

Back to school for mums and dads



Lockyer's Middle School in Corfe Mullen invited parents into the school as they launched new maths and reading schemes. Parents Lisa Pipe, Fiona Crane and Kerry Allington explore the library.

Hundreds of parents were sent back to school to learn how English and maths is taught today.

Lockyer's Middle School in Corfe Mullen opened its doors to mums and dads so they could find out how two new initiatives are boosting their children's learning.

The school, part of Wimborne Academy Trust, has recently launched its Hegarty Maths and Accelerated Reader programmes.

Hegarty Maths is an online course of tutorials and practice questions for years 6 and up, enabling the school to provide a personalised approach to homework and learning.

And Lockyer's has also opened a new chapter with its new Accelerated Reader programme for all pupils.

Using an online system called Star Reading, pupils participate in fun quizzes to test their knowledge of books and earn reward points.

Headteacher, Mark Legge, said: "It was wonderful to see so many parents come along to our event and learn in more detail how we are teaching their children.

“The fantastic thing about both these schemes is because they are online and interactive our parents can be involved a lot more and see for themselves the progress their children are making.

“Education is definitely a partnership between school and parents and both Hegarty Maths and Accelerated Reader makes that working relationship even closer.”



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At the launch event the parents were split into three groups so they could participate in different workshops.

One workshop saw Year 8 helpers join forces with maths teacher Mr Crocombe to show parents how to use Hegarty Maths; while Year 5s were able to put parents to the test in an Accelerated Reader quiz.

And the parents enjoyed a tour of the school library to find out what their child is reading and ask questions.

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, said: “As a Trust we are rolling out these innovative approaches to learning both in school and at home

“Not only do they deliver progress and increase attainment in maths and English but they also help improve long term memory and mental health in a fun and engaging way.

“It’s wonderful to be able to share what we are doing with parents and carers. We want everyone to know exactly how the systems operate so that we can work together as a community and ensure they’re being used well.”



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