

## **MRC Celebrates World Book Day by Thandie**

At MRC students celebrated World Book Day in many ways. In every lesson, teachers and students read a few pages of a book.

I went to an afternoon maths lesson where they were reading The City Bleeds Gold by Lucy Saxon. The students took turns reading a few paragraphs. Students enjoyed hearing the story throughout the day. When I interviewed a few students about their experience of book reading, the replies were positive.

William, year 8, said his favourite book is Alice in Wonderland because “it is good literature.” He added, “I think Lewis Carroll is creative and his character are crazy.”

Another year 8 student, Chloe, said her favourite book is Diary of a Wimpy Kid. She agreed with William that it is important to read good literature. She felt World Book Day gave her the “opportunity to learn about great literature.” She added she liked reading about the “adventure story” in Golding’s Lord of the Flies.

MRC’s librarian Mrs Williams said her favourite book is The Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell which is a type of science fiction.

Mrs Williams said World Book Day is, “good because it has people talking about books.” She added that, “it also showed us that young people were reading for pleasure more than we thought.”

Mrs Williams said, “the year 10 student librarians developed a Battle of the Books competition. They selected the books that were the most frequently borrowed and paired them. Students then voted on which one was their favourite.”

“What has been great about this year is the number of people talking about books and reading”, added Mrs Williams.

Nikki Sheehan, author of Swan Boy, will be visiting MRC Wednesday 27 March. She will be talking to year 8 students.