

Author Visit

On Tuesday 14th October we were very pleased to welcome children's author Mr Eamonn Reilly to Watlington School.

In a special assembly we listened to Eamonn reading extracts from some of his books, they made us laugh!

Eamonn also challenged us to complete writing challenges linked to his books on his website to help us develop our writing skills.



Challenges – www.er-reilly.co.uk

Rashnu – write a story about a character that loses the most important thing in their life.

Children's Lottery – Click on the website page and look for writing tips.

The Lookouts & The Stolen Puppies –

1. Make a list of the things you value most in a best friend.
2. Write a description of your den and illustrate it. Use it as a setting for a story.
3. Make up your own ending for the story of The Lookouts.

Eamonn says 'Every time you write a story ask yourself what is it my readers will want to find out in the story'.

The children then had the opportunity to ask questions.

Q. When was your first book published?

A. *In 2000, I was a Primary Teacher.*

Q. What inspired you to write?

A. *Children in my class. I wrote a story about a time traveller who went back to Ancient Greece.*

Q. Which book are you most pleased with?

A. *One Boy, One Dream, One Club, because I got to interview a famous footballer.*

Q. Who are your favourite authors?

A. *Jacqueline Wilson and Jeremy Strong.*

Q. Which is your most popular book?

A. *Harriet the Horrible in the UK, One Boy, One Dream, One Club worldwide.*

Q. How many books have you written?

A. *15 books for children, 1 book for adults and 3 plays for adults.*

Q. Are you working on a book now?

A. *Yes – ‘World Book Day’ it’s about a girl who takes a book home from World Book Day but when her mum goes upstairs to read it to her she finds her in bed cuddling a crocodile! (Apparently this is based on a real life incident).*

A. What do you write with?

Q. *I write with a pen.*

Q. How long does it take you to write a book?

A. *A year.*

Q. What other jobs have you had?

A. *A Primary School Teacher and Hulk Hogan's bodyguard.*

Q. Who encouraged you to write?

A. *A teacher colleague encouraged me.*

Eamon had one final message for the children

'Follow your dream and you can achieve anything'

