

From 11th - 14th February, we celebrated Book Week here at Wallace Fields Junior School. The children enjoyed a visit from the illustrators, Knife and Packer, who taught them how to draw cartoons. The week saw many parents giving up time to come into school and share a book with the children. Year Six visited the Infants School and read to the children who listened avidly and were very excited about seeing the 'big' children all dressed up as book characters. All the other classes read to each other finding new books and new friends. We were also visited by a favourite author of ours, Antony Lishak, who had the children laughing and inspired them to write about something they have never shared with others - a secret!

Our library has been turned into the Gruffalo lair thanks to the talented Mrs Decicco's wonderful inspiration and her many helpers from each class. In class, the children shared a picture book through drama activities, discussion and writing. The week was finished with a wonderful display put on by the children themselves, dressing up a book characters. The costumes were amazing.

Through the week, there were competitions and here are the winners:

Extreme Reading

Upper School - Luke Taylor

Lower School - Leo Cowley

Team prize -

Designing a new book cover competition

Arthur Mawdsley - Year 3

Sienna Ray Year 4

Reece Teuton - year 5

Bethany Hammond - Year 6

Guess the Reader

The highest score was from Daniel Gordan who guessed 10 out of the 15 teachers who described their favourite books.

Antony Lishak competition

However, you don't need to hear from me about what the children enjoyed. Here are some of their opinions.

"I liked everything especially dressing up." - Josey Kumposat.

"The thing I enjoyed most was meeting Antony Lishak and Knife and Packer, designing a new book cover, extreme reading, our Gruffalo library and guess the teacher quiz." Dominic 3C

"I thought book week was great but I loved the illustrator workshop most because I was never that good at drawing cartoons and now I know how I am delighted and cannot myself from drawing them all the time!" Ruby 3C

"I really enjoyed book week because I liked listening to all the stories." Amy Lyon 4S

"It was awesome, I love book week! There are so many different things in it. I really want to do it again." Ivan 4S

"I think that book week was an extremely enjoyable, well thought out and exciting week. I say thank you to all the teachers for putting it together!" Lottie Benton 4S

" I think Antony Lishak was absolutely hilarious and he inspired me to write more stories." Grace R 4D

"When the parents came in to read to us, I realised how many books are in the world and how important books are to us. I only realised when I got into the Juniors how much I truly like books." Andrea S-H 3B

"What I liked about Book Week is that we learnt to make a comic strip and we were allowed to dress up as a book character." Calum, 3B

"Book Week was fantastic. It is the best week I have ever had. I really enjoyed all the activities and it made me want to read more. I especially liked our Gruffalo library and I really liked all of the competitions."

Isabella Henderson 5H

"I very much enjoyed Book Week. In fact, I was so inspired; I am writing my own book!" Harry W 6C

"It has inspired me to read more and to read harder books." Joe Innes 6C

"This week was incredible. Mrs Clayton and all the other staff worked really hard. Antony Lishak gave me a lot of tips on writing books. Knife and Packer taught me how to do a mosquito cartoon and I think it looked quite good." Isobel H 4D

"Book week was brilliant. You don't need to make it any better because it can't get any better." George H T 4D

"I loved meeting Antony Lishak and I really enjoyed reading his book that I bought." Alice Pendry-Humm 4D