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Newcastle United players Ryan Taylor and Mehdi Abeid with pupils at Wallsend Jubilee School.

# Magpies stars help to open school's new gym

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**Newcastle United stars Ryan Taylor and Mehdi Abeid were guests of honour to officially open a school's new gym.**

The pair went back to school as part of an educational programme operated by the Newcastle United Foundation.

During their visit to Wallsend Jubilee Primary

school as part of the Toon Times programme, they helped open a new gym area on behalf of teaching agency First Class Supply.

Toon Times focuses on Newcastle United's history and uses the power of football to bring classrooms to life; helping to improve literacy and learning techniques.

During their visit, Taylor and Abeid joined children in a special quiz to test them on their knowledge of all things 'Black and White'.

Taylor said: "It's a privilege for us to support the amazing work that the Newcastle United Foundation does and to get out to visit young fans in schools.

"We had a great time getting involved in the lesson with the kids.

"It's easy to see how much they love football so Toon Times is a perfect way for them to learn good habits at school at such a young age."

Gavin Ferry, project co-ordinator, said: "The Newcastle

United brand helps us engage with hundreds of young people every week. With Toon Times, we're bringing history to life in a way that young people really can relate to.

"It's fantastic that Ryan and Mehdi have visited today's session and seen for themselves how we're working with young people to spread the word of Newcastle United's past."

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