

# Eaton Park Careers and Aspirations Brochure



Spring Edition 2023



What a busy spring term we have had! So many different experiences across the school and visitors have been in and out, some to help us with career-related learning! Our college trips are back up and running and these will be offered out to year four and five before the end of the academic year.



Our World Book Day linked to 'Little People, Big Dreams' was a huge success!

It was amazing to see the children dressed as careers they would like to be when they are older. We had police officers, marine biologists, teachers, detectives, singers, performers, footballers, paramedics, scientists, accountants and even someone dressed as brave, confident and strong because that is the person they want to be when they are older! You were amazing Eaton Park!

Each year band had two Little People, Big Dreams' books to inspire their World Book Day activities, which, from what I have heard, the children absolutely loved!

Nursery & Reception – Queen Elizabeth & Nelson Mandela

Year 1 – Mary Anning & Jane Goodall

Year 2 – Florence Nightingale & Neil Armstrong

Year 3 – Marie Curie & Picasso

Year 4 – Stephen Hawking & Marcus Rashford

Year 5 – David Attenborough & Pele

Year 6 – Anne Frank & Charles Darwin

These books inspired artwork, history learning, presentations, football workshops and even using voice technology to learn how Stephen Hawking managed to communicate!



# JCB



As part of National Apprenticeships week 2023 and to celebrate that Eaton Park pupils have gone on to complete apprenticeships at JCB, our year 4, 5 and 6 children were treated to an assembly about all of the different careers available at JCB and all about the apprenticeships on offer to learn and earn at the same time. Our visitors then worked with year 6 to plant a commemorative tree on our school grounds for our children to watch grow for years to come.

## Poet with a Punch!

Boots and cats, boots and cats, cats, cats, cats, cats  
You can go on the internet on a phone  
Whether you're out or chilling at home  
The internet helps with communication  
Through your Xbox or Playstation

Boots and cats, boots and cats, cats, cats, cats,  
We use Bug club to read online  
I have to come off before it's 9  
I can be a times table rockstar  
Or a music hero on my guitar

Boots and cats, boots and cats, cats, cats, cats,  
We're the Goofy Gamerz these are our bars  
Turning into internet stars  
Talking to you about the internet  
Gold coins are something I'm going to get

As part of their enrichment learning linked to careers, years 4 and 5 had the amazing experience of having Matt Windle – a professional boxer and poet – into school for poetry sessions. Each year band had a theme and two skills for work to focus on during their sessions.

Year 4 had the overall theme of 'The Internet' with the skills of communication and positivity.



Year 5 had the overall theme of 'Social Media' with the skills of resilience and self-awareness.

The children came up with words linked to their theme and competencies before Matt's visit before working with him to create a class poem – this was then performed at the end of the day during an assembly.

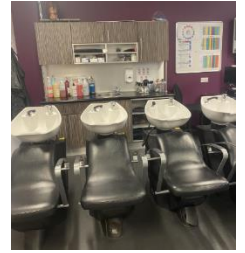
The children were so engaged during the day and produced some fantastic work. Matt kept them busy all day and even let them hold his Commonwealth boxing title!



College visits finally returned this term for the first time since COVID!



They have been a huge success and inspired our children to think about options once they finish high school and even new career paths. Year 6 were blown away with the classrooms and equipment available for the specific courses too.



The children had lots of positive things to say about the visits:  
"Now I have been here, I have realised how many courses there actually are!"



"It has opened my eyes to different options."



"It has made me reconsider what I want to do as a career."

## ★ Hall of Fame ★

We have many ex- Eaton Park pupils, parents and members of the local community who have gone on to achieve amazing things in their further education and beyond. As an inspiration for our children, I would like to continue to celebrate some of these people each term.

Victoria Riley  
Nursery parent

When I am not on maternity leave, I am a researcher at Staffordshire University, studying lots of things concerned with public health (e.g. testing health checks, talking to pregnant women and new mums, looking at COVID to name a few things). I did this by doing a degree, masters and PhD at Staffordshire University. It took me a long time but I hope that it may inspire the children at Eaton Park Academy. If they want to make a difference in a slightly different way, then they can do! I grew up in Blurton and fought for my grades and they can do too if they are driven enough 😊

Myself and Jacobs dad were in the British Army - myself for 17 years and Jacobs dad for 27 years. I was doing nursing in the Queen Alexandra Royal army nursing corps, and Jacobs dad was in the Royal logistic corps. We travelled the world and saw many places. My favourite place was Croatia. The Army is like a family, and in regards to achievements, we do have medals for going to the 'not so nice places'. There are a lot of opportunities and so many careers you can choose from in the military, being a doctor, mechanic, HGV driver - there's too many to name, and you get to see the world and make friends for life.


Debbie Shatwell -  
Y5 parent



Sheryl Smith -  
former pupil

Hello! My name is Sheryl and I went to Eaton Park when I was a little girl. I remember all of my teachers and the fun times I had there. This inspired me to become a primary school teacher and I'm now the Deputy Head Teacher of a school in Staffordshire. I worked hard at primary school and high school then went onto college and university. I've been a teacher for 20 years and love having fun with the children I teach and watching them learn new things. You might want to be a teacher or something completely different but whatever you want to be when you grow up, just keep dreaming of it and work hard to achieve it. Do your best with everything that you do and never give up on your dreams. We may not be the best at everything but we are all good at something. So work hard, enjoy your learning and who knows what you could become. Aim high and make your future what you want it to be!

Eaton Park is where my first adventure began, and every teacher I had throughout my years taught me something new each time. I have now left school and am currently working towards a level 3 qualification in health and social care in college. To all you younger ones - time will go fast, but always believe in something you want to achieve. I remember forever failing maths, but somehow, I got there in the end. Don't give up on anything! I am forever grateful for every opportunity.



Nicole Goodwin -  
former pupil