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Polish Stories Entertain Pupils

Wear Valley District Council are supporting a project to educate Bishop Auckland school children about Polish life.

They have helped to fund a visit from Polish storyteller, Michal Malinowski a director at the Storyteller Museum in Warsaw, to St John's School.

He visited the school and performed a number of Polish tales in front of a audience of about 20 year eight pupils.

There has been an increase in the number of Polish speaking pupils at the school on Woodhouse Lane so students are working together with Rachel Clarke from Twisted Digits, a Stanhope based digital arts and media company, to create a book of stories to make new Polish arrivals feel welcome.

Michel joined fellow storyteller Pascale Konyn and told stories about growing up in Poland.

These stories included animated tales of his mother's tomato soup, a Polish taylor who made his own clothes and an eerie cemetery he used to visit as a child.

The project is also supported by Cultural Hubs Durham and The Forge and Seven Stories in Newcastle.

Wear Valley District Council gave £300 to Twisted Digits to bring Michal to the district.

Notes to Editors: Rachel Clarke From Twisted Digits can be contacted at: Rachel@twisteddigits.co.uk

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