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School life is sweet for Jane

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ACTRESS Jane Horrocks played a key role in bringing the world of the movies closer to young people last week.

The acclaimed star of *Life Is Sweet* and *Little Voice* - playing veteran singer Gracie Fields on BBC 4 this week - met **Filmclub** members at Plumstead Manor School in Old Mill Road on Friday.

The Close Encounter event was held as part of the national after-school club scheme that offers children the chance to see inspiring films.

Ms Horrocks spoke about her acting career to around 30 girls

aged 11 to 14 who regularly attend the club, which was set up in April.

Teacher Katherine Brickely said: "The youngsters really enjoy the variety of films on offer and through Filmclub are getting interested genres like Japanese animation. We have lots of stimulating discussions about the films afterwards, looking at the technical side as well as the plots and characters."

Backed by the film industry and its stars, Filmclub was founded in 2006 by Beeban Kidron, who directed *Bridget Jones' Diary*: *The Edge of Reason*, and



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educationalist Lindsay Mackie. It is funded by the Government, DVD rental company Lovefilm and distributors Filmbank.

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