

Acclaimed authors visit the Junior School for Book Week

Junior School students were encouraged to continue to enjoy reading and strive to improve their writing during visits by three inspiring authors.

Critically acclaimed author, Mr Morris Gleitzman discussed his creative processes with our Years 5 and 6 girls. During the discussion, he recognised the complex themes he addresses in his books, including topics such as war and the challenges faced by refugees. Mr Gleitzman underscored the importance of cultivating understanding about these topics while providing readers with characters who are ultimately hopeful despite the challenges they face. He showed us that you can set the tone of the story early through a thoughtfully crafted first sentence.



Mr Gleitzman signing books for girls in Years 5 and 6



Trinity Boulattouf and Eelian Li

Ms Louise Park, an author of children's and adult literature spanning across various genres, spoke to students in Years 2, 3 and 4. During the discussion, she shared a fundamental principle of creating fiction: give the protagonist a multitude of intricate challenges. She highlighted that the greater the adversity the main character faces, the deeper the reader's connection with the character, their journey and eventual triumph. Students were given the opportunity to share ideas for how characters could navigate tricky situations. Ms Park commended the students for their ability to think creatively and express their ideas articulately.

Mr Ronojoy Ghosh is an author and illustrator who entertained our youngest students by reading his picture books to them. He shared his ideas for writing and showed the girls that the best stories come from writing about things you know and understand. Mr Ghosh stepped the girls through the process of creating an illustration, and they finished the talk with their own picture to take away.

We were grateful for the inspiring authors who visited us in the Junior School.

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