

We had the best day yesterday welcoming local author Jodie James into school for World Book Day. Jodie commented on the children's positive and respectful attitudes to their learning and to each other. Costumes across all classes were incredible and there was a real buzz throughout school.



Book Club Assembly- *The Dandy Lion* by Jodie James

The day began with a special Book Club Assembly. Jodie introduced herself and talked about her journey to becoming an author. Jodie then read her story *The Dandy Lion* which is about a very unique lion and his caring group of friends. The story is a celebration of diversity and inclusion and loving ourselves for who we are. For a limited time, Jodie has kindly agreed to sell her book to our children for 10% less than RRP. If you wish to buy a copy of the book please contact hello@wildflowerbay.co.uk. Jodie will be returning to Whitley Lodge at some point this academic year and the children will be welcome to bring in their copies to be signed. We are also the proud new owners of a signed copy of the book for our school library.



Key Stage One and Two Workshops

Jodie worked with children from years 1-4 and led workshops across the day. In Key Stage One Jodie asked the children to celebrate themselves and why they are unique. The children made masks to represent the characters in the story. In Key Stage Two Jodie challenged the children to design new characters whilst identifying their personal strengths. Year 4 were also treated to a chapter from a new and upcoming book by Jodie called *Arthur's Den* which is set during World War II.

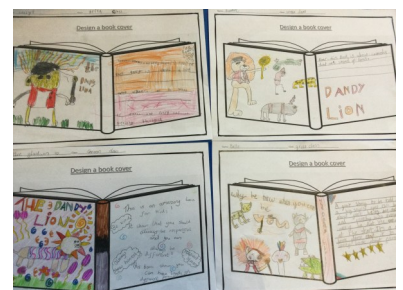


Designing a new cover for *The Dandy Lion*

The children in years 1-4 were challenged to design a new cover for *The Dandy Lion* using all their knowledge of the characters, plot and the important messages the story holds.

Jodie has taken them away to choose a winner from each class. It is not an enviable task as everybody did such an incredible job.

Well done everyone!



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Pupil Voice

"I liked seeing each other's costumes and guessing which books they were from."

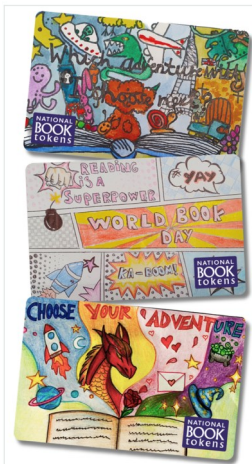
"I liked designing my book token on the theme 'Go All In' for the book token competition."

"We wrote our own blubs for Jodie's book. I love writing."

"I loved meeting Jodie the author and listening to her new book."

"The best bit was meeting Jodie, a real author and hearing about what inspired her and how she turned her ideas into stories. "

Book Token Competition



The children all designed a book token for the national competition.

Remember to get your signed entry form back to school by **Friday 13 March** if you want to enter.

Thank you for all the fantastic entries that we have received already today.

Fingers crossed for some winners from our school!

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place next week. Below are suggested days and timings for each class.

Turquoise/White: Tuesday 3 March 3:20pm– 4:00pm

Blue/Red: Wednesday 3 March 3:20pm–4:00pm

Nursery: Thursday 4 March 3:20pm–3:00pm

Purple/Orange: Thursday 4 March 3:20pm–3:00pm.

Yellow/Green: Friday 5 March 3:20pm– 4:00pm

Children can redeem their World Book Day vouchers next week at the fair. We hope to see lots of you there.

Thank you for all your support.

Thank you for helping us to make World Book Day such a great celebration of reading.

From all at WLFS.



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