

Meadowhead Junior school has been able to participate in the Primary Engineer project through our local high school: Darwen Vale High School.

I have found that the project has really driven the children's learning and created a real purpose and focus for their work. Although the work has definite Design Technology links it does allow pupils real opportunities to apply knowledge from other subjects, especially Maths, Science and Literacy. I have been really impressed in the way that all of the children have become much more self aware developing their ability to work as part of a team with perseverance to solve problems. I have also noticed that some of the children who have Individual Education Plans (both more and less able) have benefited from the practical nature of the project as it has created needs driven opportunities to apply skills, for example measuring to the nearest millimetre.

It could be argued that competition isn't healthy but I have found that the children have really enjoyed joining in and representing their school. I think that for some children having non-sport related opportunities is vitally important.

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