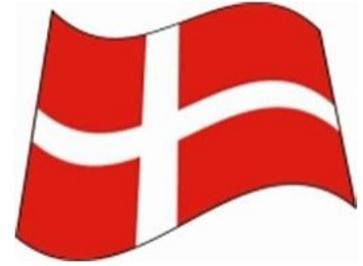


Danish Visitors at Scotts



On Monday 24th March, we (Scotts Primary School) were extremely grateful to have two friendly and interesting Danish teachers come and work with us for the week. As a result of this, they enjoyed many activities such as: African drumming with Mr Jackson from Havering Music School and year 2; travelling on a red double decker bus to accompany year 6 to Metro Bank in Romford; Good to be Different day where they witnessed every class's different projects around racial harmony; and a variety of sports including fencing and netball.

Mette and Mads, who are called by their first names in their Danish school, saw quite a lot of resemblance between their school and ours and a number of differences too. They told us many fascinating facts. Children start school in Denmark only when they are 6 but stay in the same school all the way until they are 16. School days start earlier at 8am but the younger children leave at 2pm and the older children 3pm. There are lots of small breaks during the day and lessons are more active (they thought we were very good at sitting still)!

Classes are of 25 pupils and the teachers teach their own subjects and move from class to class. They offer one hot meal each lunchtime and, like us, don't allow unhealthy crisps and chocolate in lunchboxes. One of the biggest differences is there is no dress code.



Mette and Mads at Scotts Primary School

In Britain the most popular sports are football and athletics. In Denmark however, young children play handball. Mads showed us a video of a handball game and explained the rules.

Mette told us she really liked rye bread which is really good for you and showed us many other interesting things from their culture.

They really enjoyed their trip to Hornchurch (and were able to visit lots of sights in London too). We loved having them at Scotts and learnt lots from them too.

Mette said "I have had a lovely time here with you and I have definitely enjoyed the hospitality, everyone has been so kind and friendly." Mads added "And the weather has been great too!"

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Jan Taylor (Head Teacher), Gemma Marshall (Global Learning teacher) and Mads and Mette with some Scotts pupils.