

## ‘Reach Out And Read’ (‘ROAR’) - a ROAR-ing success

*“Y rhodd mwyaf y gallwch roi erioed yw angerdd am ddarllen” ... a llyfrau!*

Yn dilyn ymweliadau llwyddiannus gan Gadeirydd Cyngor Sir Ddinbych i ysgolion sy'n cymryd rhan ym Menter Mentora Darllen Sir Ddinbych ar ddiwedd Tymor yr Hydref 2017, dywedodd y Cynghorydd Pete Prendergast y byddai'n hoffi dychwelyd i ymweld a'r ysgolion yn nhymor y Gwanwyn 2018 i rannu ei gariad at ddarllen gyda nhw.

Ar ôl edrych am ffordd hwyliog o ddathlu Diwrnod y Llyfr 2018 a chyflawniadau darllen rhai o'n darllenwyr ifanc yn ein hysgolion, cafwyd cyfres o ymweliadau ysgol 'Reach Out And Read' ('ROAR'), menter Cyfoethogi Cwricwlwm Sir Ddinbych, lle rhoddodd y Cadeirydd amser o'i amserlen brysur i rannu ei gariad at ddarllen, adrodd straeon, siarad am lyfrau a'i rôl fel Cadeirydd y Cyngor, yn ogystal â chyflwyno rhai llyfrau Diwrnod Llyfr y Byd 2018 oedd yn rhad ac am ddim.

Yn ystod un diwrnod ysgol cyfan, ymwelodd y Cadeirydd â saith ysgol i ddiddannu ac ysbrydoli oddeutu 253 o blant gyda'i drwy gyfleu ei gariad at ddarllen ac adrodd straeon. Gan ddefnyddio ei hoff awdur pan oedd ef ei hun yn blentyn - Enid Blyton a'i llyfr 'Five go to Treasure Island', dewisodd y Cynghorydd Prendergast ddarllen o 'The Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables', gan ddod â'r ffablaau yn fyw drwy sgrifennu hwyliog Michael Morpurgo a darluniau hardd Emma Chichester Clark. Siaradodd y Cynghorydd Prendergast am bŵer straeon - sut maent yn rhoi pleser, yn swyno, yn dysgu, yn ysbrydoli, yn ysgogi ac weithiau'n herio ni; sut maent yn ein helpu i ddeall a sut maent yn argraffu lluniau yn ein meddyliau.

Roedd hi mor braf gweld wynebau'r plant pan roddodd hefyd bwndeli bach o lyfrau i'r ysgolion i ddathlu Diwrnod y Llyfr 2018

*“The greatest gift you can ever give is a passion for reading”... and books!*

Following the Chair of Denbighshire County Council's successful visits to schools participating in Denbighshire's Reading Mentoring Initiative at the end of the Autumn Term 2017, Councillor Pete Prendergast said that he would like to pay a return visit to the schools in the Spring term 2018 to share his own love of reading with them.

Having looked at a fun way of celebrating World Book Day 2018 and the reading achievements of some of our young readers in our schools, Denbighshire's Curriculum Enrichment initiative came up with a series of 'Reach Out And Read' ('ROAR') school visits, where the Chair took time out his busy schedule to share his love of reading, storytelling, talking about books and his role as Chair of the Council, as well as delivering some free World Book Day 2018 books.

Over the course of a school day, the Chair visited seven schools and delighted and inspired approximately 253 children with his love of reading and storytelling. Drawing on his favourite childhood author and book - Enid Blyton's 'Five go to Treasure Island', Councillor Prendergast chose to read from 'The Orchard Book of Aesop's Fables', bringing the fables to life through Michael Morpurgo's joyful writing and Emma Chichester Clark's beautiful illustrations. Councillor Prendergast spoke about the power of stories – how they delight, enchant, teach, inspire, motivate and sometimes challenge us; how they help us to understand and how they imprint pictures in our minds.

It was such a delight to see the children's faces when he also gifted the schools little bundles of World Book Day 2018

I'w darllen - ymweliad maen nhw'n siŵr o gofio amdanynt am amser maith. | books to read – a visit they are sure to remember for a long time.

