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## Annington challenges local Biggin Hill school to bring stories to life this term



Annington has inspired several schools across the country to take part in a Reading Challenge, thanks to the help of Epic Tales storytelling. At the end of last term children at Biggin Hill Primary School, close to Annington's collection of homes on Mouchotte Close, were treated to a visit from a storyteller to launch the exciting new initiative.

Five primary schools near locations that Annington is selling homes participated in the summer reading programme hosted and supported by the company to encourage children to develop their interest in reading and sharing stories ahead of this next school year. In partnership with storyteller Chip Colquhoun from Epic Tales, pupils let their imaginations run wild as part of an afternoon workshop and were treated to three stories, including the tale of a young boy called Boot who outsmarted an evil troll.

The story follows Boot, a young boy who has been picked on by his elder brothers, until he demonstrates the power of cunning over fisticuffs by defeating a troll. The class teacher played the troll, and the children were delighted in squirting her with water to ultimately overcome the wicked beast!

Afterwards, to encourage the children to read at least one book over the summer holidays, Annington donated an array of books for pupils to enjoy.



Stacy Whitehead, Marketing Manager at Annington, said:

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*“Reading and telling stories is so important – not just for developing a child’s literacy skills, but for their imagination too. Yet, as our world becomes more and more digital, the importance that reading and telling stories once held has sadly lessened. This is why we have organised a Reading Challenge for schools neighbouring our developments to partake in. We could not be prouder of all the efforts made so far, and we cannot wait to hear about all the new stories the children continue to read over the next school year!”*

Helen Lucas, class teacher from Biggin Hill Primary School adds:

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*“The children really enjoyed the story telling session and got caught up in all the fun. It was great to see them getting fully involved in the magic of stories, and they have read plenty over the holidays thanks to the Reading Challenge. This is such a great initiative, and we thank Annington for providing the opportunity for our pupils to get involved!”*

To find out more about Annington, visit [www.annington.co.uk](http://www.annington.co.uk).



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Annington is one of the largest private owners of residential property in the UK with over 40,000 homes across England and Wales. To date, we have helped over 17,000 people purchase their own home, many of whom were first time buyers, service personnel and key workers.

Annington's portfolio is unique in the private rental sector. While our homes range in style and size from one-bedroom apartments through to eight-bedroom houses, the majority of our properties are detached, semi-detached and terraced family homes with gardens. Annington's developments are often set in much more open space than you might find elsewhere, especially when compared to modern developments.

Annington has more than 20 years' experience as a private landlord and specialises in truly affordable family homes. We are one of the few private sector organisations with experience at scale in the Private Rented Sector (PRS) and believe that our model can play an important role in addressing the UK's current housing shortage. Annington was formed in 1996 with the purchase of 57,434 homes from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and properties leased to the MoD to house military families continue to represent a large proportion of our portfolio.

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