



We Come TO YOU!

Festival Schools' Week

Monday 4th – Friday 8th October 2021

- Authors, illustrators and workshops **for all age groups**
- **We visit your school** so no need for transport and risk assessments
- Advance copy of the book sent to you **FREE of charge** to help you prepare
- Signed copies to buy and **we'll supply you with a letter to give to parents**
- All events are **an hour maximum in length***

Cost of Events:

(The Festival is a charity and honours the Society of Authors' guidelines for paying authors for events, travel and expenses.)

£5 + VAT per pupil for groups of 40 or fewer (min £200)

£4 + VAT per pupil for larger groups of up to 120 (special rates for whole school groups)

Creative Writing Workshop: **£14 + VAT** per pupil (*2 hours, 20-30 participants)

SEE BELOW FOR HOW TO BOOK

Covid update: We are optimistic that we will be able to go ahead with events as normally as possible. We do ask, however, that you provide as large a space as possible for your event, and hand sanitiser. Authors may choose not to sign books individually for children to avoid close contact.



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Monday 4th October

am or pm | Yrs 3-5

Kate Pankhurst

Fantastically Great Women
Scientists and Their Stories



The illustrator, author and suffragette descendant tells the important stories of some of the incredible female scientists whose hard work and persistence changed our understanding of science and transformed people's ideas of what women can do. The children will learn about Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space, the lengths that Elizabeth Blackwell went to to

be the first female doctor plus many, many more! There will be drawing, dressing up and most importantly, there will be lots of inspiration to change the world!

www.katepankhurst.com

Monday 4th October

am or pm | Yrs 6-8

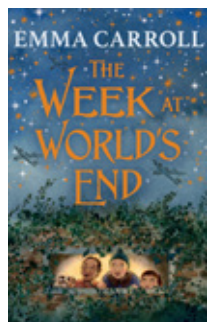
Emma Carroll

The Week at World's End



The Queen of Historical Fiction and award-winning author of *Letters from the Lighthouse* and *Secrets of a Sun King* introduces her heart-warming and enthralling new historical adventure, *The Week at World's End*. Children will find out about life in the 1960s including the Cuban Missile Crisis in Emma's most compelling book yet, plus there will be tips on how to write their own stories.

emmacarrollauthor.wordpress.com



Tuesday 5th October

am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Smriti Halls

Rain Before Rainbows



The bestselling children's author, and creator of *I Love You Night and Day*, as well as numerous other titles, returns to Schools Week for a fun and inspiring event full of storytelling and creative activities that will fuel the imagination! She'll take children on a magical journey with her hugely acclaimed and very positive book

Rain Before Rainbows and there might just be time for some laugh-out-loud giggles with *Not That Pet!*

www.smriti.co.uk

Tuesday 5th October

am or pm | Yrs 4-6

Jenny Pearson

The Incredible Record
Smashers



As we reflect on a fabulous Olympics, the Costa-shortlisted author of *The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates* will ask: have you ever wanted to smash a world record but didn't know where to start? Her latest book, *The Incredible Record Smashers*, is all about two brilliant friends who are desperate to break a world record (they have a very important reason), and it's bursting with record-breaking facts. There'll be audience participation as she shares how to really do it, and there'll be lots of reinforcement that it's the attempting that matters and how that makes you smashing.

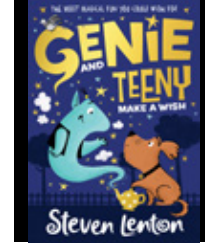
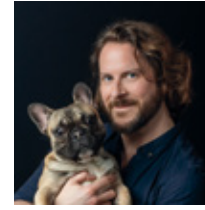
www.jennypearsonauthor.com

Wednesday 6th October

pm only | Yrs 2-4

Steven Lenton

Genie and Teeny



The Sainsbury's Book Prize-winning author and illustrator Steven Lenton will take children on a magical adventure as he introduces his brand new series *Genie and Teeny*. Children will meet Grant the Genie and his best friend the puppy Teeny, and find out all about their magical world. Steven will draw as he talks and the children can join in as he brings the characters to life on paper. A session packed to the brim with humour, life lessons and lots of adventure.

