

# Tips for a successful photoshoot

Here are some tips to help you make the most of the photographers visit:

- Brainstorm a year in the life of your school - what activities and events could you recreate to show your school off to its best?
- Plan the day carefully to ensure that photographer has ample opportunities to really capture the ethos of your school.
- Pre-arrange for a variety of activities to be shown throughout the day and a timetable for when the photographer can visit each.
- Have a range of your best resources ready to use in different classrooms.
- Ensure that additional resource rooms are accessible and demonstrate activities that show them off to their best potential.
- Make sure you show off your entire grounds. Have children learning in outdoor classrooms, the nature area or eco-garden.
- Have tidy classrooms with bright and colourful displays in case they are captured as backgrounds.
- **ICT lesson** - use a range of tools to show depth of coverage e.g. ipads, turtle, lego WeDo kits, radio stations, green screens.
- **Science experiments** - choose visually impressive ones using your best equipment, e.g., burning, pond dipping, microscopes, data harvesters, goggles and lab coats.
- **Maths lesson** - have the children using measuring equipment, number fans, scales, clocks or money.
- **PE lesson** e.g. hockey / tennis.
- **Drama lesson** - have the children up and active.
- **Art / D&T lesson** - have children in aprons actively making products using a range of media.
- **History lesson with artefacts** e.g., Ancient Egyptian masks.
- **Children reading in the library** - children sharing big, colourful books looks eye-catching and promotes your commitment to reading.

## Here are some activities you may want to cover:

- **Recreation of an event** that you are proud of e.g. school production, sporting event, Tudor Day (make sure the children come with full costumes/kits on the day) .
- **Performance rehearsal on the stage** - get your pupils on stage or in front of an audience with costumes, props and backgrounds.
- **A sporting event** e.g. a football match with players wearing your school kit.
- **Cooking** - get those aprons on and a range of ingredients and utensils out to set the scene.
- **Recreation of after school club activities** e.g. gardening club.
- **Children doing bookwork** - involve, for example, adult support, group work, your best book based resources, or mini wipe boards to liven these photos up.
- **Playtime** – have a good supply of playground equipment in use.

Remember, the lessons do not really have to be taking place – you are just trying to show a snapshot of a year in the life of your school but in only one day!

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