

## Local Pupils Bury Time Capsule at West End Village

Pupils from Stoke Minster Primary School have been learning about the history of parts of Stoke on Trent and burying their findings in a time capsule at our West End Village project.

Pupils buried everything from newspapers, photographs, drawings and their predictions for the future. An MP3 player, a recipe for oatcakes and a newspaper cutting showing World Cup 2010 results were also buried alongside a note detailing the cost of basic items today.

The capsule was organised by GB and Staffordshire HA as part of an on-going link between with the school. Sixteen children were selecting to bury the three-foot capsule based on their behaviour throughout the year.

The laminated documents have been made both waterproof and airtight and the capsule will be recognised with a plaque displaying the scheduled 2060 re-opening date.

Headteacher Lynne Willis said: *"It was about making the children feel part of the construction taking place here. It has been really exciting having the opportunity to work with this construction because the children have watched it grow. We've learned a lot about the history of our own town. They have also included their thoughts of the future, information to give to people in the future, their life at school and other interesting things for people in the future."*



Pupil Courteney Barker, aged 11, from Shelton New Road, Cliff Vale, said: *"We wrote about our hopes for the future and that I want to be a teacher. My favourite part was writing about it because we had to find out about it ourselves. We shared information and helped each other."*

Ten-year-old Ambar Saeed, from James Street, Stoke, added: *"In my time capsule I put what I wanted to be in the future. I want to be a doctor. I don't mind who finds the capsule as long as it is found."*

Teaching assistant Dawn Mayhew said: *"I've worked with year six and it has been brilliant. The children are still excited because they're looking forward to when it's going to be opened."*