

WATCH & LEARN

Using action research methods for evaluation



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A Nursery in Residence

- Research project inspired by 'My Primary School is at the Museum'
- Run in partnership with the The Fitzwilliam Museum and Ace Nursery in Cambridge.
- 5 mornings. 9 children. 3 types of educator.

Action research

- 'Thinking by doing'
- Planning-action-observation-reflection
- Learning together as a community



Types of data

Video recordings

Participant Journals

Transcripts of audio recordings

Hundreds of Photographs

Overnight parent feedback

Before & After Questionnaires

Pre-visit notes

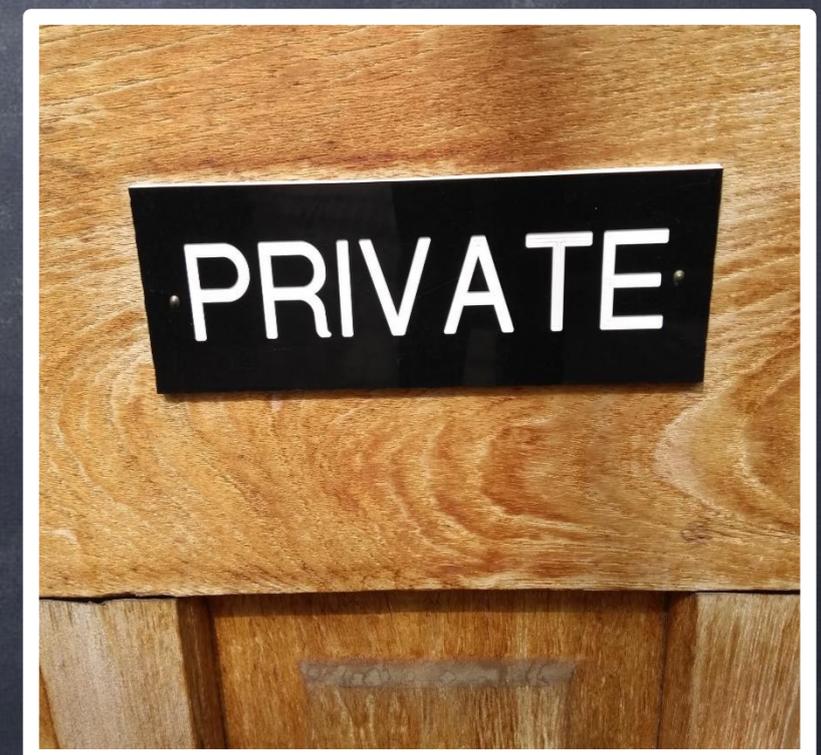
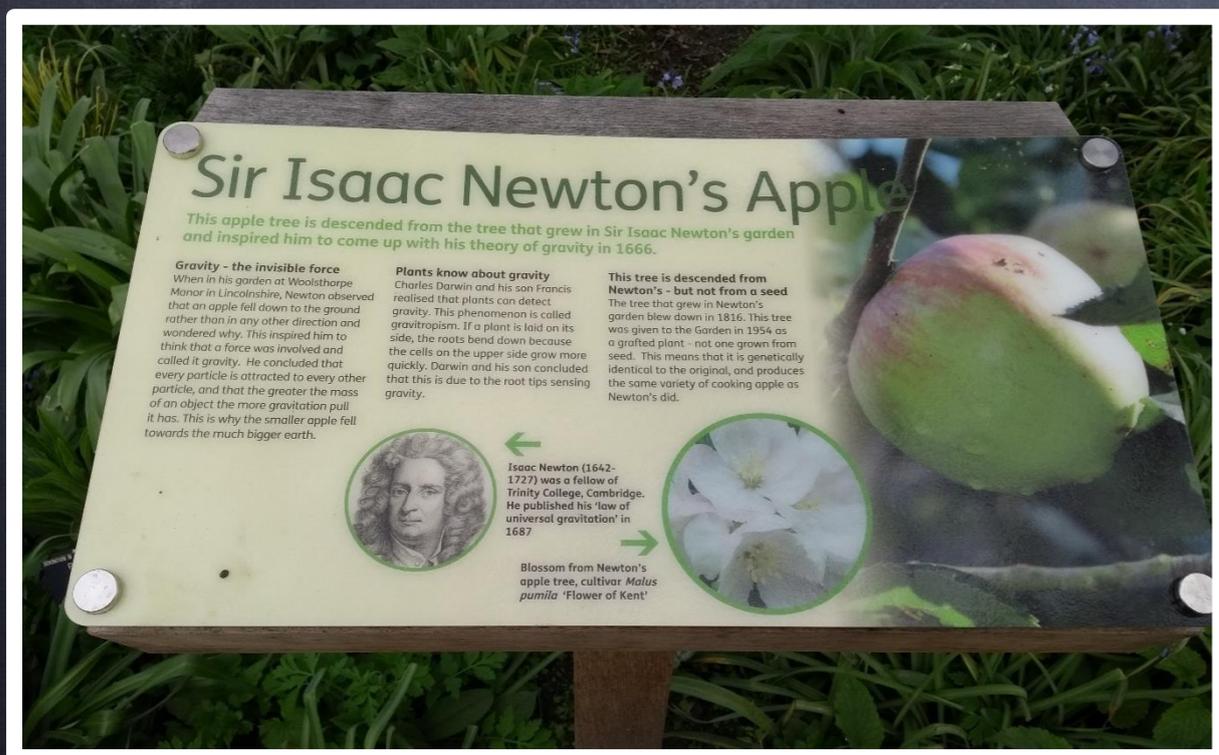
Participant choices

Structured field notes

Making sense of signs









Telling the badgers to....Keep Out!



“That sign says...No walking through”



Play here.....but not here



KEEP OFF!.....look at this



Draw what you like...what is it?



Thank you for listening.....



You can find the report on the project here:

https://www.museums.cam.ac.uk/system/files/ucm_nursery_in_residence_report.pdf