Curriculum Learning Walk: 26 November 2014

What did we do?

We visited the following classes with the head teacher:

Nursery and Reception: 'Tiny Tweeties' were providing singing activities.

Year 1: in RE the children were talking and writing about Baptism, with a focus on the key words.

Year 2: were making Christmas decorations.

Year 3: were doing fitness (external provider) and RE (animation and Music).

Year 4: were learning about classification in Science using sweets, looking at how they might group the sweets in different ways.

Year 5: art activity (silhouettes)

Year 6: French conversation

What did we learn?

Children can have fun while they are learning.

There was a huge range of activities going on, including those from external providers.

There are two non-class based HLTA using their skills to great effect.

Children were very responsive to the activities from the external providers.

Positive comments?

Excellent behaviour was observed in each classroom.

There was great participation from all the children.

Staff were well-prepared.

We saw the use of technology in every classroom.

Good use of staff skills to deliver activities eg Art.

Children were very knowledgeable.

We saw some fantastic displays.

The children were very keen and confident in their speaking in the French role plays.

There was an industrious atmosphere.

What did we ask about?

We asked whether parents had been involved in Tiny Tweeties. Parents have been to some sessions.

What might we do in future visits?

PE focus so we can report on the use of Sports Funding.

Enrichment focus eg lunchtimes

Interventions

Any other comments?

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit and the warm welcome from children and staff.

Children were very engaged with the Head Teacher and very happy to see him, particularly year 1.

Refurbishment throughout the school makes a real difference.

Some classrooms had fewer displays: work in progress.