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# Pupils captivated by man caught telling tales at school

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**CHILDREN** at a school in Bishop's Waltham have been learning about storytelling – and having a go themselves.

Pupils from Ridgemed School took part in the start of Bishop's Waltham festival in the palace last week.

An artist and a storyteller went to the school in the run up to the festival to help the children put together a drama which they performed at the castle.

*The Island of Doom* was performed by 10 children who told a story with puppets of seven adventurers who save their village from disaster.

Professional storyteller Mike O'Leary performed in the school's amphitheatre.

Headteacher Eric Halto said: 'The children loved both events. They were captivated by the storyteller who involved them with his hand movements and eye contact.

'They also learnt that stories are never finished and ideas can always be incorporated into them.'

Storyteller Mike O'Leary performs in the Ridgemed School's amphitheatre

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