

Youngsters get into character for opening of new library

PUPILS and staff at Burstow Primary School celebrated the opening of a new library by dressing up as their favourite book characters.

Where's Wally, The Cat in The Hat, and characters from Harry Potter all made an appearance at the school, in Wheelers Lane, on Friday.

Horley Town Mayor Mike George was alongside acting headteacher Claire Hodgson, staff and pupils to open its new pavilion building, a recently built library and resource centre.

The teacher responsible for developing the pavilion, Rosemary Coleman, the school's English lead, was also on hand during the opening.

Mrs Coleman, dressed as Where's Wally, said: "The school has made an incredible investment in the pavilion which will help pupils to read, learn and explore the wonder of knowledge and fire their imagination and creativity."

The log cabin-style pavilion houses more than 5,000 books, CDs and computers. All the resources are listed on a digital catalogue and more than 1,000 books have already been borrowed.

The pavilion, run by a team of volunteer Year 5 and 6 pupils has also drawn the praise of several children's authors, including Gareth Jones, Dennis Bond and illustrator Gary Andrews, who gave students some illustrating tips.

Pupil Faith Thompson, 10, a volunteer librarian, said: "I love being part of the pavilion team as it has given me confidence to recommend books to other students. It is my favourite place in the school to be."



DRAWING ON EXPERIENCE: Artist Gary Andrews gives Burstow Primary School youngsters some pointers on their illustration work