

'Wild about Learning' day report 2016

This year the Faculty of Education opened its doors once again to families as part of the University's annual Festival of Ideas.

On Saturday 29th October we welcomed over 150 visitors to the Faculty to discover and learn by exploring the wild, enjoying our playful learning zone and experimenting with art, movement, stories and games.

Artists from Cambridge Curiosities and Imagination invited families to join them in creating new and extraordinary maps as part of their Fantastical Cambridgeshire project. It was evident that the families really appreciated the opportunity to unleash their creativity and contribute to the project.

The children also enjoyed taking part in Psychology experiments throughout the day, run by members of the PEDAL team. Parents commented in particular on how useful it was to learn about the research behind the activities their children were taking part in.

In addition, Aline Frederico, a PhD student in Children's Literature, brought along some of her digital picture books to encourage families to discover new ways of enjoying reading together.

The children also really enjoyed taking part in Drama workshops which were facilitated by some of the Faculty's talented Undergraduate students, with the help of Joel Chalfen.

Resources from the Science Education Centre were also generously donated for the day for the children to take a look at. Owl pellets were a definite favourite!

Yet again we had lots of people visiting the Faculty for the first time. The events provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with the public and the wider University body and let them know about the wide range of study programmes and research we have happening here and the fantastic building in which we work.

The success of the event was very much a team effort. I would therefore like to give a special thanks to the colleagues who contributed so much to the event and to the wonderful volunteers who helped the event run so smoothly.

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