

## Sessay Primary - Finlay the Travelling Bear



Finlay the travelling Teddy bear has become a well known figure at Sessay Primary School. He is involved in a project which aims to give the students at Sessay primary an insight into the lives of children from other areas and cultures. Sessay Primary is a small village school, now connecting with Long Meadows (in Milton Keynes), a large multicultural school. The children had the opportunity to discover similarities and differences between the two schools and their daily lives and surroundings through following and finding out about Finlay's adventures..



### The Plan

Finlay's room was set up to provide a link between Sessay Primary, a school in a different county and an international school in Kenya. This is part of a North Yorkshire wide project where a range of travelling bears visit and create links between different schools.


Finlay, a toy bear, is spending half a term in each school, and during this time the schools update his blog, upload photos, and the children discuss the different things he has been doing, tracking his journey on an interactive map.

The aim is that children gain an insight into the lives of children from other areas and cultures. Sessay is a small, village school, while Long Meadows in Milton Keynes is a large multicultural school. 'We wanted the children to see similarities and differences between the two.' (Jo Mackle, Head teacher)

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To develop this further, both schools will also join with Nyabera Primary in Kenya who will also add to the blog and upload photos, which will give the children the opportunity to learn about life in Kenya.

## The Impact



'So far the children have loved the project, they get very excited when pictures are uploaded and they love hearing about where Finlay has been. They have a greater awareness of the UK, where places are and using online maps. They have learnt to upload photos, add to a blog and even online etiquette when talking to new people. We are very excited about sending Finlay to Kenya for the next step of his journey.' (Jo Mackle, Head teacher)

A discussion forum about where Finlay could go, children from all 3 schools can post cpmmts.

Finlay's interactive map to track his progress.

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take him all the way to Kenya it will be fun,Ben

I would like to send him to the school in kenya with a camra. poppy

i would like finlay to go too difrent places in england amber

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Representatives from Sessay Primary and South Otterington receive their Primary Implementation Award at the Fronter National Conference 2010 in York.