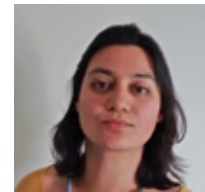
www.stevenlenton.com

Wednesday 6th October

am or pm | Yrs 4-6

Leila Rasheed

Empire's End – A Roman Story



Learn about the undiscovered voices of our past with Leila Rasheed. This inspirational event will explore Leila's thrilling novel for children about the Roman Empire, part of Scholastic's Voices series which looks at the lives of the myriad, multicultural contributors to British history. You will learn about why Leila wanted to write about the Roman Empire

and get top tips for writing your own historical adventure.

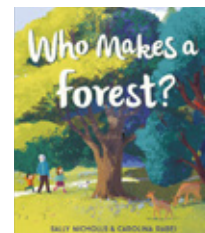
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Wednesday 6th October

am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Sally Nicholls

Who Makes a Forest?



Is it a wizard, a giant, an emperor? Sally will take you on a walk with Grandpa to discover how a forest is made, and see how a thousand tiny things can come together to change the face of the earth. In an interactive event, she will share her gorgeous, poetic book and explain about the different types of forests around the world,

their importance to our ecosystem and the impact of deforestation on our planet. Nature, and the importance of it, made easy to understand.

www.sallynicholls.com

Thursday 7th October

am or pm | Yrs 1-3

Tracey Corderoy

It's Only One



Tracey comes back to Stratford for a magical session as she brings her latest stories to life. Sunnyville is perfect - friendly and fun - until Rhino drops a toffee wrapper and all manner of chaos kicks off. Everyone needs to learn that *It's Only One!* does matter. She'll then take everyone on an *Impossible Road Trip* with Dog and Crab as they journey far

away to the seaside. An engaging event including stories, songs, interactive games and drawing.

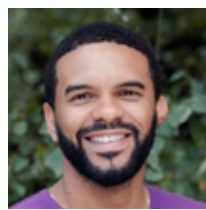
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Thursday 7th October

am or pm | Yrs 3-6

Alex Wharton

Daydreams and Jellybeans
Poetry



Winner of the Rising Stars Award Wales 2020, Alex brings an event full of rhyme, rhythm and free verse, as he reads from his new collection, illustrated by Katy Riddell. Alex's poems, for primary aged children, are both funny and sensitive, promoting inclusion and nurturing a love of language, reading, confidence and self-expression. Fill their ears with wonderful words,

celebrating the beauty of nature and the power of poetry to inspire. Alex will also share hints and tips for making poetry.

www.alexwhartonpoet.co.uk

Friday 8th October

am only | Yrs 3-5

Serena Patel

Anisha, Accidental Detective



The Sainsbury's Book Prize-winning author of the *Anisha, Accidental Detective* series shares her journey to becoming an author and how she created her irrepressible heroine, Anisha Mistry. Serena will share her top tips for writing stories that will keep a reader hooked till the very last page. The session includes a chance to use these tips to create a funny story inspired by things everyone

knows best. The bigger, sillier and funnier the story, the better!

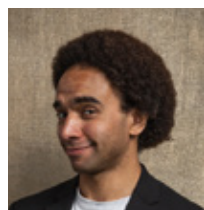
www.serenakpatel.com

Friday 8th October

am or pm | Yrs 7-9

Joseph Coelho

Writing a Story of Poems using Myth and Magic



The brilliant author and poet shares the inspirations behind his verse novel *The Girl Who Became a Tree* and reveals how he created a story that blends myth and magic, poetry and storytelling. Joe was the winner of the 2015 CLIPPA CLPE Poetry Award and the 2019 Bookshop Week Award. His poetry collections have been long-listed for both the Carnegie medal and the UKLA Awards.

