

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Newbury Town Council promote Democracy to our Local Schools**



Following last years' successful event. Newbury Town Council once more celebrated Local Democracy Week (11-17 October) by inviting local schools to find out more about the workings of their Town Council.

Park House School hosted a Question Time panel on the Wednesday afternoon. The Mayor, Councillor Ian Grose and brand new Councillor twenty three year old Ben Weatherill were among the panel of seven Councillors who faced a barrage of questions from the School Council. Following the event Councillor Grose commented that he was impressed by the challenging nature of the students' questions.

On the Friday morning, children from Winchcombe and John Rankin primary schools visited the Town Hall where they met the Mayor and questioned him on his role. This was followed by a

presentation on the role of the Town Council in the community. The students were asked to compare the workings of their own School Councils with that of the Town Council.

The morning ended with the children donning the ceremonial robes of the Town Councillors.

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