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# Bournville BookFest 2016

18th-20th March 2016  
Festival Programme

Various venues across Birmingham  
featuring workshops and story sessions  
with children's authors,  
illustrators, actors, storytellers  
and much more!



## Hello and welcome to the third Bournville BookFest!

The Bournville BookFest 2016 has been organised by Bournville-based social enterprise Busy Parents Network and is kindly funded by Arts Council England, the Big Lottery, Library of Birmingham Trust and Bournville Village Trust.

Following on from the success of the last 2 Book Festivals we've extended the programme significantly this year. We're proud to be the first Children's Book Festival in the U.K. to put on a specially tailored programme for children with **Special Educational Needs** and we will be hosting this programme at the Selly Oak Trust School. For the first time, we're also extending our programme to cater for **teenagers and young adults up to the age of 18**.

Bournville BookFest is Birmingham's sole Children's Book Festival. As such, we've taken the step of extending the programme across the city this year so that more children can get involved. We're very grateful to all our new venues for making this possible. The Barber Institute, Bournville College, Library of Birmingham, Shard End Library and Yardley Wood library are all joining in this year's Bournville BookFest as host venues.

Children and young adults have endless capacity for creativity and Bournville BookFest is all about inspiring the next generation with a love of storytelling in all its many forms. New for this year, we're delighted to include storytelling through dance workshops. As you read the Programme you'll see we've gathered together a vast array of authors, illustrators, storytellers, poets and actors to entertain, inspire and enchant your children.

We even have a Festival Poet in Residence for Bournville BookFest 2016. Amongst other things, Spoz will be rapping on a chocolate theme!

Continuing the chocolate theme, we're delighted to be launching a brand new children's book at Bournville BookFest 2016. "Two Brothers & a Chocolate Factory" is a picture book written by local author Juliet Clare Bell and illustrated by local illustrator Jess Mikhail. It tells the inspirational story of Richard and George Cadbury. A copy of the book will be given to every child in Key Stage 2 living in Bournville in the week before the BookFest. We'll also be having a special Book Launch as part of Bournville BookFest 2016. We hope you will enjoy taking part.

We hope you and your family have a wonderful time at Bournville BookFest 2016!

*Best wishes,*

*Sarah Mullen, Sala Davies and Lisa Godsall – Festival Organisers*

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# How to Get Tickets

## How To Book

This year all tickets can be purchased online via our brand new Bournville BookFest website.

**[www.bournvillebookfest.com](http://www.bournvillebookfest.com)**

The full programme is also available to download.

If you require a braille copy of the Festival Programme, please contact Sarah Mullen on [sarah@busyparentsnetwork.com](mailto:sarah@busyparentsnetwork.com)

## Ticket Information

For all sessions apart from those at the Barber Institute and Library of Birmingham you only need to purchase tickets for children. Parents go free!

All sessions for the Special Educational Needs track at Selly Oak Trust School are FREE but ticketed. Please reserve your tickets online via our website.

We limit capacity at workshop events to ensure everyone has a fantastic experience.

## Access Information

We are committed to making Bournville BookFest as accessible as possible.

Assistance Animals are welcome to attend. Please let us know if you are planning to bring an assistance animal with you.

All of the sessions at Selly Oak Trust School are intended to be Relaxed Performances. We have a relaxed attitude to noise and movement and there are designated sensory areas in each room if a child needs them.

Nearly all festival venues are wheelchair accessible and have wheelchair accessible toilets. If you are wheelchair dependent and attending sessions at the Barber Institute, please let us know in advance so we can arrange for access.

The Nick Sharratt and Jeremy Strong performances will have sign language interpretation.

If you have any other access requirements, please do not hesitate to get in touch so that we can do our best to accommodate you.

## Visiting The Festival with Children Under 12

Children under 12 years old must be accompanied to the BookFest by a responsible person aged 16 or over who is approved by the parent/guardian. For workshops at Bournville Junior School, parents are welcome to relax in our Poetry & Storytelling Café whilst children are at workshops but they are asked to remain on site.

Bournville BookFest has a Child Protection Policy but we cannot act in loco parentis or take responsibility for unsupervised children.

