

The Babraham Institute, Cambridge

Class 4 were able to enjoy the expertise of Mr Hinton from the Babraham Institute. This is how the Institute describes itself on its website www.babraham.ac.uk:

'The Babraham Institute aims to be one of the world's leading life science research institutions It is an educational charity and uses the latest technologies in the study of conditions such as cancer, Alzheimer's, fetal abnormality and rheumatoid arthritis.'

Mr Hinton came in to talk to Class 4 about digestion. He started to show us a PowerPoint presentation about the problems you could have if you ate too much and told us how long your intestine tube was. It was about 8 metres for an adult and about 6 metres for a child. We played a boys versus girls game and we had to get 3 plastic tubes through an 8 metre long tube. It was a draw!



Mr Hinton also talked us through the process of how your food goes through the mouth, then your throat and then through your stomach and intestines. Finally it would come out of your bottom.

After that we had a go at making our own stomach. Our 'stomach contents' were made out of: a marmite sandwich, crisps, bananas, carrot, water. It was all placed in a plastic bag and we had to squash it so it looked like what would be happening in our stomach!

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