

## Marlowes takeover day

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On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2016 the Year five class (us) from Micklem primary school (and their teachers) went to the Marlowes shopping centre in Hemel Hempstead to take part in the takeover day.

We first got on a coach provided by the Marlowes management team to the back of the shopping centre next to the storage rooms for the shops.

After we got there we went to the conference room and got introduced to the management team and got told briefly the plan for the day. Next we got split into two groups and one group (mine) went to the camera room to start with while the other group's activity, we'll get to that later.

When we went into the camera room and a worker showed us how to work the cameras (whilst spying on the other group), walkie-talkies, how to open windows and also security barriers. Afterwards we got a Dicer (a security device used for workers to prove where they've been) and also a walkie-talkie. We then went downstairs, used the Dicer and contacted the camera room with a walkie-talkie to find us on camera.

Next we swapped activities and we went down to the customer service desk to find out what they do whilst counting how many Marlowes logos we could see. After we went up to Argos around the back to see how they retrieve orders and get it to the customers. We then went around the back to the storage rooms and delivery bay. After we went back up to the conference room and had our lunch. When we had finished our lunch we stayed in the Conference room and we had a layout of the shopping centre and we designed what it would look like in one hundred years we did lots of modern things but what it would be like in the future. There were lots of things such as Game, Cex, an indoor football pitch, motocross, a leisure centre and my personal favourite thing (mainly because I thought of it and wrote it) drone racing, where you have really, really fast drones that have a camera attached to it that is connected to a special headset that goes around your eyes.

After we finished that at two o'clock we got presented a certificate and pack of Haribos by the owner Vince and we got on a coach in the delivery bay (it felt like night) and we went back to school and really did nothing that afternoon.

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