



**Turning back the clock:** Learning with Gulliver's Travels is fun.

# Learning with Gulliver's Travels

STAYING true to their tagline 'Making today's learning tomorrow's success', Cambridge English for Life (CEFL) organised a special Christmas treat for the children of Yayasan Sunbeams Home and Rumah Amal Cahaya Tengku Ampuan Rahimah (Ractar) recently.

CEFL took them out to watch one of the most anticipated movies of the year, *Gulliver's Travels*.

The theme for the outing was 'Learning with Gulliver's Travels' and the objective was to evoke the joy of learning in children.

The classic *Gulliver's Travels* written by Jonathan Swift is about Gulliver's adventures in Lilliput, where the residents are only about six inches tall; Brobdingnag, where the residents are about 60 feet tall; Laputa an island that floats in the air above the world; and Houyhnhnm, a land where the intelligent species look like horses.

This latest adaptation of the story stars Jack Black who is best known for his side-splitting comedic talent. Put *Gulliver's Travels* and Jack Black together and one must expect the unexpect-

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The movie which runs for 105 minutes, didn't follow the classic tale exactly, but still had some valuable lessons to offer, as the children of Ractar have noted.

"We learnt that we must be honest, brave and not to look down on ourselves."

When asked what their favourite part was, they agreed unanimously that it was when Gulliver put out the fire in a rather unconventional way to save the King of Lilliput and his kingdom. "It was so funny!" they said.

Jody, 10, from Yayasan Sunbeams Home, her favourite was the last part of the movie where Gulliver sang and danced. And Jody learned that, "It's not good to lie. People won't trust you."

To encourage the children to learn-while having fun at the same time and to make the learning experience even more meaningful, the homes were each given a copy of *Gulliver's Travels* book, activity worksheets and goodie bags with other story books and learning kits.