

# INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK DAY 2018

*With the children of Church of Christ Educare Centre* SILVERTOWN, ATHLONE



**In celebration of International Children's Book Day, we hosted a "Book Walk" with the children of Church of Christ Educare Centre, in Silvertown, Athlone, on 29 March 2018.**

The book selected for the event was called *Monkey Puzzle*, a popular children's book by Julia Donaldson. We took a group of learners on an exciting journey through the book. There were 12 reading stations set up; one for every page of the book. At each station, learners were able to collect an item from the story being told. At the end of the book walk, learners created their own version of the story with the items they collected at each station.

The aim was to empower children's journey to reading as well as foster an excitement about reading. We encouraged the children to go home and read the story from their take-home activity, to their friends and family.

International Children's Book Day is celebrated on 02 April each year, since 1967, to inspire a love of reading and to call attention to children's books. The significance of this date is that it was Hans Christian Andersen's birthday - the author of 168 children's tales, of which the most famous are *The little Mermaid*, *Princess and The Pea*, *The Ugly Duckling*, *The Emperor's New Clothes*, and *Thumbelina*.

Thank you to the teachers and children of Church of Christ Educare Centre for taking this journey through the book with us!



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