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Children's Author Paula Harrison Inspiring Children from Noremarsch Junior School

Ahead of World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023, Noremarsch Junior School has had a visit from a best-selling children's Author, Paula Harrison. Paula has written more than 40 books.

The children at Noremarsch Junior school were treated with a visit from Paula Harrison a best-selling children's author. The visit was arranged as part of the schools reading week to celebrate and share the love of reading. The children had an assembly with Paula in the morning followed with a Q&A, where the children had the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Paula then went into classrooms completing workshops with the children. Children also had the opportunity to receive signed books written by the children's author. Paula has a new book called **Fairytale Ninjas**; characters **Snow, Red and Goldie** are trained as fairytale ninjas where they long to meet unicorns, ride dragons and fight trolls!

The Q&A with Paula was full of some great questions from the children. In the crowd was an aspiring future author who wanted to understand how he would go about getting his own books published. Paula explained her books can sometimes take her a month to write but big books can take her a very long time. The author creates not only short stories but longer more complex stories so that children from a variety of different reading levels can access her books.



One child asked Paula how she came up with her ideas for her story: the author explained that it comes from a part of her mind that you are not in control of, almost like dreaming. She went on to say how her mind had turned to thinking wouldn't it be funny if an alien ship landed in the playground right now and the story unravels from there...

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Hilary MacMeekin, Headteacher at Noremarsh Junior School, commented “Paula Harrison is an author that is a personal favourite of mine. Her Robyn Silver books are ones I used to read to my own children. It was a pleasure to host Paula, she had all of the pupils inspired by her books and the stories behind creating them. It was amazing to see all of the creativity flowing between the classes and the massive variety between all of the animals the children had chosen. Events such as this create an environment where the children can feel safe to be confident and ambitious and it really came across in the school assembly during the Q&A.”