

Creative Writing Festival

Year 4 recently took part in a day of creative writing filled with fun activities either here at Loughton School or on a visit to the University of Northampton. Before we left, we were wondering which day sounded more fun and we still can't decide!

Half of the year group had a visitor, Mr Andrew Smith (also one of our governors), who was in role as a Victorian pickpocket. From the moment he arrived he had the children captivated by his acting. He began by talking about a magic pill which he had invented which turned you into someone else – when he took it, he fell asleep and woke up as a criminal! He seemed very confused that he woke up in 2016 as before he went to sleep he said it was 1872. Andy took much delight in introducing the children to the Victorian Underworld and the children played their own game of pickpocketing – Tamira and Edward (HB8) seemed to be very skilled at this! In the afternoon the children were given the choice of several activities to inspire writing and we shared some of their outcomes in a recent celebration assembly.



The other half of the year group visited the University of Northampton which was incredibly exciting but also a bit daunting. We were able to listen to author Damian Harvey and poet James Carter throughout the morning before taking part in various workshops in the afternoon. These included storyboarding, photography and even a Harry Potter inspired diary entry about quidditch. They were delighted to receive a goody bag at the end of our trip including notebooks and pens. The children were an absolute credit to the school behaving superbly and asking thoughtful questions throughout.