Teenagers and Young Adults attending our programme at Kings Norton Girls School can be dropped off by parents or attend on their own. We will ask parents to provide a mobile phone number as an emergency contact if needed. Finally, if anyone is disruptive they may be asked to leave an event.

## Testimonials

Thank you for a fantastic festival! My children and I especially enjoyed Nick Cope and Korky Paul. It is such a great chance for the children to think more widely about their books, to realise that the books are created by someone and that maybe they could create their own book one day. Thank for bringing this opportunity to them! **Abigail Martin – parent**

"Today I watched my son get involved in a way I've never seen before - moving around, dancing, singing, acting out stories, enjoying the energy of kids around him...it's been truly wonderful to see. I think you really made magic happen for us all. Thank you."

**Rachel Gilles, local parent**

"This is the first time we have been to the festival and it was fantastic; Julia Jarman had everyone hanging on her every word, and Simon James had all the children in awe of both his drawings and his stories. Will definitely be there next year; such a sense of community, belonging and welcome deserves high praise. Well done to everyone involved!"

**The Rodgers Family**

"I want to be an illustrator when I grow up"  
– **a 6 year old boy at 2015 Festival**

# BookFest Venues

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**Bournville BookFest 2016 is bigger than ever! We hope it will be a great opportunity for some of you to visit parts of the city you haven't explored before.**

## **Bournville Infant School**

Linden Road, B30 1JY. Parking available behind Bournville Green shops, and on nearby residential roads. On the 11a and 11c bus routes. Wheelchair-access is good. 20-minute walk from Bournville Train Station. Close to cafes and a bakery on Bournville Green .

## **Bournville Junior School**

Linden Road, B30 1JY. Parking available behind Bournville Green shops, and on nearby residential roads. On the 11a and 11c bus routes. 20-minute walk from Bournville Train Station. Close to cafes and a bakery on Bournville Green.

## **Selly Oak Trust School**

Oak Tree Lane, B29 6HZ. Park in the school car park. Excellent disabled access and sensory rooms.

## **Library of Birmingham**

Centenary Square, Birmingham, B1 2ND. Close to the city centre. 10-minutes' walk from Birmingham New Street Station, 15-minutes from Snow Hill. Wheelchair access. Closest multi-storey car park is at Cambridge Street and the NIA. Has its own café and you can take picnics up to the roof-top terrace.

## **Shard End Library**

The Shard, All Saints Square, Shard End Crescent, Shard End, Birmingham, West Midlands B34 7AG. Has own large car park. On bus route numbers 53, 55, and 59. Fully wheelchair accessible.

## **Yardley Wood Library**

Highfield Road, Birmingham, B14 4DU. It has a small car park and unrestricted parking on nearby roads. Wheelchair access and hearing aid loop.

## **Rowheath Pavilion**

Birmingham Children's Book Festival Marquee Heath Road, B30 1HH. Rowheath Pavilion has an excellent café, and picnic tables outside for those who want to bring packed lunches. Has its own car-park.

## **The Barber Institute of Fine Arts**

Concert Hall University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, B15 2TS. Parking is available at all times at the University's North-East Carpark off Pritchatts Road and some free parking is also available in the car parks and bays around the Barber Institute, accessible via the University's East Gate (off Edgbaston Park Road). The Number 61 & 63 bus routes go past the bottom of Edgbaston Park Road. 10-minutes' walk from University train station.

## **Bournville College Conference Centre**

1 Longbridge Lane, Longbridge, B31 2AJ. Ample car park. 5-minutes walk from Longbridge train station. On the No 63 bus route. There are many cafes and eateries to choose from at the new Longbridge Park.

## **Selly Manor**

Maple Road, Bournville, Birmingham B30 2AE. Parking at Wyvale Garden Centre's overflow car park and unrestricted parking on the roads nearby. On the 11a and 11c bus routes. 20-minute walk from Bournville Train Station. There is space in the garden to picnic in, plus cafes and a bakery nearby.

## **Bournville Community Hub**

Bournville Green, Sycamore Road, B30 2AA. Parking available behind the shops on Bournville Green and unrestricted parking available on the roads nearby. On the 11a and 11c bus routes. 20-minute walk from Bournville Train Station. Tea and cake available, and cafes and a bakery close by.

