDonald*



NAME THE CHOCOLATE MOOSE

The week beginning 14th November will be Year 1's Enterprise Week. As part of our work towards Investors In Pupils, each class will be given £20. The idea is for each class to use this money to make more money!



Year 1 have bought a Chocolate Christmas Moose who sadly has no name. Children can pay 50p **this week** to choose a name for the Moose and the person who chooses the correct name will win the Moose. We have spent all our allotted money and are hoping to double our £20. Please keep an eye out for the posters around school and your children will be notified when they can bring their money to enter the game. All profits will go to

our school charity Martin House.

INVESTORS IN PUPILS

We are proud to have held Investors in Pupils status for over 10 years at Westgate. This award recognises the importance of Pupil Voice in everything we do, and the ways in which children are involved in and understand the workings of our school. Next week will see our reaccreditation visit, which will be led by Mrs Senior and Mrs Ireland, and will include a presentation to the assessor by School Council representatives, as well as the opportunity to talk to pupils, staff and parents. We will share the outcome of the reassessment in due course!