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Welcome to our first edition!

Meet Tom Palmer

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This is the first edition of our pupil newspaper - it is jam packed with interviews, puzzles, pictures and more all created by our talented newspaper team:-

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Thanks also to Mr Williams, Mrs Lofting and Tom Palmer for taking the time to be interviewed.



Meet Tom Palmer

Our intrepid team of Bronya, Gabby, Molly and Rhia spent a lunch break with author Tom Palmer posing lots of questions - Tom said it was the best interview he's ever been involved in! Tom visited the school as part of the Year of Reading.

Q. How long have you been writing books

A: About 10 years professionally but almost 30 years as a hobby.



Q. If you were stuck in a lift with a football player, who would it be?

A. Lucas Radebe- a former Leeds player who came from South Africa and was shot when in his early twenties when out shopping with his brother in Soweto.

Q. Who is your favourite character from the book Ghost Stadium?

A. Lucas- I based him on my nephew.



Q. What is your favourite book?

A. Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte.

Q. What would be your dream three course meal?

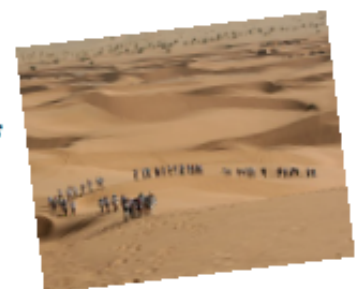
A. Smoked salmon and eggs, Game Pudding and then chocolate mousse or chocolate cake with a coffee.

Q. Where do you write your books?

A. On trains and mainly in Costa Coffee shops!

Q. What is your favourite desert (*this was a spelling mistake and should have been dessert-however Tom had a better story about his favourite desert!*)

A. The Sahara desert—as he did a charity walk there and met his wife!



Q. Where do you get your inspiration from for your books ?

A. Often articles I read or news stories I see.

Meet Tom Palmer

Q. If you could be anyone or anything in the world, what would you be?

A. God, then I could maybe make the world a peaceful place.

Q. If you had a million pounds what would you spend it on?

A. Give half to charity and then make my family secure.

Q. If you were stuck on a desert island, who else would be there too?

A. My wife and daughter.

Q. Who is your favourite football player?

A. Sam Byram.

The girls asked for some personal facts about Tom -

- Tom is married with 1 daughter, aged 11
- He was born in Leeds on 1st August
- His favourite colour is white
- He has six siblings
- He was adopted - he knows who his real parents are but has never met them yet
- His favourite football team is Leeds United

You can find out more about Tom Palmer by visiting his website - www.tompalmer.co.uk



Tom gets interviewed



William takes the rugby challenge



Tom talks to the pupils