

A visit from a MP! - 29th February 2016



Mrs Leadsom is a Member of Parliament and she represents South Northamptonshire. Today, we were very fortunate as Mrs Leadsom kindly agreed to visit our school and tell us about her role as a MP and kick start our second Pupil Parliament.

Mrs Leadsom spoke to the whole school during assembly. She chatted about the Gunpowder Plot and we were very impressed with Class 3's knowledge of Guy Fawkes. Mrs Leadsom explained how the power of the monarchy has changed over time and that we now have a government. The children were able to answer lots of Mrs Leadsom's questions. They knew that David Cameron is the Prime Minister and the leader of the Conservative Party. The children also knew that Jeremy Corbyn is the head of the Labour Party and is therefore the head of the opposition party.

Mrs Leadsom also described the structure at the Houses of Parliament. She told us how there is a House of Lords and a House of Commons. The people in the House of Commons are voted in, whereas the people in the House of Lords are invited, however both houses vote for laws, which are enforced by the police.

After assembly, Mrs Leadsom met the School Councillors. She asked the School Councillors about how they acquired their roles. The School Councillors were able to explain how they had to do a presentation in order to gain votes from their classmates. Mrs Leadsom, said it was very similar for her, however she had to try and obtain as many votes as she could from around 82,000 people in South Northamptonshire!

Finally, Mrs Leadsom chaired a debate with the children of Class 5. Class 5 were debating whether children should be given homework or not. Mrs Leadsom spoke in detail about the kinds of debates she had attended and the rules in which you were expected to follow. She described how some MPs broke those rules and would sometimes talk over one another! Mrs Leadsom said how impressed she was with the children in Class 5 who, she said, articulated their arguments well and did not talk over one another!

Thank you for visiting us Mrs Leadsom!