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Leeds Bradford Airport takes part in UK Airports Safety Week

Leeds Bradford Airport has this week hosted a series of activities as part of the second annual UK Airports Safety Week.

This included a tour of the runway, apron, fire station and terminal building for more than 30 pupils from Pool Primary School, who visited the airport on Tuesday for five hours to see all operations running at LBA. They even got the opportunity to help the operations team check the runway for foreign object debris.

Other activities included showcasing aircraft to non-operational staff, a session about accessibility for passengers with disabilities, a workshop by the fire service and a tour of airside operations.

Richard Duncan, Head of Airfield Services at LBA, said:

“It’s been a fantastic week in which we have been able to showcase best practice and inspire others who may want to move into an operational role or work at the airport in the future. All of our operations have to operate within very set safety guidelines in order for us to operate smoothly and it’s great to share knowledge and experience with the wider airport and external communities.

“I hope that all involved have learnt a lot throughout the week, we certainly found it very beneficial and look forward to hosting the safety week again next year.”

Airports Safety Week is organised nationally by the Airport Operators Association at airports across the UK, promoting safety in all its aspects. This is done through events for staff, staff of companies operating in and around the airport and the public to demonstrate and promote airports’ approach to safety and safety culture.

The AOA UK Airports Safety Week 2017 is a great way to engage, inspire and educate the public and staff at airports about airports’ safety culture and philosophy. UK airports have an excellent safety culture, which depends on the successful collaboration of many different partners. Whether landside or airside, the commitment of every player is essential to the delivery of the safest possible environment for all.

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Chief Executive of the AOA, Karen Dee, said:

“Safety affects everyone at airports, whether you’re a passenger or a staff member of an airline or ground handler, just like it would do in a town or city. That is why UK airports work hard to provide passengers with enjoyable and safe travel. If we get it right, much of our hard work will go unnoticed by passengers and staff alike.

“The AOA UK Airports Safety Week is an opportunity to bring all this behind-the-scenes work out into open, demonstrate to the public and airport users the different aspects of safety and safety culture at UK airports. It will be an opportunity to learn more about everyone’s role and contribution as well as a chance to say thanks to the many thousands of workers who make UK aviation and airports one of the safest in the world.”

Images

Caption: Pool Primary School pupils learn about safety on the airfield. L-R: Grace Nathaniel, Kiran Sohota, Oliver Pouco-havas, Charlie Bradbourne, Alfie Robinson and Bessie Glassup.





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Caption: Pool Primary Pupils check-in at Leeds Bradford Airport, where they learnt all about the processes of the airport. In the photo are (L-R) Max Horwath, Ben Stephens, Tom Summers, Anya Howells, Jasmine Duncan and Abigail Gooch.



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