

The Lincolnshire Mini-Police scheme is an interactive volunteering opportunity for 9-11 year olds. The objective is to introduce our children to a positive experience of policing and to get them involved in the local community.

Pinchbeck East is one of more than 20 primary schools in the area that have signed up to the scheme which sees the children working alongside the police within their town or village.

The scheme has been funded by a £100,000 grant from the Home Office to encourage stronger relationships between young people and the police.

Back in October Years 5 and 6 met to listen to speeches from those who wished to represent the school and elected their Officers. Year 6 are represented by Joseph, Paige and Harley. Jamie, Lucas, Jessica, Billy-George, Kieran, Lexie and Kaitlyn are the Officers from Year 5. These pupils can be spotted regularly doing duties on both playgrounds, clearly made visible by their smart vests and uniforms.

Already this year, our Mini-Police have worked alongside PCSO Nicki Timms to attend a debrief: Digital Resilience 'Life in Likes,' which looked at the effects of social media in children aged 8-12 years old and examined the way children use social media and its effects on their wellbeing. They have also done some work on playground patrols. They are looking forward to working on 'Random Acts of Kindness' this term.

The scheme is proving very popular with our pupils so far and has had a noticeable effect on the self-esteem and confidence of all involved.

