

## **Our Afternoon with Alex Scarrow**

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As most of you know on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March, the award winning author of Time Riders, Alex Scarrow came to Plymstock School. Alex Scarrow has written the 5 successful Time Riders books with the sixth one coming out, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2012 called City of Shadows.

On the afternoon of his visit, everyone who was coming to see his presentation was waiting in excitement for his presence .... And then he appeared! He wasn't what everyone expected him to be – he was more than that. He was bonkers! In his presentation, he was telling everyone about his books and how something tiny that happens in the past can make a massive difference in the future. In his books he described this as a timewave. He also showed us a trailer of how the first book starts; he even said that a Hollywood director had said that he wanted to make a film out of the books just by seeing the trailer, people's faces lit up as soon as they heard the news. To round off his presentation, Alex held a little quiz. He split the audience into 2 halves – the red team and the blue team. He picked out three students from each half to take part. It was a tense quiz, with one team taking the lead then the other but in the end it came down to a tie-break question and the blue team .... Won! The prize three dog tags with the Time Riders logo on. Unfortunately ,he had to finish. We thanked him by giving him a box of chocolates with his name on them.

After he finished, he was lots of signing and a few people got him to sign the big posters which we then took home (Jack and I both got one). Hopefully , next year ,we will have another author who is just as good and hilarious as Alex Scarrow.