



In two weeks at Langar...

It has been my absolute pleasure to spend two weeks as a new headteacher here at Langar C of E School. From the first moment that I first set foot through the door of this school I knew that everything *just felt right*. I have met so many of you already and wish to thank the whole community for making me feel so welcome.

I knew that Langar was doing something right when on Monday I saw raised beds filled with compost and heard about some trellises being installed on the playground. I saw boys in wellington boots with spades in their hands getting their hands dirty and knew this was the right place for me. On Tuesday, Mr Owen-Jones told me that there would be 'around twenty visitors' in school that that they wouldn't get in the way. They were here to learn how to teach maths like an expert and so I was quite pleased when Mr Owen-Jones extended an invitation for me to come and watch his lesson too. It was a pleasure to see how our school spreads its expertise in training future teachers and I learned a thing or two about fractions in the process. On Wednesday, David, our vicar, taught me a new song about Jesus and how he loves us even when we embarrass ourselves in front of everyone (handy to know for a new headteacher!). On Thursday I was assured that the children lead the collective worship themselves and that I wouldn't have to do anything. I must admit I was skeptical at first but was blown away by the children's suitability for such a role. They were organized, confident and perfect for the job. On Friday I learned that this school timetables hot chocolate for the headteacher and a few carefully chosen child heroes. Had I found paradise?!

Indeed, between the staff meetings, governor meetings, web design meetings, CEO meetings, budget meetings and parent meetings, I have also found time to eat lunch with *nearly* every child in the school and heard about even more things that have been happening. Class one children welcomed parents to teach us about growing plants, a grandmother from Hong Kong arrived to teach us about Chinese culture, cooking club took a trip to the local bakery to learn about baking bread and cakes, the Forest Bugs collected sticks and climbed trees at Langar Hall and we all enjoyed a presentation and singing performance from our class two children. I even found time to take that old basketball hoop to the scrap yard.

With my first fortnightly newsletter, I could go on, but now I'm off to join an art lesson in class three. Look out for some of the work on our website - it's William Morris apparently, how tasteful!

...we get a lot done!

