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NEWS

PATTISHALL



Pupils at Pattishall Primary School dressed up for World Book Day

New-look library has everything covered

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World Book Day was extra special for these pupils when a children's author opened their newly refurbished library.

Pattishall C of E Primary School welcomed acclaimed children's author Sue Bentley to officially open their library yesterday.

A school spokesman said: "The school firmly believes that reading is at the heart of learning.

"The school PTA - Friends of Pattishall School (FOPS) - spent the best part of a year fundraising to raise the money to refurbish the library, through organising cake

sales, mufti days, summer and winter festivals, applying for grants, hosting a Joules seconds sale amongst many other fundraising activities."

Head boy Daniel Walton, 10, said: "We all love the events FOPS put on at the school and are thankful that the money raised has bought us a new library."

FOPS are extremely grateful for the support they have received from school parents and staff, and are proud to have been able to fully fund the refurbishment.

Sue Bentley said: "I was so excited to visit Pattishall School and meet all the readers and book lovers on World Book Day.

"I'm also delighted and very proud to have officially opened the new school Library, particularly as I have

historical family links with this village."

The school welcomed a new headteacher, Emma McLean, in September, and in just a few short months it has been involved in a huge variety of events and activities across the year groups.

Year 6 spent a day with Northamptonshire Police at the Northampton Saints rugby ground, and the 'Blue Butterfly' day at school covered internet safety. The school also took part in Safer Internet Day in February.

Mrs McLean has introduced a focus on reading at school with ERIS time (Everyone Reading In School), and at home, as she recognises that this is a key to learning.

Popular changes have been made to homework planning with new Home-

work Record books, and extra parent and community volunteers to read with the children during the day.

The school, which is Voluntary Controlled Church of England, has also seen regular visits to the church in Pattishall where Harvest Festival took place in September (led by Year 4), and an Armistice Service in November (led by the student council).

The school also encourages its children to be aware of the wider world, raising funds for many charities.

This school year has already seen the Great Pattishall Bake Off, which raised £55 for Macmillan, a 'spotty' day for Children in Need which raised £122 and a mufti day raising £65 for the Gosset neonatal ward at Northampton General Hospital.