

Talia is in Year 6 and recently entered a writing competition where her entry placed 2nd out of hundreds of entries. We are extremely proud of her achievement (which you can read here) and thought we'd pick her brains as to why she enjoys writing so much.

1.) Tell me about the competition.

Well, there's a website called Fiction Express and they were celebrating an anniversary for the website so they decided to run a competition. It had to include the word 'birthday' but it didn't have to be about a birthday and it could be a maximum of 500 words. It also had to end on a cliffhanger and offer three possible endings.

2.) How long did it take you to write it?

It took me about two hours or so but I kept starting the opening paragraph again as it sounded silly. I had to get my mum to check it too and she noticed things that didn't make sense so she helped me edit it, and also, I hadn't been paintballing ever so I based it on a Quasar party I'd gone to.

3.) Why do you want to be a writer?

Probably because I just want to be noticed for a talent I've got and writing comes to me naturally and it's fun to read something you've written and think I wrote that myself.

4.) Who do you enjoy reading?

I like reading old fashioned books like the Little House on the Prairie that not many other people read but I find them quite interesting. These books are about how these people lived but it's also a story too.

5.) So, what's next?

That's hard...keep writing and I'll probably look for new competitions to enter and one day I'll be first place.

6.) How are you going to spend your £50?

It's a voucher for Waterstones and I've heard that you can get Kindles there so I make use these vouchers to contribute to buying that as that would be amazing to have one of those for myself. The grand prize was actually a Kindle so at least this way, I could still get one!

