

Thank you for your enthusiastic performance of “Red Riding Hood and Friends”. It enthralled and captivated our children from youngest to our oldest year 6. Our pupils were responsive and attentive for the whole 50 minutes which is a great credit to yourself.

Mr. P. Farnham, Headteacher, Beauherne County Primary School

Just a quick note to thank you for your visit to Inverclyde schools last month. The response from the children was fantastic and the comments from the staff have been very positive.

Irene Gilchrist, Educational Resources Services Librarian, Inverclyde, Scotland

On Behalf of St Julian’s Rainbows and Brownies, I would like to ‘Thank you’ for the very entertaining show that you gave at Trinity Church Hall in Park Street. The girls really enjoyed themselves, especially those who took part.

Cynthia Douglass, Guider, Herts

On behalf of the whole school I would like to thank you very much for giving such a superb performance again. The children thoroughly enjoyed the show and were surprised that just one actor could do so much.

Jill Ensly, Literacy Co-ordinator, Eastwick County Infant School

Thank you for all the hard work you did for Writing and Pictures filming. Everyone on the team – children crew and production say how much they enjoyed working with you. And I really hope we will all work together in the future. The Education Officers laughed all the way through viewing and were pleased with your contribution.

Kerena Marchant, Producer and Director, BBC Schools Programmes

Thank you very much for your presentation of Little Red Riding Hood and Friends at the Picnic on Saturday/ The show was very much enjoyed by its audience and your involvement contributed to a very successful event. We hope that you enjoyed your day and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Allison Moore, Administrator, Charnwood Arts

I am writing on behalf of Newton Abbey Library to thank you for performing the show "Big Book Tall Tales" here yesterday afternoon. The children certainly seemed to enjoy your performance: it was certainly the largest book we have ever had in the library! I will recommend to Mark West that he consider booking you for future events.

Ruth Davis, Senior Assistant Librarian

After watching 'Little Red Riding Hood and Friends' yesterday, I felt I had to write and thank you once again.

Both staff and children really enjoyed your performance and it was great to have someone who understood the apprehensions young children might feel about their first experience of theatre.

We all agree we would like you to return to Hayway next December, so I will contact you soon with regard to a date.

Mrs. J Clemence, Acting Headteacher, Hayway Infant/Nursery School, Notts

Many thanks for your performance of Big Bookery today. We Loved it. Year 6 for all their Oscar winning performance of being so cool about the whole thing, rushed off after their question session with you and immediately revamped their next week assembly. It's a book week assembly (They've taken your idea of a big book) and they will have all sorts of characters trying to get out and others trying to get in.

What a lot of pleasure we had today and lots of seeds sown for further activities.

Many Thanks. We'll surely see you again perhaps as Red Riding Hood.

Marian Temple, Teacher, Coopermill Primary School, London

This is just to say a big thank you for the superb performance of Little red Riding Hood and friends that you performed for the pupils and teachers at our school.

We had a lovely morning and enjoyed the whole show very much.

Sally Tyler, School Secretary, East Calydon School, Bucks

I'm writing to say how delighted we were with the two recent performances from Booster Cushion Theatre- "A Christmas Carol" and "Book in Danger".

These were enjoyed immensely by all our children, from Reception to Year 6, and they were totally absorbed in the productions.

The shows were lively, witty and colourful and encouraged the children to think. Our children gained a great deal from this live theatre and I would recommend any primary school to arrange a Booster Cushion performance.

Mr. G.R. Sturgess, Headteacher, Park Street Coe J.M.I .and N. School, Herts

Super Great Fantastic.

Absolutely everyone from 4-64 enjoyed the performance. Even the 'Doubting Thomas's and 'pain in the butts said it was the best.

The children were talking about it for ages, re-telling the story especially that Scott and Becky took part.

We will be asking you to come again.

Margaret Gleave, Teacher, Oakes Park School, (Now Seven Hills School), Sheffield

Comments from 'Charmed and Chilled' story telling Festival.

The best part was when the man was dressed up as Little Red Riding Hood and all the boys were pretending to be wolves.

The interaction of Philip with the children was definitely the best part.

The children raved about the performance and so did the adult helpers!

The actor had so much energy and included the children wherever possible.

I hope that you are as pleased with these comments as we were, thank you once more for participating.

Amy Lovat, Festival Administrator, Aberdeen City Council

Thank you for your exciting performance of Little Red Riding Hood. I did enjoy the concept of a pink wolf and the children were kept on their toes by your references to a porridge party etc.

Ingram Lloyd, Winchester House Pre-Prep School, Notts

Thank you for supplying us with what was one of the highlights of the literary festival, the library, the teachers and the children have all informed us of how much they enjoyed a very special experience.

Nick Ewbank, Director, the Metropolis Galleries, Ken

‘Once again can I say a big thank you for the wonderful morning you gave the children and staff, they all really enjoyed the performance.

What my team appreciate is the ‘child centered and friendly’ approach, and your consideration for their special needs.

Many thanks again, hope to see you soon.’

John Rumble, Headteacher, Maplewood School, Buckinghamshire

‘Thank you very much for your contribution to Larks in the Park in Colney Heath.

The performance you gave was very much appreciated by both adults and children. A number of people have said to me since the event how successful it was.’

Shirley Everall, National Year of Reading Project Officer, Hertfordshire Library Service.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to express my appreciation of our school’s links with the company and to pass on my strong recommendation to any school who might be considering hiring the company.

