

Gifted and Talented Day Visit to Oxford Brookes University

23rd January 2007

Our Gifted and Talented children from year 4 spent the day at Oxford Brookes University with other children from all over Leicestershire.

A very early start so we could arrive at County Hall for 8.00am to travel by coach with approximately 60 other children from all over Leicestershire. The children were to spend a day being challenged with exciting tasks that would stretch them to their limits.

Oxford Brookes University is a specialised University of Technology comprising of Computing, Electronic Engineering, Mathematical Sciences and Engineering departments. There was a warm welcome from the university staff who were keen to meet the children.



The children keenly tackled their first challenge of the day - "Krazy Car." The children working individually were given materials to enable them to build a "Krazy Car" to race at the end of the session against all the other children. Prizes were given for the fastest car over a set distance and for the best design. Two hours later there were many fantastic models made with innovative novel designs. All the children had been immersed in the challenge they had been set.

We all had our lunches and then spent an amazing afternoon with Professor Kloo who set the children the task of being mini spies solving a range of mathematical investigations which could tax the patience of most adults. The concepts were extremely difficult but presented in a fun and exciting way, allowing the children to feel challenged and successful.



After a final presentation and goodbyes we travelled back to Leicester and then arrived in Newbold Verdon at 7.00pm. The day was thoroughly enjoyable with all the children benefiting from achievable but challenging activities that stretched them to the limits in an environment that was conducive to learning at its highest quality.