

## Learner Newsletter Autumn 2014

Highlights  
from the  
autumn term



In October  
Progressing in  
English and Level 1  
Functional English  
classes went on an  
Oscar Wilde walk in  
Reading.



We saw the prison  
where Oscar Wilde spent  
two years of his life. We  
walked along the canal  
and read some of Oscar  
Wilde's poetry.  
After that we walked to  
the Reading Records  
Office on Bath road to  
see an exhibition about  
Oscar Wilde and  
Reading Jail.



Oscar Wilde was a famous Irish  
writer, poet and playwright. He  
was born in 1854 and died in  
1900. In Reading jail he wrote  
his famous "Ballad of Reading  
Gaol".

In class we read and discussed four of Oscar Wilde's fairy tales. We also read and learned by heart an extract from his "Ballad of Reading Gaol".

This is what the students said about his books:

- **"The Selfish Giant"** – "This story tells you that it is never too late to change your life".

- **"The Nightingale and the Rose"** – "This story tells us how beautiful love is".

- **"The Devoted Friend"**

– "This story is about friendship and about strong and weak characters".

And this is what the students said about reading books in class:

- "It really helps me to remember the vocabulary. I am curious about new stories and find it really stimulating".

- "The teacher explained how the books refer to Oscar Wilde's life. It helped me understand his work".

- "Give us more different kinds of books!"



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