

## Poplar and Beech Class OAE Music Concert at Corn Exchange Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2017

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June Poplar class (Year 3) and Beech class (Year 4) were very excited to finally have the day arrive that they had been working so hard towards.

They had previously participated in 2 workshops with members of the OAE (Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment) who had shared their instruments and taught them songs as well as body percussion that they would be performing at a special concert at the Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn, with a 30 piece orchestra and schools selected from throughout Norfolk. There were two concerts called 'Musical Landscapes.'



For the Tuesday afternoon performance Poplar and Beech class travelled to The Corn Exchange in Kings Lynn and performed in a concert with 350 other children as well as the orchestra. Everyone was thoroughly entertained with the engaging and comical conductor James Redwood, who wrote many of the songs performed.

Miss Heath and Mrs Asif were very proud of the positive behaviour and enthusiasm of all the Watlington children.

In the evening, 32 children from our school came back to perform again, to a sold out audience watching (and participating) in the concert. There were 200 children from schools across Norfolk, the orchestra and a storyteller who linked the songs together by describing 'Musical Landscapes' from prehistoric times until now.

After James (the conductor) had taught the audience some of our songs and actions the children loved watching the audience join in...the children thought it sounded 'spine-tingling' when we all sang together!

Everyone thought it was a valuable learning experience and had a lot of fun both learning new performance skills and listening to different styles of music.

