

Jelly causes a stir at John Betts' anniversary party

► Victorian dress is order of the day for Hammersmith school's 150th birthday bash

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PRIMARY school pupils dressed up in their Victorian best to celebrate the 150th birthday of John Betts in Hammersmith.

Students at the Paddenswick Road school sat down to traditional high tea, with scones, sponge cake and ice cream, during the party.

But the highlight came in the form of 21st-Century jelly filled with 'diamonds' – which aroused a lot of oohs and ahhs and made many a tummy rumble.

The event was part of a week-long celebration

of the school's history, which has seen children singing traditional songs and learning about what life must have been like for those who attended the school long ago.

Sheryll France, a mother of two pupils, who lives in Paddenswick Road, told *h&f news*: "Everyone is really impressed with all the effort the kids and teachers have gone to."

"And the costumes are amazing."

"The celebrations have been a great educational experience. My boys have come back from school every day this week telling me this fact and that, about everything from the coal mines, to horses and railways."

"Their imagination and desire to learn has really been fired up by all this."

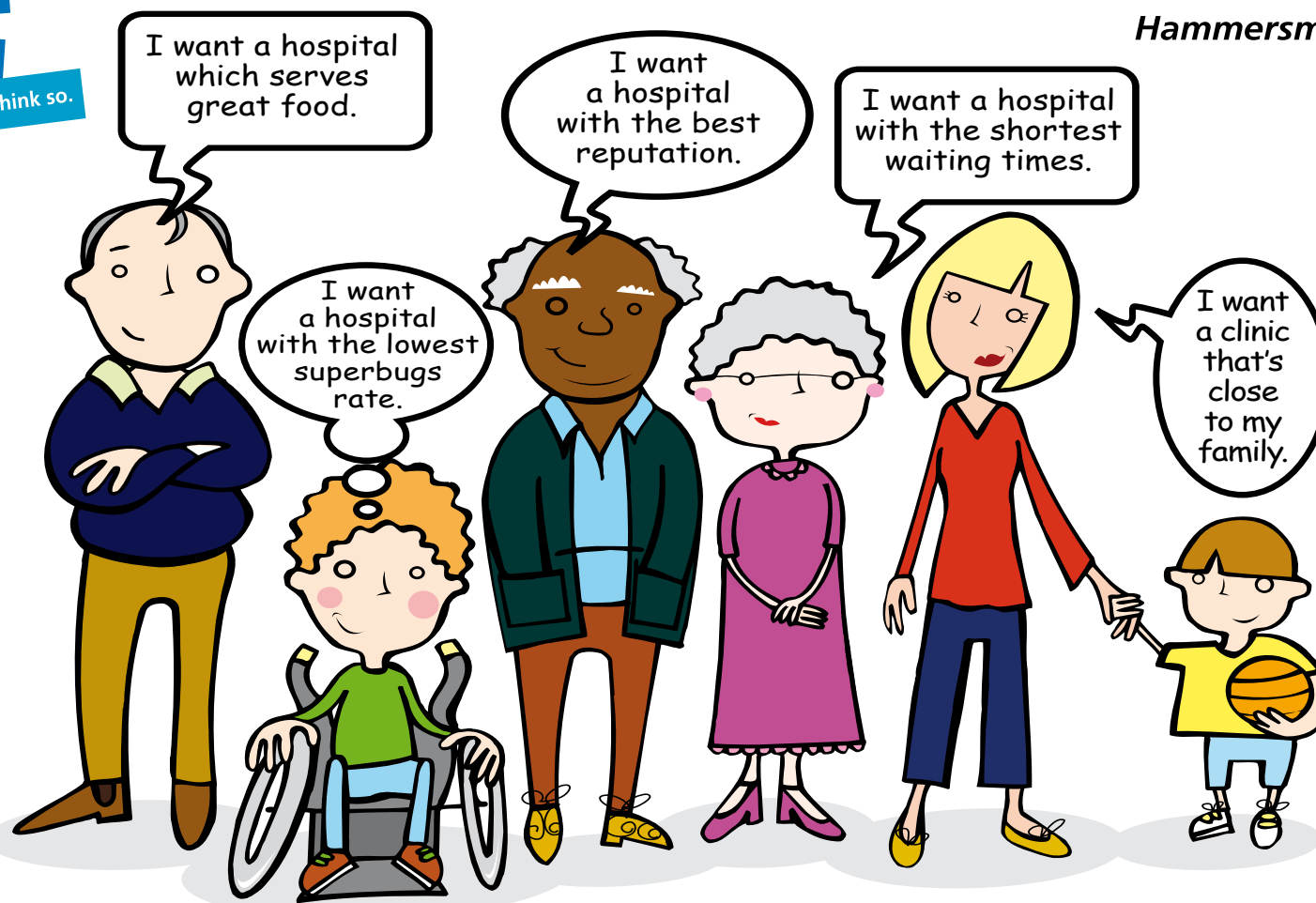


OLD VIC: Everyone was dressing like gran at John Betts while (centre right) head Gill Del Bravo met H&F mayor Alex Karmel

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