With over 18 years' experience running creative literacy sessions in schools up and down the country, his work centres around stories and poetry that connect with young people as well as offering them ways to become inspired so that they too can find their own inner writer.

www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com



Creative Writing Workshop

Monday 4th October

Emma Carroll

Min 20/Max 30 students

£14 per person | Years 7-9

A brilliant opportunity for young people to learn the skills to create a story, and plan a piece of writing of any kind. The award-winning writer will provide a fun-packed writing workshop with students tracking down what makes a great story. Emma will be sharing tips for generating ideas and asking what your character wants, what they'll do to get it, and who or what is trying to stop them.

Inspiration will come from strange old objects, dogs in top hats, maps and monsters, as well as thinking about what makes a writer tick.

emmacarrollauthor.wordpress.com



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Most authors can visit morning or afternoon.

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Date for your diary!

**Winter Weekend:
13th-14th Nov 2021**

**A weekend packed
with fun for families
including favourite
authors, illustrators
and activities.**

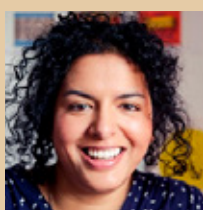


ONLINE CLASSROOM EVENTS *Available all week*

£30 per event or **£50** for two - no restriction on number viewing or number of views

Yrs 2-4

Nadia Shireen
Grimwood



Enter the riotously funny forest of Grimwood with picture book superstar Nadia Shireen! After a run-in with the scariest street cat in the Big City, fox cub siblings Ted and Nancy flee for Grimwood, expecting to find refuge in the peaceful countryside. Instead, they are met with thieving eagles, dramatic ducks, riotous rabbits and an absurd game called Treebonk. Join Nadia

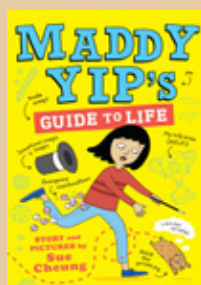
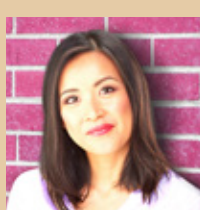


for a super fun and interactive event with loads of drawing fun. Nadia has been shortlisted for the Roald Dahl Funny Prize and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize. Grimwood is her debut middle grade novel.

www.nadiashireen.org

Yrs 4-6

Sue Cheung
Maddy Yip's Guide to Life



Join the Diverse Book Award-winning author for a fun and engaging event, where children learn how to recreate her hilarious illustrations, discover your hidden talents, and hear all about Maddy Yip's madcap adventures. Maddy Yip is perfectly happy in life, until she realises that everyone she knows has a talent – except her! Maddy is determined to change that, with the help of her brothers, bewildered grandad and her best friend Dev. There are disastrous attempts at breakdancing and playing the recorder, revolting cakes, and a disappearing trick that ends up with an escaped guinea pig. Will she find her true calling?

www.Suepickford.com

Yrs 6-8

Ross MacKenzie
Evernight



Ross MacKenzie is the multi-award-winning author of *Shadowsmith* and *The Nowhere Emporium*, the highly-acclaimed fantasy novel which won numerous accolades including the Blue Peter Book Award and the Scottish Children's Book Award. Here he'll unleash the world of Evernight on you and your class – from treasure-hunters in Victorian sewers, to magic and mystery.

You are sure to go on an amazing adventure and hear some of Ross' real-life inspirations for his books.

scottishbooktrust.com/authors/ross-mackenzie



Advance copies of authors' books

For all events, we will send you a copy of the latest book by your chosen author and information about them so that you can plan ahead and make the most of your session.

Book signings and sales

Authors need to sell books and, once children have listened to an author, they are often keen to buy a signed copy. These will be available to buy at every event. We will send you a letter for parents with prices prior to the event.

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