

Lavender Primary School pupils get learning about learning!



Enthusiastic Enfield pupils from Lavender Primary School have been enjoying a taste of student life at the Faculty of Education.

Thirty-one Year 6 pupils and their teachers were welcomed to the Faculty for a visit designed to think about the study of education, raise aspirations and encourage positive thinking about higher education opportunities.

The day included a Cambridge quiz, interactive sessions on education topics, hopes, dreams and careers, a tour of a Cambridge College, and the opportunity to compete in teams to create an innovative learning space to engage their peers in an unusual subject area.

Kerry McEwan, Assistant Head Teacher at Lavender Primary School, said “The day enabled children from all backgrounds to believe that university is within the reach of everyone. It was a superb day bringing higher education to life”.

Year 6 pupil Angel said “It’s been amazing and really interesting. It’s nice to see how a university works and what life there is like. I’ve really enjoyed it – I will be back!”

For some, the day was an eye-opening experience. Fellow pupil Tatyana said “At first I didn’t want to go to university but this trip has made me feel like university is a good thing and I want to do it!”

Jacqui Howard, the Faculty of Education’s Schools Liaison Coordinator, who led the day, was delighted with how well the pupils engaged. She said “The day was all about aiming high and seizing opportunities. It gave the children a chance to think about what they want to do and how they’re going to get there. The pupils of Lavender Primary School clearly love learning - I was really impressed by the levels of motivation, determination and creativity they showed in the sessions and it was a pleasure to work with them and their teachers”.

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