

TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

At the end of September New Avenues invited the Life Skills group for an English session with a difference the groups were visited by professional story teller Mike O'Leary.

Mike spent the morning with spellbound learners, telling tales of witch craft, enchantment and knights of old, ably aided and abetted by Becky Johnson, Chris Fenn and Tom Parkes.

Mike uses a mix of music, props, sound effects and audience participation to keep the magic going and we certainly spent an enjoyable morning interacting.



Here is Mike telling a story of ghosts who did not like people with smelly feet!



Telling a tale a knight that lived on Portsdown Hill with buried treasure. In trying to retrieve the treasure years later, another knight got caught up in a scary thunderstorm.



We really must do it again! Carolann Millar

Telling a tale about an Irish Merchant who could only play one song and everybody got fed up with it until he found a magic flute and learnt a new tune!



Another musical interlude where Mike plays a magical instrument and tells another ghostly tale.



Chris and Mike move an invisible tree trunk to expose a dark cave where a magical creature lives guarding 'fools' gold!



Q. What kind of candle burns longer, a red candle or a green candle?

A. Neither! Candles always burn shorter!

Q. Why was Santa's little helper depressed? A. He had low elf esteem!

Q. Scrooge broke his clock, he punched and then stamped on it. Why did he do that?

A. He said it was self-defence. He said the clock struck first!

Q. What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? A. Frostbite!

Q. What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

A. The Christmas alphabet has No L! (Noel)

Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking I'm a Christmas bell! Just take these pills—and, if they don't work, give me a ring!

Jason Blake