

## ALUMNI

Many of our students have gone on to become teachers, some have even returned to Kenilworth School to teach. However, this week we are finding out more about one of our alumni who has gone on to become a primary school teacher. Heather Langdon nee Broomfield has just entered her tenth year as a teacher and she says that, it is nice to be given the opportunity to reflect on her career so far.

On leaving Kenilworth School I attended Worcester University to complete my teacher training. It is a great University and I was lucky enough to make some good friends and meet my future husband, Nick. Since then I have worked in 3 different schools, and following Nick's job move to run his family business in Dudley, I am very happily settled in my current school as the Nursery teacher and Early Years Lead.

I have been Early Years Co-ordinator at each school I have worked at and have found it to be a very rewarding job.

Teaching has a lot of bad press at the moment and as much as the job has it's challenges, the cliché still remains strong that 'it's all about the children'.

As a teacher, every day is different, you never know whether you will be supporting a parent, dealing with a child protection issue, or leading discovery in the sand tray. However the respect you are shown by the school community allows for a real sense of duty to help and support everyday challenges.

As Early Years Co-ordinator I am in charge of a large group of staff and the leadership and management skills required have allowed me to really develop how I interact with others and how I manage myself.

For anyone considering a career as a teacher, I would advise spending some time volunteering to check it's the right field for you...but you will soon know! Teaching is a great job and I look forward to work every day!

