

**Beam County Primary School**  
**Work Week Report**  
**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017**



## Introduction

Beam County Primary School took part in Work Week 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This was the school's second 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: 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: 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. The Murfy's Recycle Centre taught the children about the importance of recycling and did a fun activity with them. Go Ahead buses brought a City Bus in to show the children, and spoke about the role of a Bus Driver.



### Reception

The theme for Reception was 'Football Café'. The children learned about professions that are active and work in the café. The children had three interactive visitor sessions during the week. West Ham Mentors taught the children about jobs in football and they did a sports activity in the playground. Go Ahead buses brought a City Bus in to show the children, and spoke about the role of a Bus Driver. The children also took part in a cooking session where they made healthy tasty treats.





### Year 1

Year 1 found about the skills needed for different jobs within their theme of 'The Workplace'. All 3 classes visited Tesco Rainham. In school the class had a visit from the West Ham Mentors who spoke to the children about jobs in football and taught them some football skills. They also had a visit from the Met Police where they were given a talk about safety and taught the role of the police. They also were given uniform to try on and equipment to look at.

### Year 2

Year 2's theme of 'Our Community' involved the pupils finding out about workers with jobs helping the community. All classes visited Dagenham 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. In school they had a visit from Ruth at the Dogs Trust to help them understand about working with animals.

The Fire Station trip had excellent delivery aimed at younger children. Great interaction from staff.

The children and I loved the Dogs Trust visitor. Questioning of children was superb – thank you

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. Polar Bears class visited Pizza Express Romford where they were told facts about Pizza Express and made a pizza. The other 2 classes visited ASDA Dagenham. 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.

The staff were friendly, approachable and extremely helpful. The children learned a great deal from them and felt valued as humans rather than as children. A worthwhile and enjoyable visit. Thank you on behalf of my entire class. Year 3 Teacher Feedback

Pizza Express staff were very welcoming and ensured that we had a really smooth morning. The children were provided with hats and an apron which was hygienic but also very fun to wear! The children were thrilled with the fact that they were able to make their own pizza and go home with it in their very own Pizza Express box. We were so grateful that the staff were willing to answer our questions too. The visit was excellent! Year 3 Teacher Feedback



### Year 4

Within the theme of 'Your Skills at Work', Year 4 pupils found out about how the skills they are developing in Maths and English at school could be used in a variety of jobs. Classes visited Harvester and University of East London. Unfortunately the Broadway Theater trip did not take place.

## 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 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 to help them learn to deal with difficult situations positively. Also a representative from Museum of London Docklands came in to lead sessions on careers in the Arts & Museums.



## 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.



## Evaluation

3 evaluation forms were received. All 3 teachers rated Work Week Very Good. Pupils in all 3 of the classes whose forms we received rated the programme as Very Good.

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

## Overall Comments about Work Week

It was a really positive experience working with Beam County Primary School for a second year, staff and coordinators at the school really got on board with the spirit of the week and prepared children well. All the teachers and staff we met at the school were very friendly and made the Work Week visitors feel welcome. Thank you to Georgette for organising everything at the school. Feedback from volunteers and visit hosts was excellent, everyone who visited the school was very impressed and complimentary. Feedback from the classes we received was overwhelmingly positive stating that children had had meaningful and impactful experiences during Work Week.

We received great feedback from visitors and visit hosts:

*“The children were very well behaved and asking such intelligent questions. By the end of the session a few of them told me they were now interested in working in museums!” Museum of London Docklands*

*“We loved having the children come in to the store! They were so well behaved” Tesco Rainham*

*“The kids were great we really enjoyed having them here.” ASDA Dagenham*

Many thanks for a successful Work Week and we hope to work with you again in future.

## Thanks

15billion-ebp would like to thank:

- Children and staff at Beam County Primary School and all the parents and other adults who were involved in the week
- Staff at Tesco Rainham, Dagenham Fire Station, Pizza Express Romford, ASDA Dagenham, Harvester and the University of East London for hosting visits.
- Murfys Recycle Centre, Go-Ahead Buses, Met Police, West Ham mentors, Dogs Trust, Wates Construction, Carat, Neilcott Construction, KPMG, Zopa and FCA for allowing their employees to visit the school.