

Leaders of Learning meeting with the Mayor

We really enjoyed meeting the Mayor and discussing the similarities and differences in our job roles. Sam said, "I felt nervous about meeting the Mayor as he is very important but when I started talking to him, I relaxed as he is an easy person to talk to." Gracias also commented, "It was very exciting meeting the Mayor!" He told us we can get involved in politics by finding out about our local community council.



We realised that our job as Leaders of Learning is very similar to that of the Mayor's role. We were both voted in democratically and had to give a speech to explain to those who voted what we stood for. We also both strive to make things better for others (even those who didn't vote for us) and we listen to our community. We also value the importance of everyone's right to speak and give their opinion but also the importance of tolerance and being part of a team.

The Leaders of Learning also had an opportunity to ask some questions:

Q: What did you need to do to become a mayor? "I got voted in by the community. Then the councillors voted me in as Mayor. It is important to remember that once you are voted in, you are representing everyone in the community and not just the people that voted for you."

Q: What is the meaning of the badge on your chain? "The badge was created for Milton Keynes. The words are in Latin and mean 'knowledge, design and understanding.' The mayor and councillors of Milton Keynes have to follow that motto."

Q: What is it like being the Mayor? "Every day is different and I get to meet a variety of people. I have attended over 600 events in one year so it is very busy."



What our children told the Mayor.

By Fatma, Lyrica, Amelia and Vinnie

I love Milton Keynes because of the concrete cows because they show that although we live in an urban area, they remind us how much Milton Keynes has grown from its rural beginnings into a vibrant city. I personally believe that Milton Keynes is unique because it is built on equality, as everyone treats each person the exact same. As you may have noticed each estate is special because of its people and the schools, which teach people so much, giving them a good education and better life chances. That is why we love Milton Keynes.



By Olivia, Ali, Raisa and Kadija

We love Milton Keynes because it has easy access due to its roads & roundabouts and has excellent facilities such as its schools. We also like Milton Keynes because the concrete cows, which represent our town. Not only the uniqueness of Milton Keynes is special, it's also our community, which stays strong and everyone is equal yet tolerant of each other. As citizens of Milton Keynes it makes us proud to be part of a growing town, which started off like a small seed and over the years has grown tall and stronger.



By Ntando, Alfie, Maryam and Kaleb

I love Milton Keynes because: It has well-structured facilities such as the Stadium, the City Centre and factories. Even though it is so built up, you still have the feel of the fresh air of the countryside right on your door step. The well-studied teachers, who educate us to become smart people. We are proud of the emergency services that risk their lives for others and are always there to help. We also love our community because when you are feeling sad they can instantly cheer you up and if you don't know your way around the city people are always willing to help.



What changes would we like to see in the next 50 years?

By Oliva, Raisa, Ali, Kadija

How we would like to see MK grow:

- Have hover cars rather than petrol cars;
- Have shorter buses to improve the flow of traffic;
- Have more zebra crossings and underpasses, which are safe to use;
- Keep the open spaces and parks;



By Maryam, Kaleb, Alfie, Ntando

In 2067 what would you like to see?

- Changes in technology/transport;
- Expanded houses (more than 2 story houses) so people have space;
- No litter on sidewalks - robots work to clean places (underground system to pull rubbish away), moving bins - so litter never touches the floor;
- Assistant animals - animals that are trained and are in control and help people;
- Signs to keep people happy (positive thoughts);
- Rollercoaster restaurant shop - food that can come to your table;
- Robots waiters;
- Expand the MK shopping centre;
- Drive thru - inside shopping centres;
- Secure homes (CCTV cameras connected to phone) laser in front of door to set it off);
- Electric buses which drive themselves.

By Lyrica, Fatma, Amelia, Vinnie

What I would like MK to develop in the future?

- I want to see more flats for the homeless because the homeless are finding it hard to sleep and they don't have enough money;
- We could move the elderly out into care homes (if they want to) or build one big home for all the homeless, and set up a charity for the homeless;
- I want to see more schools;
- I want to see a bigger shopping centre;
- I want to see more jobs for people

