



PRESS RELEASE

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School Film Premiere

In a unique local initiative the Curzon Community Cinema in Clevedon opened its doors this week to pupils at St John's School, for their very own private film 'premiere'.

All Year One and Reception children have been working on a 'superheroes' theme for their project this term, with the results captured in a 30 minute film produced by the school. The film, which shows the children acting, presenting puppet shows and a range of other activities, was projected onto the Curzon screen to around 80 children, plus quite a few parents and staff.

Chair of Governors of St John's, Kim Reeve said, "It was a real treat for the children to see the results of their hard work on the big screen and we are very grateful to the Curzon for making the cinema available free of charge. This has been a fantastic way to capture and share the results of the project."

Curzon Director Gareth Negus was delighted to support the initiative. "Our status as a local community cinema, owned by local people and operated as a registered charity, gives us the ability to link up with projects such as this. It was great to see the children enjoying the experience of seeing themselves on the cinema screen. Film is a powerful medium for supporting school projects and the curriculum."

As a thank you for making the cinema available, parents and staff contributed to a retiring collection towards the Curzon Restoration Fund.

Attached photographs:

St Johns 1.jpg: Alicia, Freya and Maya from St Johns School

St Johns 3.jpg: St Johns School enjoying the show

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Notes to Editors:

- 1. The Curzon is thought to be the oldest, purpose-built, continuously operated cinema in the world. We are committed to providing a high quality film experience and to be a thriving centre for cinema and the arts in our local community.*
- 2. The Curzon is a registered charity, owned and operated by the local community for the local community.*
- 3. We have plans for a major restoration of this historic cinema, the first phase of which will be the restoration of the roof during 2009. The 'Raise the Roof' campaign is being supported by international stage and screen star, Alan Rickman.*

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