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HRH Duchess of Edinburgh visits Hale Nursery & Primary Academy

Dear Families,

I wanted to share some exciting news with you all!

Today we had Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Edinburgh come to visit Hale Nursery & Primary Academy. The children had a special assembly in the morning to explain her role and position within the Royal Family and to help them understand the significance of this visit. HRH Duchess of Edinburgh arrived at the school at 10.30am, she was introduced to myself and Mr Meek our CEO, and many other dignitaries, she then spent time speaking to the children as she walked to the community bungalow where she spent time meeting Hale Community and Youth Centre staff.



All of our children from Reception to Year 6 were able to come out and see her arrive or depart. They made a Union Jack flag and formed a welcome line from the Nursery entrance to the community bungalow. Our Year 5s took on the extra responsibility of planting bulbs in the grass verges to make our school look fantastic come the spring. The Duchess has also planted a few bulbs herself that the children will eagerly wait to see bloom.

The Duchess of Edinburgh spoke to so many of the children as she went past and I was extremely proud of the children and their responses. She was quite taken aback by their politeness and their concern for her and if she was having a good day. They were all an absolute credit to you and the school.

We have taken a few photos ourselves and are hopeful that there will be professional photos shared with us at a later date.

As you can imagine the visit has been shrouded in confidentiality and security, so forgive me for not being able to share this exciting event with our wider community before it happened, I hope that the children will be able to tell you all about it when they get home.

We are exceptionally proud of our school and our children, sharing this opportunity today and seeing how excited they were to meet a member of the Royal Family has been quite inspirational and I hope it is a memory that will last a lifetime.

Kind regards, Clare Freeman



