

FARMHOUSE BREAKFASTS 2016 – *Taking children beyond the farmyard gate*

The popular 'Farmhouse Breakfasts' returned to Wythenshawe Primary Schools in February and March. Children participated in activities which helped them understand where their staple breakfast produce comes from. A joint initiative between Manchester Airport, Red Rose Forrest, The National Farmers Union (NFU) and Farmers and Countryside Education, the Farmhouse Breakfast campaign is all about showcasing the most important meal of the day. Sessions were supported by volunteers from Manchester Airport who helped the children with five exciting farming activities with the aim of encouraging children to eat a healthy breakfast every day.



Red Rose Forrest at Benchill Primary School.

Children at Benchill, St Aidan's RC, Baguley Hall, Newall Green and St Anthony's RC Primary Schools had a go at 'milking' a life size wooden cow with the help of Farmer Smallwood (of Greenheyes Farm) whilst other children churned butter with the help of Katy Pallace from FACE. Children also made recyclable plant pots using paper before planting their own seeds; peeled and cored apples and last – but certainly not least – each child learnt about egg production before having the opportunity to hold a two-week old baby chick!

A teacher at St Anthony's RC Primary School commented: *"A lot of great interactive activities which captured the children's interest and imagination".*

EARLY MORNING METROLINK



On Monday 21st March 2016, Metrolink commenced early morning tram services to Manchester Airport. The first tram leaves Firswood at 03:00 hrs to arrive at our Station before 03:40 hrs; this nicely matches the 04:00 hrs 'start of shift' that is commonplace for our and other companies on the site. Trams run every 20 minutes until 06:00 hrs when the 12 minute service commences.

WORLD BOOK WEEK – *Sharing a love of reading*

Manchester Airport colleagues shared their love of reading with children at five Wythenshawe Primary Schools during a World Book Week celebration during March. The importance of reading for pleasure and their future careers was re-enforced by colleagues from all areas of the business who stressed that reading was important for Security Guards, Fire Fighters, Project Managers and Engineers alike.



After reading a story to the children, the volunteers answered questions, chatted about their favourite books and invited the children to ask questions about the story. The volunteers also talked about different job roles on the Manchester Airport site and flight destinations; children were very keen to find out more about working at the Airport and talk about their holiday experiences!

Retailer WHSmith, which has shops in all three Airport Terminals, supported the initiative by donating some World Book Day books for each child at every school.



"(it's) Good for the children to acknowledge the importance of reading in order to get a job. They appreciate it more due to the visitors".

MÁS POR FAVOUR! – *More please!*

'More please!' was the request from Year 8 students at the Manchester Enterprise Academy during a 'Tapas Tasting' event in February.

An array of Spanish food was prepared for the students by Spanish Linguists from Manchester Airport; to introduce them to the delicacies and culture of Spain. The volunteers hailed from Barcelona, San Sebastián and Mexico, and shared their linguistic, geographical and cultural knowledge with the students.

Many students were reticent at first to try the Spanish Tapas on offer, but they soon tucked in to cold meats, cheese and olives. A short culinary demonstration gave the students the opportunity to make their own 'pan con tomate'; bread with a garlic and tomato topping. The tasty Tapas was washed down with alcohol free Sangria and a toast to happiness and good health.



COUNTING THE WAY TO SUCCESS! -Numbers at Work

Pupils at Sandilands Primary School were the latest to benefit from a Business Working With Wythenshawe (BW³) maths lesson with a difference. The 'Numbers at Work' interactive sessions are designed to demonstrate the use of maths in a whole range of job roles. Year 6 pupils are given a series of mathematical challenges involving 'real' everyday work situations:

- *Microsoft* hosted their 'juicy data' challenge, in which children were asked to make a non-alcoholic cocktail, using an array of fruit juices. -This encouraged learning about measuring liquid/volume, statistical analysis and producing charts.
- *Harrington Brooks*, a debt solution provider, demonstrated the importance of good money management skills. Children took part in a game similar to monopoly called 'pay day'; where they are encouraged to budget and spend according to their disposable 'salary'.
- Using 'tablets' children designed their ideal house layout with the *WOW Zone*. They used calculations of area and planned rooms to fit within an overall defined square metre-age.
- *Manchester Airport* challenged the children with a delicate consignment which must be suitably packaged and shipped to Singapore. Children calculated the weight, cost of packaging, air freight and any additional Airport or Customs fees. With various options they had to obtain the lowest packaging costs suitable for sending the item by air.
- A lesson in how footballers use numbers in 'training and play' was given by *City in the Community*. The task involved calculating probability and averages around physical ball management challenges, such as penalties and dribbling.
- *Manchester Fire and Rescue Service* delivered a serious message through their session around the danger of fire and false callouts; encouraging the use of problem solving and non-verbal reasoning techniques.



Above Mike Kane MP attended to observe and participate; here pictured with children engaged in the Harrington Books activity.

Below children mix their cocktails in the Microsoft 'juicy data' challenge



JOB SHADOW – *A taste of the World of Work*

In March over 40 Year 10 students from Manchester Enterprise Academy spent an afternoon at Manchester Airport sampling 2 hours experience of working life at the Airport. Colleagues showed off their individual work areas and talked about the day-to-day duties, qualifications and experience necessary to obtain their job.

Some pupils were with NATS in the Air Traffic Control Tower, some with World Duty Free in their store, other with catering company Select Service Partner, Emirates or Singapore Airlines Cargo. Manchester Airport colleagues in the Information Technology, Planning, Airfield Operations, Customer Services, Fire Service and Public Relations departments also hosted pupils in their work areas.

Students were 'buzzing' by the end of the sessions and were eager to tell one another about their exciting experiences. Three students had the opportunity to meet and have their photograph taken with James Nesbitt; who was filming a scene for the new series 'Cold Feet' in Terminal 2! Students commented that 'hands on' experience of their chosen job shadow role had motivated them to pursue a career in that work area.



MEA Girls pose for a photograph with James Nesbitt of 'Cold Feet'

THE APRIL 2016 COMMUNITY TRUST FUND MEETING

If you are part of, or know of a Community Group which is looking for funding in order to develop and prosper the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund may be able to help.

The maximum grant available to charitable not-for-profit making organisations is £3,000 and is available to organisations which are community, socially or environmentally focussed within approximately 10 miles of the Airport. During the April meeting, £27,711 was awarded to 17 local groups.

Up to £32,000 pounds are allocated to charitable groups each quarter. The Fund is permanently open, holding four meetings a year and the next meeting will be held on the 6th July -all applications need to be received by the 29th May 2016. Details of the criteria and how to apply for a grant from the Manchester Airport Community Trust Fund can be found at:



manchesterairport.co.uk/CommunityTrustFund or call the Community Trust Fund administrator on 0161 489 5281.