

BURFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

An amazing time was had by all and the love of books, reading, stories and poetry grows at BPS!

We started our day with a whole school assembly where we 'hot seated' the adults in character. We had everyone from a thoroughly modern Little Red Riding Hood to Mary Poppins. The children asked some well posed questions to the characters in a bid to find out some unknown facts about these characters they know and love...the Cat in the Hat was there (causing havoc!) as well as The Worst Witch, the children loved it almost as much as the staff!



Following our assembly to launch the day we had a real treat from visiting Burfordians who came in especially to share their favourite children's stories and poetry with each class across our school.



The children were enthralled and again loved the experience and seemed to really immerse themselves in a wide range of literature. We would like to thank those who came in from our community; it was a special touch to our day.

Later into the morning we split the school into two groups. The older classes had a truly inspirational visit from local author; Jasmine Richards who had everyone thinking creatively and again asking really amazing questions during her presentation and workshop. Jasmine kept everyone engaged and challenged and all were raring to read her books...she kindly did a signing for us which was a huge hit!

Whilst the older children enjoyed their session, the younger children in the school got together for a mass story writing session.

We laid a magical pathway of paper throughout our school hall and asked the children (now split into teams of five ranging from nursery to year three) to write a story together...there were 60 children in that hall with the most wonderful ideas bubbling away! The teachers encouraged the children to chat to the teams that were behind them and in front of them on the pathway so that the story had some links to help the flow.

The result was amazing and I had the most fun writing it up! Do look on our website if you wish to read the crazy and inventive tale. I read it to the children the following day and it was wonderful to see them spotting their ideas coming to life as I read.



The excitement of the morning got everyone hungry and we were all ready for Mrs Ralphs' Roald Dahl inspired lunch of Twits Wormy Spaghetti, Boggis's Chicken(Fantastic Mr Fox) and Bruce Bogtrotter's Cake (Matilda inspired!) ...dahlicieuse!

In the afternoon, the children had some time to talk about their own choices of character for the day and do a bit of their own hot seating, until... the bell rang through the school signalling our traditional 'Stop, Drop and Read'.



This most wonderful session sees children stopping everything to enjoy a book with someone from another class. This is where I always get my best photographs and if I could bottle the experience I would, it's a special time which the children love, so much so that we did another session during wet play the following day!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the lovely children of Burford Primary School for throwing themselves into the day, behaving brilliantly (of course!) and making the adults feel proud.



Well done BPS! Another fab experience was had by all.

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