

Inspiring Twickenham Visit

Tuesday, 29 May 2018

We brought a coach load of 51 people over to the impressive home of rugby - Twickenham. This included 25 of our pupils, 14 of which got to play on the pitch. This treat was thanks to Quilter who sponsor England Rugby and promote a Kids First approach to rugby. As a school we have signed up to this and therefore agree to promote the rugby values of discipline, respect, honesty, teamwork and enjoyment as well as putting the development of all children ahead of results.

The day itself was amazing. 4 famous rugby players were there throughout the day - David Flatman (ex-England), Ugo Monye (ex-England and British Lions), Danielle Waterman (current Wasp, England World Cup winner and Olympic Game participant) and finally, Jason Robinson (England World Cup winner and British Lion). All four were very welcoming and happy to sign autographs, have photos and generally give their time to the children.

As part of the day, those playing on the pitch arrived on the team bus just like the England team do. They then gathered in the actual changing room before running out of the tunnel to great applause. After the national anthem, they then played on the pitch in their age groups. At the end of the training, each player got to walk up the steps to the royal enclosure to receive a medal from Jason or Danielle! All of our group got to tour the dressing room, some got to be part of a Q&A with the pros and we all enjoyed a pitch-side BBQ whilst our school name and individual player photos were displayed on the big screens and around the stadium. It was a truly memorable day and I hope it has inspired everyone to play, watch or follow rugby more in the future. Huge thanks to all the staff who came along, to Quilter for the opportunity and to Jason, Danielle, Ugo and David for making it a fantastic day.



Jason Robinson, Danielle Waterman and David Flatman



Leaving the team bus to a great reception



National anthem



Tour of the changing room



Our school on the big screen!





A picture with our medals



A glorious day at Twickenham!