



Moor House School News and Events

Drama Trip to The Treehouse Theatre

5th November 2007

The 3 actors who came gave the students in Key Stage 3 an unusual and unique experience. They were divided into 2 groups/2 sessions.

How to produce a pantomime in an hour? You start by choosing a card with a Panto title on it, and then you ask for your young actors to suggest the characters, the scene, the objectives and the outcome.

One by one scenes were acted out, songs added and a conclusion made. Throughout, the adult actors *interact* and thus drive the drama forward.

The brilliance lies in the fact that whatever the students may suggest, it can be incorporated, so however absurd, the idea can be used.

This makes for interesting twists to the drama and encourages maximum participation.

Imagination ran riot!! For instance, Snow White ended up at a rugby match in South Africa, where she was trying to find the Holy Grail, and when she found it, she sold it on eBay!

This method allowed each and every student to have a say in how the drama was to progress.

The plays ran over the allotted time, such was the level of involvement and enjoyment.

And, somehow, Ben, Treehouse Theatre's Director, managed to make enough sense of the stories to send us a written synopsis!

Report by Mrs. Redgrove