

BBC Journalist helps Castle School pupils

Abigail Neal is a West Wales TV reporter working for the BBC, who lives in Tenby. She recently visited our school to talk to us about the BBC School Report and journalism, offering tips and pointers. Abigail taught us the importance of precision in journalism, that spelling, punctuation and grammar are key to a good report.

The first thing Abigail talked to us about was where to find news. Reporters can find their news from sources by asking people's opinions, researching through newspapers and speaking to key witnesses. The next thing we discussed was how to gather news. This included the 'five W's and H' (who, what, when, where, why and how) which are the key ingredients of a report. You also have to include interviews. She further explained that the third thing in creating great news stories is the 3c's - being clear, concise and correct.

Abigail talked to us about broadcasting and the importance of using the correct language to ensure that stories are clear and in an order that makes sense.

The last thing a reporter has to do is present the information to camera effectively; you have to make sure the script is clear, be confident, and don't simply repeat the images being shown on the screen.

We were really grateful for her advice and support and we thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.

By Georgie and India

