

Eugene Skeef / Peckham Splash

Eugene introduced the Peckham Splash programme to two year 5 classes with a session of story-telling, singing and drumming. I was especially impressed with his story-telling skills. The children tend to have a relatively short attention span, but such was Eugene's charismatic approach to relating tales mixed with autobiographical anecdotes that the children barely noticed the time slip away. It was obvious to me as an experienced classroom teacher, that Eugene possesses a rare empathy and connection with children. My Year 5s can be challenging sometimes, but there was no hint of inattention; they were completely rapt. Later, many of the children commented on Eugene and pleaded to know when he would return. I can think of no better testimonial than that of a young audience. Congratulations Eugene! A very, very impressive performance.

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