

FYI COMMUNITY NEWS

The voices of the future

Pupils from Westminster Primary School represented the views of women of the future at an special event held for International Women's Day.

The Washington Group held an event to address the lack of self-belief, ambition, opportunity to flourish and access to positive local role models within the Fylde coast.

More than 450 young women were invited to attend the festival, with Westminster Primary School being the only primary invited to attend.



The festival took place at Blackpool Sixth Form on Saturday, March 9.

Ten Westminster Primary Academy pupils were given the mission of researching a Fylde coast role model on the run up to the event.

Jenny Campbell, Key Stage 2 phase leader at Westminster, said: "We were assigned Rachel Murphy, a local advo-

cate for empowering women.

"Having grown up in the Fylde coast through tough circumstances, Rachel's story has shown the girls how hard work, dedication and focus can lead to being able to achieve amazing things.

"The girls took their mission very seriously, generating probing questions to ask Rachel and analysing her answers.

"We were delighted to take part in the event as it will open up many more opportunities for our pupils."

Roger Farley, principal of the school on Westminster Road, North Shore, said: "Westminster Primary was delighted to support International Women's Day.

"It's never too early to gain knowledge of the vast variety of employment opportunities available to girls and women.

"The future is very exciting and everyone has a part to play – all the time, everywhere."



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