## **Kings Norton Girls School**

Selly Oak Road, Birmingham, B30 1HW. Parking available in the school car park. The school is a 10-15 minute walk from Bournville Train Station and just five minutes' walk from Leverton & Halls deli on Mary Vale Road, or the cafe at Rowheath Pavilion on Heath Road.

## **West House School**

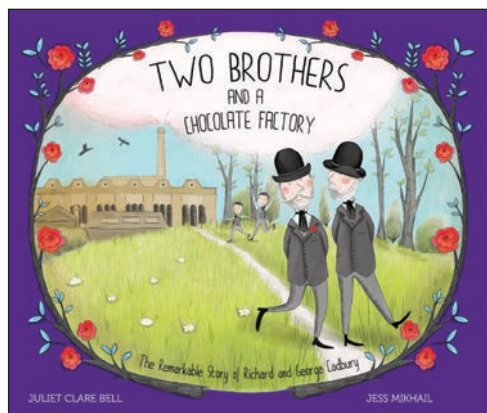
St James Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 2NX. Parking available on nearby residential roads, Elvetham Road and Pakenham Road, and in easy walking distance from Five Ways railway station.



# Two Brothers and a Chocolate Factory



**Bournville BookFest 2016 is absolutely thrilled to announce the launch of a new children's book about the creation of Bournville: Two Brothers and a Chocolate Factory.**



Written by local author Juliet Clare Bell, and beautifully-illustrated by former Bournville Infant School pupil Jess Mikhail, *Two Brothers* tells the remarkable tale of Richard and George Cadbury and their vision for Bournville: swimming pools, parks, fresh air, fairer pay, healthcare and education for factory workers. And they still managed to make delicious chocolate and turn a profit!

Packed with first-hand accounts from the last century, the book brings home the hard work and altruism it took to create this new kind of business – one which made a profit and cherished its workers.

During the week of the book-launch, former workers and historians will be visiting schools to pass Bournville's story to a new generation of children. All Key Stage Two children in the area will be given vouchers to collect their own free copy of *Two Brothers* and a Chocolate Factory at Bournville BookFest 2016 – and, of course, a bar of chocolate too!

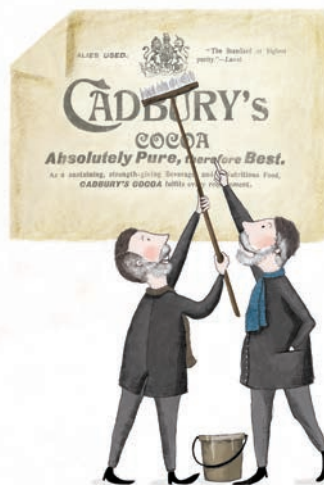
To celebrate the book launch there are several chocolate-related events taking place during Bournville BookFest. Look out for the following FREE family activities on Saturday 19th March.

- Juliet Clare Bell and Jess Mikhail will be reading from the book and signing copies at Selly Manor. If you are in KS2 at a Bournville

school, bring along your voucher and collect your FREE copy of the book!

- The hilarious and quick-witted historian Professor McGinty will be turning the clock back to Bournville in the late 1800s.
- There will be chocolate themed crafts and face-painting at our own Bournville Community Hub. FREE.
- ...and play your part in our bespoke specially-written chocolate factory drama workshops at the Hub led by Birmingham REP! (at 10-11am and 11.45am-12.45pm age 6+)
- Performance poet Spoz will perform Chocolate Raps – and help you write your own, at Bournville Infant School
- Want to act? Take part in our Charlie and the Chocolate Factory drama workshops with actors from Birmingham REP at Rowheath Pavilion.

