

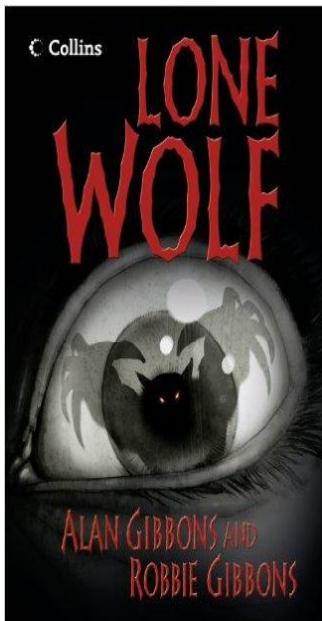
Author Alan Gibbons' Visit to Evelina Hospital

School on Tuesday 2 November 2016



Reading is the best
medicine.

To quote Readathon, “ For children in hospital, books are incredibly important – they comfort, distract, reassure and entertain. Books and storytellers do a fantastic job of cheering children up in hospital. 97% of the children said the storyteller had cheered them up and took their mind off of being in hospital. The icing on the cake; reading in hospital encourages over half of all children to read more after their time in hospital.”



We were lucky enough to have the children's author Alan Gibbons www.alangibbons.com visiting us this week. He is a very prolific writer and has written no less than 63 books for children to date!

Alan talked about his love of stories (and football!) to the children in our school rooms and on our wards.

He encouraged everyone, staff, pupils and parents to enjoy a good book and to pick up our pens, or keyboards, and to start to write down our own stories.

Perhaps there was a budding young, or older, author who was inspired by Alan that morning.....

Many thanks to Alan from The Evelina English Team.



Alan spent time in Moon classroom explaining where he got the ideas from for his many, many books and inspired our young people to be both readers and, in the case of our young person photographed, writers themselves. Maybe this young man will be signing books for us himself in the not too distant future!



Alan also spent time on the Dialysis Ward being interviewed by the young people who had been reading some of his books. This particular interviewer was very probing but Alan rose to the challenge and spent a long time answering his questions and talking football !