

**In the week commencing 12 November, employee-volunteers from 6 organisations from across the city gave up an hour of their time to host a Day in the Life session across 5 schools in York.**



To kick-start the week, volunteers from Nestle took to New Earswick to tell them all things IT. The team taught the pupils the stages that each product goes through before manufacturing even starts, which sparked some fantastic questions from the class about the life of a KitKat.

Tuesday saw volunteers from University of York Mailroom and Royal Mail head to Yearsley Grove Primary to deliver a session on the postage system. Challenges such as wrapping, sorting and problem solving were all tackled within the session and the children all had a brilliant time experiencing a Day in the Life of a postman. Osbaldwick Primary School were in for a sweet treat with their session from the University of York chefs who explained what they get up to on their day to day shift. After learning about the chefs' favourite foods to cook and about the practice that was required to learn each recipe, the session was rounded off with pancakes, which the pupils loved.



Wednesday was absolutely jam-packed with three teams heading out to two schools across York. The year 5 pupils at Clifton Green spent the afternoon with the North Yorkshire Police, seeing what it is like to be in the CSI team, exploring the mobile police office and getting to put the lights and sirens on in the car.

Over at St Barnabas Primary School, volunteers from NatWest and TSP Projects led two sessions for year 5 pupils. NatWest's session focussed around the importance of mathematics skills and numeracy. This session looked at the importance of money in today's society and how fraudulent notes can create many issues for so many different people. Meanwhile TSP Projects provided pupils with the insight into the world of engineering. Challenges such as the spaghetti and marshmallow challenge shows the pupils the importance of maths in the planning of any project, such as railway redevelopment.

## Inspiring Minds programme

Inspiring Minds activities are designed to:

- Build confidence and team working skills
- Improve adult interactions
- Enhance communication skills
- Provide pupils with the opportunity to articulate their ideas in coherent presentations
- Insight into Industry sessions and additional activities include clear curriculum links to English, Maths and Science

## Results and Achievements

- Pupils learnt about the importance of maths in new ways through many of the sessions
- Pupils interacted with the volunteers, who may have been in roles which they were not aware of
- Volunteers were able to share their expertise and highlight the key parts of their roles in a way that they may not have done before
- Around 230 pupils were involved in the week

If you would like to get involved in our Inspiring Minds programme then please contact Sally on **01904 322855** or via [info@yorkcares.co.uk](mailto:info@yorkcares.co.uk)