

Footprints

Step-by-step together

Your newsletter from the Diocesan Board of Education

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Diocesan Director of Education

Aspiration

Education and aspiration go hand in hand and we talk about it a lot; aspiration for children, families, staff and communities.

I am convinced that enabling children and young people to see how they can move into the world of work is central to aspiration. Having a pathway or plan aids motivation and helps to make sense of why it is important to learn at school. This is really important in communities where unemployment may have been a fact of life for families for more than a generation. My experience is that the knowledge of new job opportunities, particularly in the local area, are often not understood, but there are many enthusiastic employers out there ready to work with schools to help communicate this message. Therefore beginning to raise awareness of the

world of work in the primary phase of education is important and you will see in this edition of Footprints two excellent examples of this – I'm sure there are more across the Diocese too!

There have been many government initiatives over the years to help children and young people get ready for life after education – employability skills, character education, enterprise skills, 14 – 19 vocational courses, skills for life and more. In our Church of England schools and academies the values we believe in address 'life in all its fullness' which includes enabling pupils to understand the importance of work. Good qualifications, particularly in English and maths, are vital but so are attributes such as working in a team, perseverance, service, compassion, forgiveness, humility, courage and thankfulness. We can use these values to help the children in our schools prepare well for the workplace even if that step is a number of years away!

Finally, can I encourage you to think about using alumni from your schools? Who could you invite back to talk about their experiences of work? This is very powerful when they say 'I used to come to this school and it helped me'. Being inspired by real people is a meaningful and engaging way of raising aspiration. I look forward to hearing some fantastic stories which we can include in future editions of Footprints!

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Mrs Helen McCarney
Head teacher at All Angels Federation

An Inspiration Hero

Last term, the Year Two children at Clover Hill VA Infant and Nursery school became hero experts. Due to our expertise, a mysterious basket belonging to a hero was delivered to us. As historians, we had to uncover the mystery behind the basket and objects that it contained. We had to use our teamwork and problem solving skills!

After careful investigation we came to the conclusion that it belonged to a nurse called Florence Nightingale who lived a long time ago. We found out that she aspired to be a nurse when she was very young but her parents forbade her. Florence insisted on becoming a nurse. She was so determined that she was eventually allowed to train. We found out that she was very brave when she travelled across Europe to help the soldiers injured in the Crimean War. We also discovered that she was an inspirational



leader, teaching other nurses the best way to nurse their patients back to health. These are some of the things that we have learnt from Florence Nightingale:
I learnt that we should not give up on our dreams.
I learnt that it feels good to care for everyone.
I learnt that you can be a leader and help other people to be better.
I want to be compassionate and determined like Florence Nightingale.

After finding out about Florence Nightingale we invited Sara, a nurse from



the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, into our school to tell us all about her job. We found out about how nursing and hospitals have improved because of the hard work and determination of people like Florence Nightingale. Sara gave us some training so we could become doctors and nurses.

Throughout our 'What is a hero?' topic we found out about and met many real heroes that inspired us. We thought carefully about the sort of hero we would like to be when we are older.

With hard work and determination we believe that our dreams can come true!

An Enterprise Curriculum

At Clover Hill VA Infant and Nursery School we are passionate about our pupils learning in a way that develops skills for learning, skills for life and skills for work. Our pupils are introduced to Enterprise Skills through fun characters. These characters help children to pin point what each skill means, in a child friendly way.

We encourage children to gain an understanding of how Enterprise Skills are applied in the 'world of work.' This is achieved through role play, visits and visitors. We have taken on the role of archaeologists, computer coders, chefs and many more!

These are some of our favourite characters:

 <p>Tim & Tom the Teamwork Twins We help children to understand what good teamwork looks like!</p>	 <p>Pippa Positive I help children to understand the importance of a positive or 'can do' attitude.</p>
 <p>Freddie Finance I help children to understand that some things in life are not free and people work hard to earn money.</p>	 <p>Lenny Leadership I help children to understand how to become a good leader.</p>



Abbie Williamson
Class Teacher at Whitefriars Primary Academy (DNEAT)

Aspirations Week

What do you want to be when you grow up? It's a question most children get asked. To kick start the new school year, the pupils at Whitefriars Church of England Primary Academy in King's Lynn, Norfolk held an Aspirations Week and explored that question. The purpose of the week was for the children to listen, talk to and work alongside a variety of people in a range of professions, giving them the chance to explore a variety of jobs they may aspire to in the future.

