

# Wellington Parents get a Taste of School Life

Parents were invited to Wellington Eagles and Lions Primary Academies on Thursday to sample the school menu and to find out more about what school life will be like for their children this coming school year.

Harrison Catering Services put on an impressive range of delicious, freshly prepared dishes for parents to sample, including lasagne, Chicken Curry and Homemade Sausage rolls, with fresh fruit pots and cakes also on offer. Chef Manager Vicky Grinsell was on hand to answer any queries and provide reassurance for parents with children who have special dietary requirements. She also promoted some fun themed lunches coming up including; a spooky Halloween feast at the end of October and a festive German Christmas Market inspired lunch at the start of December.



Head Teachers Sarah Johnson-Motyl (Eagles) and Jake Bailey (Lions) held meetings to welcome parents and carers and explain the vision and values of both schools.

Sarah Johnson-Motyl Head of Eagles Academy explained to parents, "We are a school for 'The Curious Child', our staff are absolutely passionate about providing your children with the exciting, enriching experiences so they can all achieve success, and we actively encourage them to be enthusiastic, resilient, to collaborate and to be aspirational because after all this is their journey."

Another exciting area the schools have invested in is Children's University, with children only spending 9% of their working life in the classroom up to the age of 18, Children's University looks at encompassing the other 91% of time learning life skills with activities that have so far included making French patisseries, learning magic, yoga, learning first aid and mental health first aid, gardening amongst many, and will culminate at the end of the school year with a graduation celebration.



There was also a welcome from Governors David Wright and Megan Vallor who explained the important role they play within the schools, answering many questions raised.

With a lot of military families within their school community it was a chance for the schools to explain the support they have in place and reassure families that they understand the pressures of relocation and starting new schools. Governor Megan Vallor confirmed, "it's really important for me as a member of the Army to ensure that our children are not disadvantaged because of our service and that's one of the

reasons that I'm a Governor" she added "We are currently looking for ways in which we can tap into Army funding for the benefit of our children."

Parents and carers responded well to the welcome with many staying behind to speak with members of staff and other parents.

With Open Mornings coming soon, visit [www.wellingtonprimary.org.uk](http://www.wellingtonprimary.org.uk) for more information on Wellington Lions and Eagles Primary Academies and nurseries.