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Ed Wicke visited Falkland Primary School during the autumn term of 2010/11. He entertained the children with animated readings of his stories interspersed with top tips for writing short stories. Many children have since read and enjoyed his 'Wicked Tales' and his visits also inspired many to write short stories of their own, even some reluctant writers.

Ed is a consummate story teller and his lively, madcap stories have universal appeal. Since his visit, I have had lots of positive feedback from staff, parents and pupils - I would thoroughly recommend Ed to a primary school looking for a visiting author.

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December 2010

To whom it may concern,

RE: Ed Wicke's visit as part of our curriculum enrichment week entitled, 'Inspired To Write.'

Ed Wicke's visit to Greenfields was a great success. Everything was very well organised. Prior to his visit Ed was in regular contact to ensure that the visit met our needs and went well. He also dropped a collection of his books into school during the preceding week so that teachers and children could begin to enjoy some of his stories.

Ed made two visits to our school. On both occasions the children thoroughly enjoyed his entertaining presentations and were enthralled by his storytelling abilities. They were particularly impressed by the range of voices he used and many were still laughing some time later. He told the children what had inspired him to begin writing, and he has certainly inspired our children to write. Some have even begun writing stories at home as a result.

The number of signed copies of his books that Ed sold is a testament to how much the children enjoyed his visit. Even some of our more reluctant readers have been enjoying reading his stories and trying out some funny voices of their own. I think we were all surprised to see the queue of keen shoppers stretching out of the hall and back to the front door of the school.

Once again, thank you Ed for a super visit.

Yours sincerely

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22nd October 2009

We recently had Ed Wicke in as part of our Book Week celebrations. Prior to his visit he had delivered his books to the school so that the teachers were able to familiarise the children with his work.

When he came into school he was lively and engaging from the onset. He performed some of his stories, emphasising characterisation and engaging all the children with his well-placed humour. The children had a wonderful time and were given the opportunity to see how the illustrations of his books are linked in with the stories.

He was more than happy to sign his books and made this a personal experience for the children.

I would certainly recommend a visit; the perfect way to engage reluctant readers with short, funny stories with a twist! I was amazed by the numbers of boys, in particular, who queued after school to buy his books.

Some of the children's comments:

"Ed Wicke understands what children want to read."

You're one of the best writers – your stories are really humorous."

"I liked all the funny voices when you read your stories."

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ruth Patel'.

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unique qualities of each child."*

4th November 2009

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Ed Wicke's visit as part of Book Week: October 20

Ed Wicke was the visiting author for this school, during Book Week and I have to tell you he was the best one we have had, in the time I have been organising this event!

What makes him stand out, is his ability to engage children, without any gadgets or gimmicks, other than his stories and his voice.

Ed has corresponded with me beforehand, to ensure that what he delivered, didn't just sell his books, but really fitted in with what we as a school wanted for Book Week. He wanted to know what the children were doing in their literacy lessons and what was the theme of Book Week

He did a presentation for one and a half hours with 120 Year 3-6 children and they were absolutely enthralled! That is something I have not seen for a long time, because as any Teacher knows it is quite hard to keep children engaged over a long period of time, whilst sat on a hard floor!

Ed told them some of his stories (they loved the baby's voice and the funny extracts). He told them how to write stories and how to pick good reading books.

He also did an additional slot for our G&T about his illustrators. They found that fascinating.


He doesn't normally work below KS1 but he even told a story to our KS1, which was well received.

The letters that the children wrote, the number of books sold and the feedback from staff and Parents, showed how much they enjoyed it. He spent a lot of time signing books and I know the children really liked the special messages he wrote.

Since then, we have children all over KS2 reading his books; and Parents and children are still asking for signed copies. He has had a particular impact on the boys who really loved his humour and many are now reading his books.

I would highly recommend Ed as your visiting author; I am sure you will find it a literacy experience not to be missed.

Yours sincerely


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We thoroughly enjoy every visit from Ed Wicke. His humorous story telling captivates children through his animated and expressive use of voice. His books have inspired all children, including our most reluctant readers, and signed copies were a big hit!

We are now eagerly awaiting Ed's next visit!

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December 2008

*(also visited
Nov 2009)*

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit from Ed Wicke. Prior to the visit, he was in regular contact via email, and so we were able to arrange the days quickly and easily. Due to the size of our school, Ed made three visits. In these sessions, he told sections of his stories and gave the children top tips for story writing. The children sat in awe for the whole session and absolutely loved it.

The highlight for the children was buying a book from a real author and getting to meet him in person. He signed all of their books after school, which they began reading immediately. This visit was especially valuable for our reluctant readers who are still reading Ed Wicke's books, and laughing as they retell sections in silly voices.

Following the visit, Ed was kind enough to send us a rough draft of his story which we used to show the children the importance of editing their work.

The whole visit was a brilliant experience for our school and we will definitely be having Ed Wicke back when the next book is out!

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Re: Ed Wicke

I would like to thank Ed Wicke for coming to our school to talk to the children about story writing.

He organised everything very well, ensuring that we had leaflets to hand out to parents informing of his visit, as well as delivering a set of his books for the staff to view and use in order to introduce him to the children prior to his visit.

On the day of the visit he arrived and went straight into action. The children were literally 'mesmerised' by him and listened in awe as he told some of his stories. The stories are certainly pitched at the right level for our Key Stage 2 children, who laughed and listened as Ed took on the voices and actions of his various characters.

He later signed copies of his books for those children wishing to purchase them. In fact he sold out and had to return a few days later to fulfil a demanding audience.

It was lovely to see the children in the playground with their noses stuck in a book. Even our reluctant boy readers couldn't put them down!

We have re-booked Ed Wicke for next year when he will have written more books and I would certainly recommend him into your school. He is very personable and flexible, ensuring that your objectives are met.

Thank you Ed, we really enjoyed having you visit our school and I know the children are certainly eagerly awaiting your next book!

Karen Sewell June 2008 (Also visited Nov 2009)

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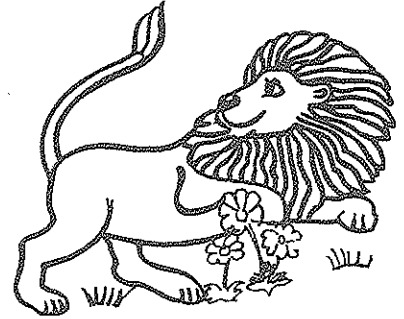
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9th July 2008

To Whom it May Concern,

This summer Ed Wicke visited St Marks Primary School to share his books. He spent two afternoons with us; one for approximately 150 children in Year 3 and 4 and another for a similar number of Year 5 and 6 children. Ed kept the attention of these children from start to finish – no mean feat after SATs and during a sweltering afternoon! The children thoroughly enjoyed his story telling complete with a variety of voices. This inspired them to read and Ed had to keep coming back to sign books as so many wanted to read more of the stories they had heard. He also explained how he wrote which a lot of the older children found interesting. They thought it was great that even a published author sometimes found it difficult thinking up a story!

Ed was a great success and is still talked about. I would recommend him to any school looking for an exciting time of stories.

Yours faithfully

Katie Cunningham
Literacy Subject Leader



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