

Our day with Dennis Carter

Dennis Carter is a famous poet and writer who lives in Shropshire. He visits schools accross the country and recently he came back again for his very last visit to Ysgol Bro Plenydd before retiring.

Dennis started writing poems for children when he was a young teacher. He loves performing his work ,singing and rapping the words.He guarantees that you will laugh.

On his visit to our school Years 5 and 6 took part in a special workshop. He opened our eyes to how different people around the world lived their every day lives and he showed us how poems were constructed and sounded in different forms.Then we wrote a class poem based on a photograph of the Russian Nenet Tribe.After reading the work aloud we started writing our own poetry based on various photographs placed around the classroom of nomadic tribes.

I chose to base my poem on a photograph of a monkey being hunted. I enjoyed writing the poem because I could write about anything without any rules or boundaries. After taking the photos down,others were placed around the classroom.This time,we were shown photos of Patagonia and had to imagine how the people from Wales 150 years ago felt after travelling for months on the Mimosa in search of a better life.We discussed what they first saw and what their impressions would have been on arriving in Patagonia.We sat down to write a poem on these thoughts and feelings.

After a hard day's work,we were all given a piece of the cake presented to Dennis to show him our appreciation and to wish him well as this would be his final visit to Ysgol Bro Plenydd.We posed for a photo and thanked him for coming after a very enjoyable day.

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