

Year 6 brought before the court!!!

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On Monday 11th June 2012 all the children at Four Marks Primary School came back from their half term holidays expecting to have the usual Maths, English etc but instead for all of the year 6s there was a surprise in store. They were visited by two magistrates from the Alton Magistrates Court who came in to teach them about law and order.

They did this because the children are now of an age that they are criminally responsible for their actions so the magistrates wanted to show them what would happen should they make wrong choices.

First of all the magistrates and children acted out a scenario of a real court scene. The children had to agree a verdict for the culprit. It wasn't as easy as everyone assumed.

The magistrates then told the children stories from the courts.

When the children came out of the session they definitely weren't going to commit any crimes and felt a mix of angry at what some people do. Amused because some of the stories were a bit weird, and sad because in many cases due to bad parenting or teenagers with bad attitudes young children were hurt in ways that aren't imaginable and it really made people think that what if that was them? Fortunately there were some fun stories too that brought a happier note to the talk that really brought home the issues of the modern day world!

