

Pupil Voice: Design & Technology & Young Enterprise

At Aston Rowant, our pupils are brilliant designers, makers, thinkers and entrepreneurs. Here is what they say about Design & Technology and our Young Enterprise work.

What Pupils Say About Design & Technology

“DT is one of my favourite lessons because we get to make real things that actually work!” – Y3

“I loved making slippers. At first I thought I couldn’t sew, but then I did it! I felt proud.” – Y2

“The marble runs were really fun. We tested them over and over until the marble went faster.” – Y4

“We made fairgrounds with moving parts. Mine had a spinning ride and I loved working out how to make it move.” – Y6

“I like DT because if something breaks, we fix it. We don’t give up.” – Y3

“We get to choose materials, test ideas and solve problems. It makes us feel like real engineers.” – Y5

“Fruit salad and sandwiches were the best because we learned how to chop safely and make healthy food.” – Y1

Across the school, pupils talk confidently about:

- designing for a purpose,
- testing ideas,
- adapting work when it doesn’t go right,
- and the excitement of seeing something they imagined become real.

Pupil Voice: Young Enterprise – “Grow Your Pound”

The School Council, had an initiative a “Grow Your Pound” enterprise. All the friends, families and neighbours supported our young entrepreneurs. Together, the pupils raised an incredible £600 for our school charity, Tearfund - an extraordinary achievement for a small school.

What Pupils Say About the Enterprise Project

“I liked choosing what to make and seeing if people would actually want to buy it.” – Y5

“We learned that we needed to keep our costs low so we could make more profit.” – Y6

“It felt exciting to have real customers!” – Y4

“My hedgehog plant pot sold out! I didn’t think anyone would want one, but they did!” – Y3

“I liked making things people can keep, like pencil pots and spider plants in decorated pots.” – Y2

“We learned how to be confident talking to people and telling them about our products.” – Y6

What Pupils Designed and Sold to the General Public

To help children think beyond their own families and design products for the wider community, pupils were encouraged to create items with broader appeal, including for sale at The Sydenham Fayre in June.

Pupil-made products included:

- Hedgehog “Adopt a Friend” plant pots
- Spider plants in decorated pots
- Painted plant pots and pencil pots
- Christmas peppermint creams
- Recycled-material tree decorations
- Handmade cards and gift tags

Children loved seeing customers choose their products, and many were delighted to discover their ideas were popular with the public.

Why Pupils Value Young Enterprise

Pupils reported that Young Enterprise helped them to:

- Understand money: budgeting, costs, pricing and profit
- Be creative: designing products people actually want
- Work as a team: sharing roles and building confidence
- Solve real-life problems: from production challenges to marketing
- Feel proud: seeing their work contribute to charity and community life

“It made me feel like what I did mattered.” – Y5

“We actually helped people by raising money. That felt good.” – Y6

Aston Rowant Pupils in Their Own Words

“DT helps us be creators.”

“Young Enterprise helps us be leaders.”

“I sold my stuff. I can make a difference.”