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Aspirations Week - w/c 25th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently, I sent the letter below asking for people to step forward to share their work with our KS2 children. We have had return from willing volunteers with careers as:

- Researcher in Psychology
- Business Engagement Officer
- Manager of a Preschool
- University Professor
- Accountancy Audit Partner

Please can you spare 20 minutes during the week of 25th March 2024, to come into school and speak with our children, to inspire them and guide them in aspiring beyond YouTube sensation or professional gamer. **This will** be to speak with a small group of up to 15 children (we are not you are not expected to stand in front of a school assembly with a Powerpoint)

Original Letter:

When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?



Is the job you are doing now, the one that you imagined yourself doing when you were a child? How have you got to where you are in your career and has anyone/anything inspired or helped to support you?

What qualifications did you need to apply for your job? Is your job interesting and what is the most rewarding part of what you do?







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It is likely that the jobs that we do now will have changed over the years and will change a lot by the time our primary school children reach adulthood. It is also very likely that the jobs and careers that our children will embark upon in the future are not yet known or invented. The most popular responses from the children in Year 6 when asked, "what do you want to be when you grow up?" were:

- Vet
- Footballer
- Astronaut
- YouTuber
- Interior designer
 - Brick layer
- Grenadier Guard
 - Police officer

At this age, our children don't know what jobs are out there or how you go about aspiring to realise dreams. They also don't realise where primary school sits in laying the foundation for lifelong learning, interests and positive work ethics and habits.

To support the children in starting to understand what people do for work and to help them in building aspirational thoughts about their futures, we are planning on delivering an aspirational futures week for upper key stage 2 and would love your help.

This will involve, coming into school to share information about your profession and journey through your career. It will support the children in understanding a context for their learning and give them insight into possibilities and goals that they may not have considered.

If you think you may be able to help, please drop me an email, stating what job you do, and when you would be available during the week of 25th March 2024 (date and time). I am not looking for any whiz bang presentations and at no point will you be asked to work with a group of children on your own.

Please come forward and share your work with us so that we can show the children what great contributions we make as adults to society. We have a school full of budding designers, engineers, sportspeople, teachers and even politicians, they just don't know it yet!

We look forward to hearing from you and thank you in advance for supporting us with this.

Regards

Janine Waring Headteacher