*Two Brothers and a Chocolate Factory has been developed as a joint venture between Bournville Village Trust (BVT), Mondelēz International, the Busy Parents Network and the Bournville Society, with funding coming from BVT and a number of Cadbury Charitable Trusts.*



# Home Educators' Day - Friday 18th March

## Rowheath Pavilion Festival Marquee

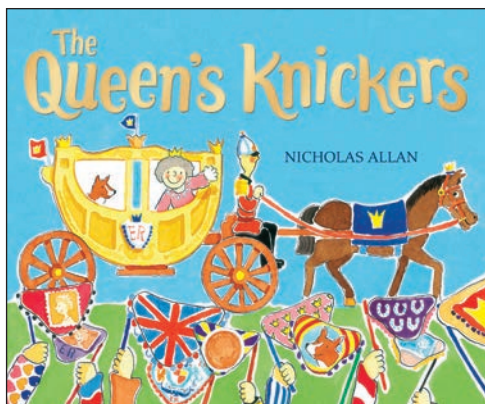
All these events are aimed at home-educated children under 15, and their families.

11.00am-12noon

### Lynne Chapman and Julia Jarman

Author-Illustrator Lynne Chapman (Class Two at the Zoo, Giddy Goat, Jungle Grumble) and author Julia Jarman (Big Red Bath, Big Blue Train, The Time-Travelling Cat) will be performing together in what promises to be a very lively start to Bournville Bookfest 2016! Join in a high-energy storytelling session with singing and silliness. *Recommended 2 years+.*

### Lunch Break



12.45pm-1.45pm

### Nicholas Allan The Queen's Knickers

Everyone can see the Queen's smart coats and dresses, but what does she wear underneath, particularly for a home school visit?

Through the eyes of a little girl hoping for a visit by the Queen, the range of royal underwear is revealed, in all its regal glory. Come and meet author Nicholas Allan as he reads from his humorous picture book.

*For children, adults and knicker-wearers everywhere!*



### 2.00pm-3.00pm Shifty McGifty & Slippery Sam with author Tracey Corderoy

Tracey will be reading from her popular Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam books, about two hapless robber dogs who decide on a career change after one bungled burglary too many.

### Tea Break

3.25pm-3.55pm

### Storytelling with Nikky Smedley

When Nikky puts on her magic, gigantic secret-filled storytelling skirt, stories flow from her mouth into your ears. Formerly Laa-Laa from CBeebies' Teletubbies, Nikky has a wonderful way of bringing tales to life and firing up young imaginations.

## Rowheath Pavilion Meeting Room

2.00pm-3.00pm

### Nicholas Allan Script-Writing Workshop

Nicholas Allan may be best-known for his picture books about nappies and bottoms, but he is also the scriptwriter of CITV's BAFTA award-winning Hilltop Hospital, which has been shown in more than 40 countries, and he has written several Radio 4 dramas. Scriptwriters of the future can discover the tricks of the trade at Nicholas' afternoon workshop. *Recommended for 8-15 year olds.*

*Note to parents:- We have programmed this session to engage and stretch older home educated children whilst any younger siblings enjoy Tracey Corderoy's session. Older children can be dropped off at the Script writing workshop with Nicholas Allan and Busy Parents staff. Parents are asked to accompany younger siblings at the Tracey Corderoy session.*

**Cost £10 for whole day per family.**

# Pre-Schoolers' Day - Friday 18th March

## Rowheath Pavilion Terrace Room

*All these events are suitable for the Under-5s.*

**10.00am-10.45am**

**Nicholas Allan –**

### **More and More Rabbits!**

Mr & Mrs Tail have too many babies: how many more can they have? Bunnies appear by magic, sometimes in the audience's very hands! Hilarious, magical fun with a workshop of decorating paper rabbits, and magically-produced edible prizes for all. Nicholas Allan, who wrote *The Royal Nappy* and *Father Christmas Needs a Wee!* is a member of the Brotherhood of Magicians, and can keep a roomful of toddlers mesmerized with his conjuring tricks!

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**Nikky Smedley**



**Toni Midlane**

**12.10pm- 12.35pm and 1.45-2.10pm**

### **A New House for Mouse – drama workshop for tots with local actress Toni Midlane**

An interactive drama experience for 0-2 years olds and their grown ups. Mouse has grown too big for the Mouse House and she needs help finding a new place to call home. But where? Up a tree? In the sea? In the tick tock clock? Come and help her find the perfect new pad!

