Parent Governor visit to Owl Class

Science Week - Environment topic

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What a lovely lesson to observe!

Before my observation began, I was given the opportunity to watch a very special assembly. A Zoom call had been arranged between the children of Orrets Meadow and a former pupil who had moved to Portugal. There was a buzz of excitement around this event and the children enjoyed exchanging information and sharing experiences.

Following on from the assembly Owls Class returned to their classroom ready to begin their science lesson. Time was given for the children to look through their science books to recall what had been learnt so far in the school year. The some of the children enjoyed sharing memories and reflecting on key points in their learning, at no point where they placed under any pressure to share their thoughts.

I also took the time to look through their books and talk to the children about their work. Great pride had been taken in the presentation of work, and some of the children were keen to share with me what they had learnt. Feedback in the books was clear with multiple choice stretch questions added by the teacher, along with individual next steps in learning. The children are also encouraged to self-assess their own learning once a piece of work has been completed.

This was the beginning of a new topic. To gain a baseline of understanding, the first task was to categorise a range of items, some nature themed mixed in with random objects. Differentiation was clear with the option to physically sort items, work on a 1-1 with a staff member who would record the conversations, or to work in pairs and use the wipe boards and pens to record their ideas. This then progressed on to categorising the items into living or dead, the feather caused lots of wonderful discussion.

Next the children were encouraged to complete a multiple-choice question sheet and design a Mrs Gren poster.

Thank you once again, I have toughly enjoyed listening to your debates and sharing in your ideas.

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