



St Peters CE Primary School, Accrington

The school cook, Kath, and her team actively promote and engage pupils through themed lunch days in school.

There were a range of themes, including football and Great Britain.

- For the football Friday theme staff dressed up wearing red, white or blue. The tables were dressed with football pitch table covers, banners in the shape of football shirts decorated the serving area and pupils really enjoyed dressing up in a football theme outfit.
- On the Great British theme lunch staff dressed in Tower of London aprons and someone even dressed up in the uniform a Queen's foot guard. Red, white and blue flags decorated the serving counter. The menu choices included fish and chips wrapped in greaseproof paper and then newspaper, an English picnic which consisted of a sandwich, a cheese and onion roll, pizza, salad and an ice lolly.

To involve pupils, they helped to decorate the dining room with wall collages so they had an A-Z of Great Britain in red white and blue, q was for queen, e for England. Other collages also depicted British landmarks and the royal family tree. On this theme lunch day pupils numbers increased by another 40 for lunch showing how popular they are.

Kath also supports school with the new reception intake meeting. She has also reached out to the wider community by providing the same for Oswaldtwistle St Paul's CE Primary School and Green Haworth CE Primary School. She provides a display of school dinners for parents to have a look at the variety and portion size of the meals and also some tasters to try such as pizza and biscuits.

Mrs Smith, Executive Headteacher of St Paul's Oswaldtwistle and St Peter's Accrington contacted school meals to praise the support Kath provided for the new reception intake meetings.

"This was in her own time and I can only applaud Kath for her dedication to her work. I am so pleased I have her at St Peter's, she is such an asset to the school".

Kath would be the first one to admit that "I'm just doing my job and I love doing my job!" All of the hard work that Kath and the team achieve with support from school helps to make lunchtime and especially the theme lunch days enjoyable for all of the pupils.