We have seen two Booster Cushion’s productions to date, A Christmas Carol and A Big Book Tall Tale. Both were of a very high standard and very appropriate for the primary age range. Timing, pace, language and subject material were spot on. The children were ‘hooked’ from the first movement and did not lose their concentration once. The performances were lively, brisk and of top professional standard in every way.

I also found that the company was appreciative of the sorts of constraints facing primary schools with timing and resources. Booster Cushion did not take a long time setting up and packing away their shows, they did not require fancy equipment or elaborate staging. They were quite able to use the average resources that we have at St John’ and St James. I have no hesitation at recommending Booster Cushion Theatre productions to any primary school.

Andrew Ceresa, Headteacher, St John and St James C of E Primary School, London

Thank you for coming to Grange School to perform ‘Big Goldilocks and the Three Bears plus’.

It was a fantastic performance. The way you involved the audience with the play was fantastic, the individuals chosen to play animals will particularly remember it for a very long time.

Thank you also for the time you spent answering the many questions our children were so inspired to ask.

B. Harman, Head of Primary, Grange School, Beds

On Behalf of Dumfries and Galloway Libraries I'd like to thank you for the 2 performances in Lochtorn and Stranraer Libraries. We were pleased with the numbers attending and the feedback from children and staff was very positive.

G. Swales, Children's Librarian, Dumfries and Galloway Council

I am writing to thank you for helping to make our Book Week a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed your performance. The children were also very pleased to participate in the workshop sessions and enjoyed being able to ask you questions and contribute their own ideas.

W. Bradley, Teacher, Grove Junior School, Essex

The show was a hit with the children, adults and staff. The feedback received about the show said Philip's delivery was very good.. He had the children's interest from beginning to end. The show had participation throughout. This included narrating verbally and using Sign Supported English.

Philip constantly praised the children for helping to tell the story and he introduced the children to new word and letters and role play. Everyone enjoyed the show.

Philip offered the children who participated in the play a thank you treat.

Philip encouraged the children to eat healthily with nutritious snacks of apples, oranges and carrots, which everyone thought were a good idea.

Sure Start, the Learning Trust, Hackney, London

Your performance of 'Never Judge A Book By Its Cover@ at Harold Hill Library recently was a marvelous success and I am delighted to enclose a press cutting about the event.

The performance was a highlight of our children's book festival and I was particularly pleased that we could incorporate such a dramatic way of promoting books and reading to children, which involved them and made it fun!

Thanks for your involvement and advice before the event as well as the performance itself.

Antony Tilke, Assit. Borough Librarian, Havering

Thank you so much for inviting me to your performance of A Christmas Carol today. I thought your performance was superb. You certainly do have a talent for your art- you had those children (and adults too), in the palm of your hand. I hadn't realized when you said you were 'on your own' that it was literal. Holding an audience single handedly for that length of time is fantastic.

Judith Cobby, Director, Inspirational Events, Surrey

Thank you very much for coming to take part in 'Booked In The Park' last Sunday. We have had many favorable comments about the day and in particular your performance. It was wonderful to see the families enjoying themselves and joining in. You certainly drew the crowds; I hope you enjoyed the day as much as the audience (and we) did.

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Liz Stevenson, City Librarian

Chris Harling, Senior Librarian, South Group, Portsmouth City Council

Thank you so much for taking part in the first ever Rotherham Children's Book Festival. So we were really pleased that you agreed to perform here at Maltby Library and at the Hospital.

It was a delight to watch you interacting with the children and we were all impressed with how you were equally at home with just a few at the hospital and the large numbers at the library. I hope you enjoyed your visit here, we certainly enjoyed looking after you and won't hesitate to recommend you heartily to anyone and everyone.

Lesley Surr, Principal Library, Assistant, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Thank you for the performance of Big Book Tall tales. It was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, carers and teachers as well as those Chepstow Library customers and staff who were lucky enough to be in the vicinity.

Trish Clarkson, Community Librarians, Monmouthshire County Council

There's no doubt that "Never Judge a Book By its Cover" was a huge success. I must also thank you for all the help you gave on the day, as well, carrying things, checking on the other activities, giving out goody bags- you were great! The day certainly would have not run as smoothly without you. According to the Zoo about 1,500 children attended the day and we've had great feedback on the day, with lots of people asking when the next one is!

Performances in the Elephant house of London Zoo on behalf of National Literacy Association, Charlie Griffiths, Project Director

Everyone really enjoyed the play, which was a huge success with all the children and adults who came to see it.

We have had lots of appreciative comments from parents and children, and we think the show has done a lot of good to the library's standing in the community.

Thanks once again for all your help and enthusiasm.

Best wishes from all in East Durham Libraries, Jim, Doreen, Renee, Angela, Margaret, Marjorie, Joe, Susan, Pauline

Your Imaginative show has enormous potential for influencing the earliest readers and I'm glad we were able to give you a platform or two.

With the thanks of the festival committee and our best wishes, Felicity J Cain, Isle Of Man Arts Council

I found the session lively and stimulating. And I'm hoping the children will produce some follow up work, which can be displayed at the library. I particularly liked the theme you chose.

The feedback I have had from the children and adults has been very encouraging. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Hazel Perkins, Area Children's Coordinator, Nottinghamshire County Council