

Children's Laureate Anthony Browne visited The Wroxham School in Potters Bar to see how the arrival of a new Double-Decker Bus can help encourage reading

Children's Laureate Anthony Browne, the internationally acclaimed author and illustrator of children's books visited The Wroxham School on 3 February 2010. Anthony witnessed the school's outstanding creative learning practice and took a tour of its new double decker bus which is due to be turned into a stunning 'Storybus' over the coming months.

The Wroxham School, a Creative Partnerships School of Creativity, wanted to improve its library and enliven the learning space to encourage reading. Along with the pupils themselves, the school developed the idea of buying and refurbishing a double decker bus. Bought from Ebay, the bus will be turned into a Storybus over the coming two terms with help from pupils, staff and parents.

Alison Peacock, Headteacher, commented: "We want to make reading irresistible and having the Children's Laureate, Anthony Browne, visit our school will really inspire our pupils. We enjoyed showing him why everything we do here is about creativity and how we have raised standards through creative learning."

As a Creative Partnerships School of Creativity, The Wroxham School works with the government's creative learning programme to further develop teaching and learning practices, form innovative partnerships with other schools and help to shape future education policy and practice.

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Creativity, Culture and Education (www.creativitycultureeducation.org):

Creativity, Culture and Education (CCE) is the new national organisation which aims to transform the lives of children and families by harnessing the potential of creative learning and cultural opportunity to enhance their aspirations, achievements and skills. **Our vision** is for children's creativity to be encouraged and nurtured in and out of school and for all children to experience and access the diverse range of cultural activity in England because these opportunities can have an enormous impact on their life chances.

CCE delivers the following cultural and creative programmes and initiatives:

- *Creative Partnerships* – the Government's flagship creative learning programme: www.creative-partnerships.com
- *Find Your Talent* – the Government's pilot cultural offer for all children and young people: www.findyourtalent.org
- *Shine* – the annual celebration of the talent of all children and young people: www.shineweek.co.uk

Creative Partnerships (www.creative-partnerships.com): Creative Partnerships is the Government's creative learning programme which has worked with over 940,000 young people and over 90,000 teachers

by fostering long-term partnerships between schools and creative professionals to inspire, harness the potential of creative learning and experiment with new ideas. Managed by new national organisation, Creativity, Culture and Education (CCE) (www.creativitycultureeducation.org), the programme was launched in 2002 and has worked with nearly 5,000 schools across England, from Key Stage 1 to 4.

The Children's Laureate

The role of Children's Laureate is awarded once every two years to an eminent writer or illustrator of children's books to celebrate outstanding achievement in their field. The appointment of a Children's Laureate acknowledges the importance of exceptional children's authors in creating the readers of tomorrow. The Children's Laureateship is administered by the independent reading charity Booktrust.