

Primary school pupils cast pens aside for day

Pens were put to one side in a Norfolk classroom as pupils were encouraged to practise their communication skills. Thurton Primary School Year 6 pupil ALICIA YOUNG reports on the day...

THE children of Thurton Primary Church of England School had a 'No Pens Wednesday', which was organised by The Communication Trust.

Many other schools across the UK participated to enhance children's communication skills.

Many activities were going on



around obstacle courses.

Also, the older children took part in drama activities, including improvisation and role play, to help them with their future writing.

Another exciting activity the children experienced was inquiring about treasure maps using key

listening skills. The children found this enjoyable but challenging as they could not write anything down.

Charlotte Rix, a Year 5 pupil, said: "I thought it was quite challenging, but very enjoyable, particularly using freeze frames in drama."

Luke Spencer of Year 4 added that

LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY: Alicia Young and Ben Roberts helped throw the pens away as pupils at Thurton Primary School enjoyed a 'No Pens Wednesday.'

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spoken to before. Gordon Royall, also from Year 4, said: "It was epic because we didn't have to write anything and we could talk a lot, something I'm good at."

The children feel that they have