A VISIT FROM A SCHOOL STAFF MEMBER

Gratitude is:

* Being thankful for what you have.
* Taking the time to show others that you are grateful.
* Appreciating the generosity of other people.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

To increase our gratitude for the school staff by learning more about their work.

Suggested Resources:

Ensure that the chosen member of staff, e.g. teacher, cook, administrator, lollipop lady, is fully prepared to talk about their role in the school and in the life of the local community.

Script:

Spend 15 minutes at the beginning of the lesson preparing children for the visit from the core school team. What do they already know about the work of this person? What would they like to know? Brainstorm some questions. The purpose of this visit is for children to gain a better understanding of all the work that goes on to keep the school running.

Character Coaching

Meaningful Praise:

Well done – I like the way you have said thank you to that person because they did a kind thing for you.

Guidance:

Saying thank you shows that you have noticed when someone is kind to you. This can help us to make friends.

Suggested Activities:

Ask the member of the school team to introduce him/herself. How long have they been working at the school? Give children an opportunity to ask their questions. Encourage follow up questions. Make sure that children thank their visitor for taking the time to come to the classroom to share their work.

Correction:

Remember that we should not ignore the kind things that people do for us. It is important to be thankful because it helps everybody get along happily.