

PIGEONS

Pupils get birds eye view of homing society

A COUP for a Blackburn school got its pupils in a flap with the visit of six racing pigeons.

Peter Hargreaves of Oswaldtwistle Homing Society introduced the birds to the 90-strong crowd and enlisted their help to prepare the birds for a race.

The children got in touch with their Lancashire roots and carried out pigeon fancying tasks such as wing stamping and ringing, marking up a race sheet and placed drinkers onto the baskets.

Deputy head teacher Jonathan Berry said: "It was absolutely fantastic and the kids were really engaged.

"They learnt so much that morning and they were hanging off his every word.

"They were invited to put the rings on the bird's legs and even wrote a message that was carried back to where they are kept in Accrington and Peter rang the school back with the message.

"The kids could not believe it and the talk really tied in with what they have been learning in class."



MASTERCLASS: Right, Peter Hargreaves of Oswaldtwistle Homing Society talks to pupils at Longshaw School. Above, Connor Doran casts an eye over a pigeon.