

# EARTHQUAKE!

Hi my name is Katie Thompson and I'm going to tell you about my earthquake encounter. One night I had just got to sleep when suddenly I woke up with a BANG. I got out of bed and my bedroom was shaking like mad. I saw that it must be an earthquake. I knew because we had just learnt about them in school with Mrs Cooch. I opened my door and got grabbed by my mother and we hurried out the front door. We saw that our next door neighbours were out too. Bricks and slates were falling off our houses. Big cracks were appearing in the ground. We could hear shouts, screams and rumbling around us. After a minute it got so strong that I fell over and couldn't get up again. Then to my horror a lamppost fell over and crushed my dog, then as if by magic the earthquake stopped. It was hard to think a few minutes ago I had been fast asleep in my bedroom and now it wasn't there.

I stood up and looked around all the houses had been turned to rubble. I walked away from my house and started to look around the street. The main road was split in half, the overhead wires had fallen down and were broken. I saw a road that hadn't been split open but it was filled with pits of stone and bricks. I got to the end of my street and one of the houses was on fire so I ran away as fast as I could.

Now it is 2 months after and on TV we found out it had been a magnitude of 7.5 that means it was a very big one. The whole of Fulwood had been hit and 100 people had been killed and 67 injured! After the earthquake it had taken 2 weeks to get all the water, gas and electricity to all get back on again. We with a lot of other people are living in a shelter until our houses are rebuilt. All I hope is that I am never in another earthquake.

By Katie Thompson.