

Roseberry Primary welcomes special guest as Lord-Lieutenant visits School

The pupils of Roseberry Primary School in Billingham welcomed Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Country Durham, Sue Snowdon, to share what they have learnt about the Commonwealth.

Stockton Borough Council invited schools across the region to apply to take part in a project to represent each country in the Commonwealth. With a limit of 53 spaces, Roseberry was successful in securing a place and received the country Belize for their year 5 pupils to research.

The children were then invited to present their findings in a workshop, at a presentation at Durham Cathedral. Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Country Durham attended the event and the schools taking part had the opportunity to invite the Lord Lieutenant to visit their school.

Headteacher Maggie Fearnley decided to involve the whole school to take part in learning about the entire Commonwealth and welcomed the Lord Lieutenant to visit the school to show what they had learnt.

The assembly opened with a flag ceremony, with the full school entering the hall from all entrances waving the flags of the countries they had researched. The pupils proudly presented their work on the Commonwealth and invited the Lord Lieutenant to present two awards the school have recently received, The Rights Respecting Gold Award and The Eco-Schools Green Flag. To end the assembly, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham presented the school with a letter from the Queen, on the importance of the Commonwealth.

Mrs Snowdon finished her visit by taking a tour of the school and said: "When you enter the school, you feel a lovely rich environment that has been created. You can see each child has been supported to reach their own potential.

"It was a privilege to visit Roseberry Primary school and to see the quality of education that is being delivered in schools."

Headteacher, Maggie Fearnley said: "It was a memorable day for the school and we were honoured to have been asked to deliver an assembly to Mrs Snowdon. The children put a lot of effort into their assembly and put on a fantastic display for our guest."

William Walton, Chair of Governors said: "The children thoroughly enjoyed putting on an assembly for Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of County Durham and they were excellent. It's wonderful that the school has been recognised by visitors."

Last week a group of year 5 children attended the celebration assembly in Durham Cathedral to present their work on Belize, along with 1500 pupils from different boroughs across the region who took part in the project.