



News from Stoke by Nayland C of E Primary School



MAT MATHS DAY This week, all the schools in our MAT group have taken part in an Outdoor Maths Day. In our case this was organised by Mrs Andrews and she will be sharing the work we did with other schools. The children spent most of the day in our grounds working on a range of maths themes including:

Measuring dinosaurs (length)

Filling a pool to make shark infested waters (capacity)

Being inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy and using natural materials in maths (symmetry, estimating angles)

Number work at levels from EY to year 6 using natural materials, including counting pond creatures

Measuring different part of the playground and field (perimeter)



C'est Vrai...Nous Sommes 'D'or!!

In case you hadn't heard, we were assessed and awarded the Gold Linguamarque status. This is a great achievement for the school, being one of less than 10 schools in Suffolk working at this level. Huge thanks to Madame Davis who spearheaded our work and to all staff and children for their hard work in supporting the development of foreign languages and culture in our school. We are now an exemplar school for languages and in due course will receive visits from other schools as part of their training.



Sleeping Beauty-The Ugly Truth

What an amazing production was given by Oak class, supported by Silver Birch. The singing and acting were brilliant and it was really very entertaining. Well done to the whole cast and also to the teachers and other adults who made it all possible.



School History Day

We recently travelled back in time to stage a 'School History Day'. Student and staff dressed as Victorians and experienced what it might have been like to be in our school in the late 19th century by doing work on chalkboards and using an abacus to help with maths. We also looked at old photographs, the school log books and most interestingly-the punishment books!

We have been working with Hannah from the Suffolk Records Office and collected items, wrote diaries and wrote our view of the future to put in a time capsule. After the items had been thoroughly dried by the conservator, we buried our time capsule hoping it will be opened in 100 years time. We buried it near the weeping ash, which was planted by Bishop Richard to mark the 150th anniversary of the school.

One special activity for Isla, Lawson and Nathan was collecting an oral history from me as I have who been at the school for 28 years! They asked about changes, favourite recollections, why I had stayed for so long and many more things. This will now be kept in archives in the record office, but we hope also to have a copy for the school to keep...and who knows...maybe it will be useful on a future history day!

One of the highlights of the day was recreating a photograph taken in 1819 in front of the school. One hundred years later, with our children dressed in Victorian clothing- the similarities between then and now are striking.