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**4.00pm-4.45pm**

### **Nick Cope's Big Sing-Along**

Nick Cope writes and performs songs for children and their families, and went down brilliantly last year. It's a great pleasure to welcome Nick back for an entertaining, interactive and funny sing-along with songs about plants growing and baby's poo (perfect for big brothers and sisters!). We guarantee you will all leave the afternoon humming and singing! *Ideal for 2-6 year olds but all welcome.*

# Rowheath Pavilion - Saturday 19th March

## Festival Marquee

10.00-11.00am

### Lynne Chapman and Julia Jarman

Author-Illustrator Lynne Chapman (Stinky, Jungle Rumble) and author Julia Jarman (Big Red Bath, Big Blue Train, The Time-Travelling Cat) will be performing together for a high-energy storytelling session with singing and silliness. *Recommended 1-6 years.*

## Terrace Room

10.40-11.10am

### A New House for Mouse – drama workshop for tots with local actress Toni Midlane

An interactive drama experience for 0-2 years olds and their grown ups. Mouse has grown too big for the Mouse House and she needs help finding a new place to call home. But where? Up a tree? In the sea? In the tick tick clock? Come and help her find the perfect new pad. *Limited numbers only.*

## Festival Marquee

11.15-12noon

### Annamation Storytellers - Clara: The Rhinoceros Who Wanted to be a Film Star

Clara the Rhinoceros dreams of becoming a film star. With the help of hilarious and wacky characters and the exotic Kiki-riki bird, snobby Clara has to learn an important lesson or two about herself before she can become a true star!



Annamation Storytellers

## Terrace Room

11.30am-12.30pm

### Gingerbread Drama Workshop for 3-4 year olds with Toni Midlane

Take a trip to the land of Cake and Biscuits. A magical place where everything and everyone is made of yummy, sweet treats. But don't go eating the buildings or you'll make the locals very grumpy... Oh, maybe just a small nibble... An interactive drama workshop for 3- 4 year olds with music, movement, craft and lots of bubbles led by local actress Toni Midlane. *Limited numbers only.*

12.30pm-1.30pm

### Outdoor Story Walk with Annamation Storytellers

Join Storytellers Anna and Anna as they journey back to Ancient Greece and discover why there is so much thunder rumbling over Mount Olympus. The Story Walk will take you on a ramble through Rowheath Park. There will be plenty of chants, games and downright silliness to keep both the young and the young at heart entertained. Please meet near the playground. *Recommended 2-7 year olds.*

## Festival Marquee

1.00pm-1.45pm

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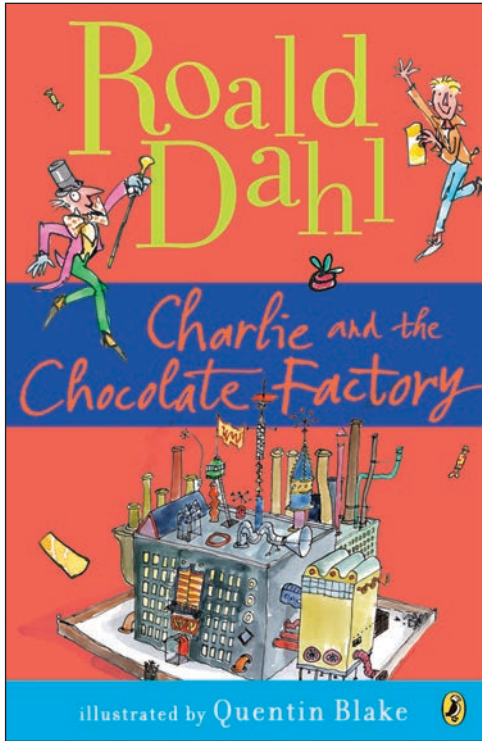
## Terrace Room

1.00-2.00pm

### Superhero Superstars Workshop with Toni Midlane

Calling all superheroes, ninjas and defenders of peace!!!! The baddies are back in town and only a brave bunch of crime-fighting super heroes can save the day. An interactive drama workshop for 5-6 year olds led by local actress Toni Midlane.





## Terrace Room

2.10-3.10pm

### Charlie & the Chocolate Factory drama workshop with the REP

Imagine if you had won a ticket to go inside Willy Wonka's chocolate factory! During this drama workshop you will play games, explore characters and act out some of the scenes from one of the most popular stories. You will focus on the moment when Charlie wins a golden ticket and what it is like to be in a place full of chocolate and sweets.

