

Milton Park Primary School: Where innovation engineers success

Milton Park Primary School in Weston-super-Mare has seen a huge rise in pupil attainment in the last two years in Key Stage 1 and pupil progress across the whole school after adopting the 'Quality First Teaching' approach to education. The school has been selected to feature in the next 'Parliamentary Review', a national government document that celebrates substantial achievement in education.

Headteacher Lorraine Fitzpatrick explained: "Quality First Teaching is all about a strong focus on child-led learning. It involves pupils being fully engaged with their learning through dialogue with their teachers and their classmates. It uses a range of interactive teaching styles: visual, auditory, verbal and kinaesthetic to deepen learning through an enquiry approach. In that way every child learns and achieves. We have seen a huge rise in children's attitudes towards learning and positive behaviours for learning. This approach to learning is fun, children can work at their own pace and learn from mistakes in a supportive atmosphere. The progress really has been fantastic."

The school has also been recognised for its pioneering approach to teaching the STEM curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) in the primary phase. Links have been forged with the new North Somerset Enterprise and Technology College and Enthuse, a government and industry joint initiative based at the University of York that aims to promote world-leading STEM education for all pupils. Lorraine Fitzpatrick expressed her delight when Milton Park Primary was awarded an Enthuse grant: "The grant really was pivotal to our ambitions. Not only did it provide

us with world-class professional development for our staff, but it also provided the money to set up and equip our own STEM laboratory. I believe we are the only primary school in the area to have such a facility.

"By instilling a passion for science-based subjects early on, our aim is that girls will realise at a young age that science and technology is not just for the boys. Girls can have a fulfilling career in science too.

"With the support of local engineering professional Darren Murtagh we have been able to offer our pupils a unique opportunity to develop STEM skills that will hopefully set them on the path to a world of opportunities in the 21st century workplace. Somerset is fast becoming a centre for engineering excellence and we want our pupils to be leading the way forward in our local community.



MILTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

where every day is a learning adventure



We can offer:

- an exciting 'Quality First' teaching environment where children develop the joy of learning
- a happy, supportive and caring atmosphere
- a pioneering approach to developing Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills for the 21st century workplace
- a real partnership with parents and the community
- Breakfast Club and After School Club providing wrap-around care for pupils.

**Why not see for yourself?
Telephone the school to make
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