

## **Storytelling Day at Standlake Primary School**

The children at Standlake Primary School had a wonderful time when Michael Jones came to visit. They were enthralled as soon as they came into the hall and saw the colourful rugs on the floor, the fairy lights and all the artefacts.

Michael had placed around the hall.

Michael told the story of Rosie and Jim and cleverly managed to incorporate into it aspects of all the different Traveller groups who live in Oxfordshire.

Rosie and Jim went on a canal boat, visited a fairground and a Traveller site.

The Traveller children who attend Standlake school were thrilled to see models and pictures of trailers just like the ones they live in.

The school devoted the whole day to follow up on Michael's stories. In the Foundation Stage they made a vardo wagon with soft tubes and material and the Yr1/2 children did observational drawings and paintings of the canal boat as well as making their own puppets.

Michael himself lead workshops in KS2 and the children discussed what it feels like to be new and what they would do to welcome a new pupil into their class. Best of all Michael allowed the children to borrow Rosie and Jim for the next couple of weeks! They went everywhere with the children, including assemblies and P.E lessons.

A fantastic day Michael and Standlake look forward to inviting you back again one day!

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