*Recommended 7-10 years.*



## Festival Marquee

2.30-3.30pm

### Nicholas Allan

#### The Queen's Knickers

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## Terrace Room

3.15-4.00pm

### Magdalen Gorrington & Mark Broadhead - Proud kings doing silly things!

Bharata natyam (South Indian classical dance) dancer Magdalen Gorrington and cellist Mark Broadhead have teamed up to offer an interactive movement-based storytelling experience followed by an opportunity to try out some dance moves for yourself. Looking at two stories of vain rulers, one from the Indian and one from the Western tradition, this performance has been specially commissioned for the Book Festival.



Magdalen Gorrington

# Bournville Infant School - Saturday 19th March

## Assembly Hall

10.00-11.00am, 11.30-12.30pm,  
1.30-2.30pm and 3.00-4.00pm

### Narnia dance workshops

Step inside the magical wardrobe into the wonderful world of Narnia.

Explore the themes of C.S. Lewis' classic book "The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe" and learn about storytelling through dance, with the award-winning Springs Dance Company. *Recommended 4-11 year olds.*



## Classroom A

10.00am-11.00am

### Story-telling and Puppetry with Mandy Ross

Come and enjoy a basketful of puppet ideas in a story session with local author Mandy Ross. Mandy will tell her own picture book story, *Dominic Grows Sweetcorn*. Then we'll all roll up our sleeves and get busy making puppets, ready to act and tell your own family story. *Recommended 5-10 year olds.*



## Classroom B

10.15am-11.15am

### Chocolate Rap! Spoken Word workshop with Festival Poet-in-Residence Spoz

Do you dream or scream for those cocoa beans? Do you over-indulge and have to buy bigger jeans? Do you have too much or can never get enough?

Then join Spoz and write some 'bars' about that chocolatey stuff!

A fantastic workshop of rapping, slam-poetry and finding your own beat. *Recommended 4-6 year olds.*

## Classroom A

### 11.15am-12.15pm **Animal Lullabies with Mandy Ross**

The moon is bright. It's bedtime. But shhh... in the animals' secret night world, who's getting up to mischief, instead of going to sleep? Local author of Children's History of Birmingham Mandy Ross will read from her children's poetry book, *Animal Lullabies*. Then the children will help her dream up some story ideas to help Secret City Arts turn the book into a forthcoming children's theatre piece. [www.secretcityarts.com](http://www.secretcityarts.com).  
*Recommended 4-8 year olds.*

## Classroom B

### 12noon-1.00pm **Chocolate Rap! Spoken Word workshop with Festival Poet-in-Residence Spoz**

Write your own chocolate-inspired raps and slam poetry with Spoz. *Fast, fun rhyming aimed especially at 5-11 year olds.*

## Classroom A

### 12.30-2.00pm and 2.30-4.00pm **Lynne Chapman Illustration Workshops**

The award-winning illustrator of over 30 picture books talks about how children's books are created. Lynne will show you her sketchbook drawings and explain how she develops her ideas and then it's over to the children, to create illustrations of their own, with Lynne sharing all her best hot tips and demonstrating how to bring exciting characters to life.  
*Recommended 7-11 year olds.*





# Bournville Junior School - Saturday 19th March

This year we will have a Poetry & Storytelling café in the hall at the Junior School. You are welcome to bring packed lunches. There will also be a cake stall and hot drinks available from Jo's Coffee van. We will have Storytelling and Spoken Word performances on stage in the café, which are free, at the following times:-

**12noon-12.30pm**

**Jake Evans**

Won Young Storyteller of the Year 2014. When Jake tells his stories he has the audience spellbound.

**12.45-1.30pm**

**Spoken Word performance with Joshua Seigal**

**2.00pm-2.30pm**

**Spoken Word performance with Spoz, our Poet in Residence**

## Classroom A

**10.15-11.15am**

**Poetry Workshop with Joshua Seigal**

Join dynamic poet Joshua Seigal for this workshop celebrating spoken word and rhyme. Joshua is particularly known for showing boys how poetry can be cool! Enjoy learning how you can weave your words to create great poetry. Age 5-11 years.

