

Is it too early in the school year to punish the pupils?! We don't think so...



Over this half-term, Year 4 have been learning all about crime and punishment throughout time, so they were very excited to find out that they were going to take a trip to the National Justice Museum in Nottingham.

They started the day by travelling back to the Georgian period and went down to the old prison cells underneath the museum. Whilst they were there, they got to meet a prison guard (who was quite scary). He treated them all like prisoners and told them all about the different punishments they would have used. He explained to the children that prisoners would spend up to 9 months in one of the cells before they would be transported to Australia or America. The children found it even more fascinating when they found out that prisoners had to pay to be in prison!



They then travelled to Victorian times and met a matron, who told them all about how men and woman prisoners were separate. After this, they looked around a woman's cell and found out that all women would have their hair cut to their shoulders, and they would use the hair for the mattress that they slept on! They also learnt that they would only get clean clothes once a month!

Next, they went and explored some punishments throughout time: this is where the children got to learn all about the stocks, branding, scold bridle and even got to put their head inside a real stock. The children found the branding irons the most disturbing and decided that this was one of the worst punishments.

After lunch, the children got into character, dressed up and acted out a court scene in a real courtroom, where they all decided that Emmeline Pankhurst was guilty of her crimes and sentenced her to 9 months in prison! The children had a wonderful time and were an asset to our school. We even received a phone call from the National Justice Museum saying how well behaved and polite the children were! Well done Andersen Class- we are so proud that we won't be 'branding' you all... Yet!! 😊

Toys from the past!



This week Year 1 had an amazing visit from Tommy Top Hat! We had a fantastic day exploring the toys from the past, finding out how they worked, what they were made of and how old they were. We started off the day by exploring playground toys such as a hoop rolling, quoits, ribbon sticks, marbles... we had great fun running around testing our skills with these games.



We then returned to the classroom and explored some of the toys children may have at home. We really enjoyed playing with the tabletop bagatelle and metal spinning tops! After lunch, we finished off our visit with some fun parlour games (games families used to play after dinner parties!). We loved playing 'poor kitty', 'the minister's cat' and 'what are you thinking?'

Most of the toys we played with were either made from wood, metal or string and they were push and pull toys. Some of the toys we explored looked very similar to the toys we may have at home but were made of different materials. It was a great experience for all the children!