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■ Christel House pupils threw a surprise party for deputy principal of the primary school and music teacher, Rene Van Nieker.

Teachers get a day

World Teacher's Day, which was celebrated on Monday October 5, pupils at Christel House school in Ottery went all out to show their appreciation for their teachers.

On Thursday October 1, before school closed, the children planned a surprise party and honoured the teachers whom they felt made an impact on their lives

Christel House chief executive officer Nicky Sheridan said a large part of their secret to success were the teachers at the school. "They all go the extra mile and back again."

He added that teachers at the school work an extra long school day.

"They work nine hours a day compared to other schools and work 200 school days a year, which is also above the average, not to mention all the extra hours they put in to tutor and help individual pupils study," he said.

Pupils handed out gift packs and hand-made cards and confirmed that the unconditional love and support they receive from their teachers is a key motivation for keeping them on the right path.