

Lt-Governor visits 'vibrant' Elizabeth College Junior School



Lt-Governor Vice-Admiral Sir Ian Corder and Lady Corder take an interest in the work of Reception pupils learning the letter I by making igloos, using ice and finding insects. Left to right: Harrison Meades, Edward Pickard, Sam Colclough, Dexter Gowan and Jago O'Doherty. (Picture by Tom Tardif, 16307548)

STUDENTS from Elizabeth College Junior School welcomed the Lt-Governor, Vice Admiral Sir Ian Corder, and Lady Corder to their school.

There was an air of excitement as they were shown around the primary school, Acorn House, and the junior school, Beechwood, by head teacher Jim Walton alongside the head boy and head girl, William Shaw and Katie Oliver.

William said they started the tour at 9.30am and had been showing them around each year group all morning.

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they had to put on there,' he said.

Katie added they took a lot of interest in the host of badges that each of them had on their blazer.

'They show what we do at the school, so we have I have one for being head girl, and lots of others.

'We were both very excited to do this, but I was a bit nervous too before it started,' she said.

Sir Ian spoke to one table of Year 4 students, where Isabella Shand, Harry Smith, Liam de la Mare and Amice Anderson were learning how to apply descriptive words to pictures to 'set a scene in your imagination'.

'It was so cool to see him and we weren't too worried, but it was a little bit scary before he came in,' they said.

Sir Ian said he enjoyed the visit to the school, but he would not be making the chicken hat he wore a part of his official uniform.

'It is great school and a very vibrant place, the children appear to be enjoying themselves a great deal – but are also being pushed, which is excellent,' he said.

Lady Corder said she was impressed by the pupils' manners.

'Both schools give them a chance to use their imagination and engage in all sorts of different things to do,' she said.

Mr Walton said he thought it was

very exciting for the children to experience a visit like this.

'This is the kind of the thing they will be excited about and talk about for a good week either side of it happening.

'It's good for the children here. Many of their parents may have contact with the Governor and this lets the kids share in that experience.

'It has been amazing to show him around on a day like today, with the sun out and all of the children being so happy it really lets us show off the best side of the school and what potential it has for the children who come here,' he said, adding that he was delighted by the energy of all of the pupils.

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