The KS1 children enjoyed meeting a PCSO who showed the children different parts of the PCSO community van while some of the children also got to feel what it was like to be arrested. The children then learnt how the RNLI keep them safe and what role a vet plays in keeping their pets safe. The Local fire department also visited the younger ones and the children

explored the fire engine, listened to its loud siren and dressed up their teacher in the firefighting suit. Some of the children also walked to the local Tesco where they learnt what it was like to be a butcher, fishmonger and baker.

The KS2 children were also given lots of aspiration ideas. Some of their visitors included a Translation lawyer, sports coach, Policeman, British Sugar employer and paramedic. The year 4 and Year 6 children worked alongside a marine engineer and were given their own engineering challenge of creating a catapult. The Year 5 children were spoken to about life in the RAF and the wide range of opportunities it offers and Year 3 were treated to a musical performance by a duet of young musicians who encouraged the children to "go with their aspirations".

The media was also popular with some of the KS2 classes. Your Local Paper business development manager Mark Stanford challenged the children to create advertisements to publicise information about their school, the winning adverts were then published in the Your Local Paper. Maple Class enjoyed

working with The EDP who showed them how exciting it could be reporting a news headline and sharing it with the world through the internet.

The week wasn't just about learning about the roles in a variety of jobs, the local building company LOVELL gave a whole-school presentation about the importance of health and safety at work. They invited the children to create their own health & safety posters which have since been displayed along the fence around the outside of the building site.

As a school we also met a few local King's Lynn celebrities. The King's Lynn Mayor came and spoke to the school about how she became a mayor and the important roles she plays in the community and the Local Radio DJ Simon Rowe spoke to the children about how he aspired to follow his music ambition and is now the breakfast DJ on KLFM96.7.

To end our successful week, the children dressed-up as a person or job role they aspired to be when they grow up – it was fascinating to see the different aspirations such young, engaging children have.

Showcase your school's talent at **THE ROYAL NORFOLK SHOW** **27 & 28 JUNE 2018**

Each year the Diocese of Norwich has a significant presence at the Royal Norfolk Show highlighting the work of the church serving communities across our county through churches, schools and academies. The marquee will be buzzing with activities for people of all ages and once again, we are offering schools the opportunity to perform on our stage.

School performances over recent years have been a great success as the feedback comments from schools and visitors illustrate:

'The children absolutely love it!'
'The children had a wonderful day and enjoyed performing for the Diocese. We would certainly be interested in being

involved again.'

'Loved the platform for the performers, especially loved the school choirs.'

'Great, very vibrant, lots going on and good footfall.'

'The children's voices during the various performances gave a great atmosphere to the whole marquee'

Representatives from our education team will also be at the show.

As many of you will be aware, the Royal Norfolk Show offers a fantastic day out for schools with an array of educational opportunities. Children, teachers and helpers are entitled to free entry to the show if booked in advance. Please see the following link for more information:



royalnorfolkshow.rnaa.org.uk/schools/tickets/

Does your school have a choir, band, small orchestra or other music group who could entertain visitors to our marquee? We are offering times on both days and performance slots will vary in length depending on individual school requirements.

To book a slot for your school to perform or for more information please contact Angela George
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Governor & Clerk update



Louise Reeves
Education Support Officer

It is something that is criticised on a regular basis in the press and in other ways that our children in Norfolk/Suffolk have little or no aspiration. Is this really true? I am sure we all know

of young people who have great aspirations but how do we develop these or maybe guide them in the right way. Nothing wrong with wanting to be an astronaut, pop star, model or professional footballer but how do we encourage the realistic aspiration of these but without diminishing them? Our schools and academies are great at encouraging and valuing the whole child. As governors do we know how our schools are encouraging aspiration and creating opportunities to experience or develop these? People within our schools themselves can be aspirational – we all know someone. We can probably all remember too an inspirational teacher

who inspired our learning and maybe inspired us into teaching or another career. From these articles we can see that career days and people coming into schools sharing their jobs and experience brings the world of work to life and maybe gives an encounter which sows a seed for the future. Why not explore with your school or academy how you already do or can give your children the opportunity to experience the world of work and then take part or even offer to be one of the guests yourself.

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SIAMS Congratulations

Congratulations to the following schools that have had their SIAMS inspections this Spring term.

Outstanding

Corton CofE VA Primary
St Peters CofE Primary Academy (DNEAT)

Good

Moorlands CofE Primary Academy (DNEAT)

Headships

Congratulations to the following new head teachers:

Ms Suzanne Halliwell, head teacher of Garboldisham CofE VC Primary from 1 April 2018

Mr Alex Griffiths, head teacher of Brooke CofE VC Primary from 1 June 2018

New St Benet's MAT

Academy orders issued for:

Archbishop Sancroft CofE VA High School

Harleston CofE VA Primary School

Dickleburgh CofE VC Primary

Diss CofE VC Junior School