

## SCHOOL REPORT: Your weekly round-up

## Author Luke bringing his stories to life for listeners

**AUTHOR** Luke Temple was a hit with pupils and staff at Henham and Ugley Primary when he used drama, sound effects and film clips to recreate scenes from his latest books.

It was a return visit for Luke, who had inspired and engaged everyone at the school three years ago with his Thistlewick Island stories.

This time he was back to introduce his new characters – Felix Dashwood, a girl who, with her best friends Caspar and Drift, gets caught up in a series of adventures involving an evil headteacher, fearsome pirates, abandoned mansions, unexpected time travel and a menacing giant.

### Portal

Luke, who studied film at university, appeared through a “portal” in the table storage cupboard in the school hall and proceeded to involve every child and all the teachers in his presentation.

He even weaved information about the process of writing into the stage sets.

Head Sue Giles said: “This was a wonderful opportunity for children to meet and talk to a ‘real’ author. Luke relates so well to the children, understanding their sense of humour and engaging them completely.”



**SCHOOL VISIT:** Dale Reeve, head of the Bishop's Stortford High School, second left, with members of the international delegation

## Dutch impressed with mastery of teachers

A DELEGATION of teachers from the Netherlands has been impressed with schools in Bishop's Stortford.

During their four-day visit, they spent time observing lessons at The Bishop's Stortford High School (TBSHS) and Thorley Hill Primary.

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They also booked conference facilities at the Bishop's Stortford Town Council offices in Windhill to hold their own training days with a specialist content language integrated learning tutor.

The visitors included nine staff from TBSHS's Dutch partner school, Kadinsky College in Nijmegen, two from a German-speaking school and six

Dutch primary school teachers.

The trip was organised by Darren Solomans, subject leader for politics and philosophy at TBSHS, and Gretchen Conrad, co-ordinator of the bilingual programme for the upper school at Kadinsky College.

Not everything was work-related though – the group managed to fit in dinner in Stortford restaurants on two nights and evensong at King's College Cambridge, followed by dinner in Cambridge.

Paul Noble, deputy head of TBSHS, said: “The week was a great success. Our Dutch colleagues, representing several bilingual colleges in Holland, were extremely impressed with the standard and quality of the schools in Bishop's Stortford.”



**CREATIVITY:** Author and illustrators with pupils

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