

Meaningful Learning Experiences

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| Strategic Commitment | ✓ | Raise the profile of the school in the local community |
| Curriculum Provision | ✓ | Enhance enrichment activity |
| Employer Partnerships | | |
| Reflective Young People | | |
| Informed Career Choices | | |

Year 3 children challenged to raise the profile of the school in the local community

Purley Oaks Primary School is a successful and constantly improving three form entry school, with over 560 pupils from a range of backgrounds. The school is celebrating its 140th year and has worked hard under the new leadership to improve the image and raise the profile of the school.

The school believes the partnership between home and school is very important in the overall development of the child and therefore looks for creative ways to engage with the parents.

Year 3 Children studied the Romans and the invasion of Britain in their History class and were given a homework assignment to make a Roman Shield. 90 Children participated in the project and designed very colourful Shields using various materials and resources. The Children were encouraged to seek help and support from their families. All 90 Shields were put on display in the school leading up to Christmas.

The management of Centrale Shopping Centre in Croydon were keen to work with the school to help raise the profile of the school in the local community and offered to display 30 shields in the Shopping Centre. The shields were put on display for public viewing for 2 weeks in February.

The Children were extremely proud to see their work and the work of other Children on display. The sense of recognition and achievement was extremely rewarding for the Children. The Children are excited about future opportunities and are keen to take on more homework projects.

Purley Oaks Primary School is celebrating its 140th anniversary this year with an Arts Week during the summer term. The school is keen to showcase the Children's work and continue to raise the profile of the school. Centrale have agreed to support the school with this activity.

Impact on the Students:

- The children are beaming with pride and are keen to do more homework projects
- They enjoyed working with their family in a creative way
- The children are very enthusiastic about their work and are motivated to do well
- The exhibition has helped to raise overall confidence

Impact on the School:

- The Roman Shields homework project enabled the children to work with parents and family
- Motivated children to complete projects to a high standard
- Has inspired them to complete future work to a high standard
- The project enabled the children to apply speaking and listening skills during interviews
- Raised the profile of the school in the local community
- Developed business links with Centrale Shopping Centre
- Leading to a further opportunity to showcase Arts Week

Impact on the business partners:

- Developed a strong link with a local primary school
- Raised awareness and interest in the Centre within the local community and school children

'We're really pleased to be supporting Purley Oaks school's project. It is a great example of students learning in innovative and creative ways and we hope that the people of Croydon will come down to see some of their fantastic creations.' David Ordman, General Manager, Centrale



Students were motivated in the classroom and proud to see their work displayed in Croydon's Centrale shopping centre and in the local paper.



Crafty kids create Roman shields for Croydon Centrale shopping centre exhibition

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Crafty primary school children created Roman shields for an exhibition at Centrale shopping centre.

Year 3 pupils from Purley Oaks Primary School clubbed together to make 30 shields, which were displayed for two weeks last month, as part of a history project.

As well as making replicas of shields used by soldiers the 90 children, aged seven and eight, produced information booklets about life in the Roman army and why the Romans flourished.

The project, run by the Schools Linking Network, is part of a national programme funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government and aims to connect classroom learning with local employers.