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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting day we have had! We were informed late yesterday evening that the Ambassador for the Czech Republic, from the London Embassy would be making a visit to the outside of our school today. Ambassador Mr Libor Secka came to the school to see the sculpture of the 'Owl and the Pussycat' which was commissioned by the famous Czech artist, Franta Belsky who would have been 100 this year. It was commissioned to the school by the artist for the public to enjoy in 1952 and the sculpture was created in 1951.

"A housing estate does not only need newspaper kiosks and bus stop shelters but something that gives it spirit." This is reflected in our new curriculum where spirituality is woven throughout.

There is also a sculpture in Stevenage square under the clock tower and in Trafalgar Square, London.

With just an hour to prepare this morning, our Year 2 pupils sang a song to celebrate and performed the poem of the 'Owl and the Pussycat.' This was greatly received by the Ambassador and he was delighted to see that the school is taking the arts, such as art and music as a significant part of the curriculum in supporting pupils' creativity, spirituality, and emotional development.

We will be planning a future art and music project to link with a similar school to us in the Czech Republic. We are very excited to be making links with our global neighbours on a mutual project and the Ambassador or a representative from the embassy will be joining us to see our artwork and musical creations next year.

Kind regards

Miss V Edey  
Head Teacher