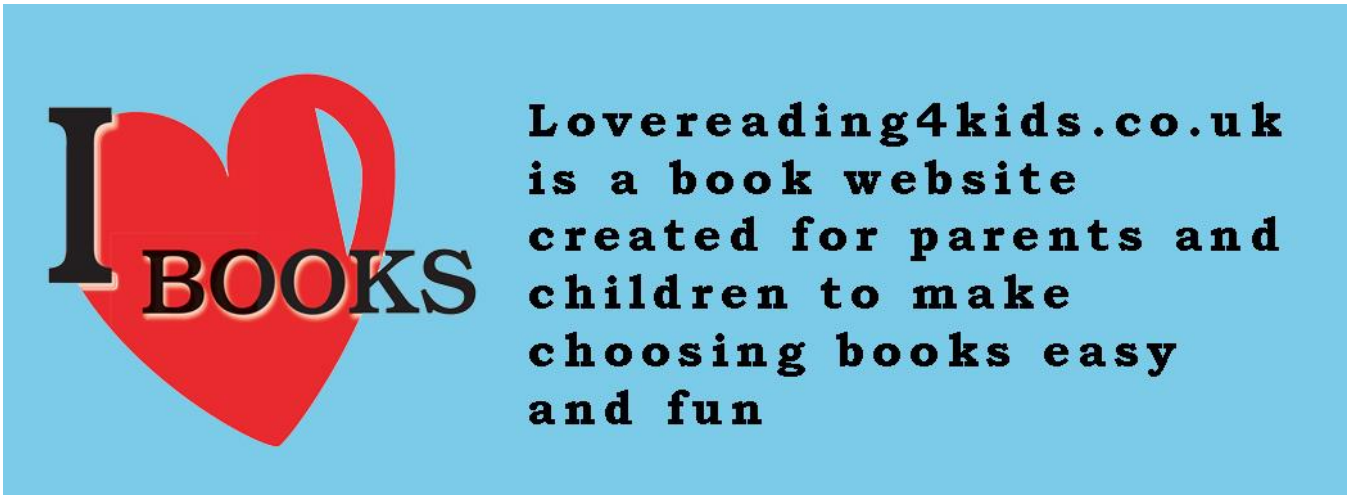


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READ ALL ABOUT IT.
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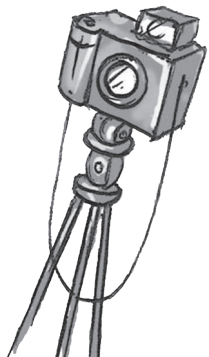
I was a star! It was cool. Very cool.

Men with cameras were all around us taking photos. There were women taking photos too.

One woman had a recorder.

Flash! went one camera.

Flash! went another.



"Look this way!" one woman yelled.

"Smile!" yelled another.

"You're both stars!" the woman with the recorder said with a smile. "Tell me all about it."

The woman was a reporter from a newspaper. She told us her name was Jo.

"I want you to tell me all about what you did," she said again. "We want you to be on TV on Saturday morning. Would you like that?"

"YEAH!" we both said.

"First things first," Jo said. "Would you like something to eat? A burger?"

We nodded. "Yeah!" we said. "You bet!"

We all went to the big burger bar on West Street and sat down at a table.



"What do you want?" Jo asked. "You can have anything you like. Anything at all."

This is what I had –

a burger

large fries

an extra-large Coke

apple pie ... and

ice cream with all the bits on.



Gaz had the same – but he asked for two burgers. He can be a bit of a pig.

Jo paid for all our food and put it down on the table. "Eat up!" she said.

She opened her bag and took out her notebook, a pen and a small recorder.

"There are some things I want to ask you," she said.