

Mercy Monthly P6 News

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Joseph Coelho: the New Children's Laureate

Children's Laureate Visits Mercy Primary

Joseph Coelho, the Children's Laureate, only picked two schools in Northern Ireland to visit. We were one of the lucky schools chosen to meet the famous poet!

Did you Know?

- Joseph Coelho is inspired by C.S. Lewis, a Northern Irish writer of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*.
- *Werewolf Club Rules* was the winner of the CLPE CLIPPA award



**" You don't need
to go anywhere
fancy to be a
poet" Coelho**



We felt so privileged to meet him in person. He entertained us with funny poems as well as superb tips as to how to be a poet.

Joseph Coelho grew up in the last village in London, in Roehampton during the 1980s. He lived in a tower block with his Mum and little sister.

Joseph Coelho is the 12th Children's Laureate in the UK. He got a medal when he won the vote and WE GOT To SEE IT!

Some of our classmates took a vote on their favourite book written by Joseph.

Here are the results:
Zombierella, *Overheard in a Tower Block*,
Frankenstiltskin and *Smile Out Loud*.



Young Writers at Work

Laureate Inspires Next Generation of Authors

Cara: Joseph Coelho inspired me because he made me want to write my own book which I'm doing at the moment! It's called *Agent Guys*! It's a superhero book. J.K. Rowling watch out!!

Tegan: Since Joseph's visit I have written eight poems all about my own hobbies and family.