## Classroom B

**10.30-11.30am, 2.00-3.00pm**

**Storytelling Workshops with Jake Evans**

Telling a good story is an art form. Come and learn from the Young Storyteller of the Year 2014 how to create a story and how to keep your audience guessing what will happen next. *Recommended 7-11 years.*

## Classroom A

**1.45-2.45pm & 3.00-4.00pm**

**Sci-fi writing workshops with Monica Vaughan**

If you're a fan of science fiction, why not come along to this sci fi workshop? You'll learn how to write twisty plots, how to develop characters and how to keep your reader wondering what will happen next. Monica Vaughan writes science fiction books for 8-12 year olds. *Recommended 8-12 years.*



## Classroom D

**11.30am-1.00pm and 2.00-3.30pm**

**How to Make Awesome Comics! with Phoenix cartoonist Neill Cameron**

How you can generate awesome ideas for comics - and then how to turn those ideas into a brilliant comic story! *Recommended 6-12 year olds.*



# Bournville Junior School - Saturday 19th March



## Illustration workshops with local illustrator and Festival Artist-in-Residence Kate Hindley

### Design your Own Pet - 10.30-11.30am

A brilliant, fun workshop for children who love drawing animals. Kate's newest book *Don't Call me Choochie Pooh!* is about a pampered chihuahua who wants to be taken seriously. She'll be demonstrating easy ways of drawing dogs, cats, rabbits and ponies - and helping youngsters create their own pets.

*Recommended for 4 to 6-year-olds.*

### Design your Own Monster – 12noon-1.00pm

What kind of monsters can you conjure up? Toothy? Hairy? Goofy? Clumsy? Kate will show how she created the characters for her monster book *Worst in Show* - and then helps everyone create their own. *Recommended for 4 to 6-year-olds.*

### Making Faces - 2.30-3.30pm

Smiling faces, grumpy faces, wildly excited faces and tearful faces - getting expressions right can be hard! Luckily, Kate is ready to share all the tricks of the trade. Design your own character and learn how to draw emotions and expressions in this fun art workshop.

*Recommended for 7 to 11-year-olds.*



# Selly Manor - Saturday 19th March

10.15am, 11.45am, 1.30pm, 3.00pm.

All sessions last 1 hour.

## Professor McGinty

### Time Travels Adventures

Last year's sell-out and back again by huge popular demand! Join time-traveller Professor McGinty as he takes us back to the Victorian times. Meet brothers and chocolate-makers George and Richard Cadbury, author Charles Dickens, inventor Thomas Edison, nurse Florence Nightingale, and steam train pioneer George Stephenson. This is no ordinary history lesson - the wacky Professor is guaranteed to make you split your sides laughing! *Recommended 5+.*



# Selly Oak Trust School - Saturday 19th March

For 2016 we've created a new programme of story-telling events for children with special needs. We're lucky enough to have use of the wonderful facilities at Selly Oak Trust School, and there will be multi-sensory spaces to relax in. We haven't specified a recommended age for activities – we will leave it to families to decide what they would enjoy best. When booking these events, please include any information about your child that you think might be useful, so we can make the sessions as fun and beneficial as possible.



**Nick Sharratt**

**9.15am-10.00am**

## **Nick Sharratt's Big Draw Along**

The famous author and illustrator behind *You Choose*, *Shark in the Park* and the *Jacqueline Wilson* books will be sketching some of his favourite characters and reading from his picture books. Expect speedy sketching, inventive word-play and lots of belly-laughs.



**10am-3.00pm**

**Sessions will be on the hour and will last for 25 minutes.**

## **Story time with Guinea Pigs**

A wonderful, original idea for children who love animals, by Bournville artist Lizzy

Bean. The therapeutic influence of animals on children with special educational needs is well-documented. Lizzy will be bringing in her family of guinea pigs for children to hold and pet during a guinea pig-themed story-telling session. *Parental supervision required.*

**9.15-10.15am and 10.45-11.45am**

## **Let the Force be with you!**

Come and join in with a storytelling session based around building lego on a Star Wars and aliens theme! Ideal for children who like to use their hands and let their imaginations run free! *Parental supervision required.*

Places for these sessions will be very limited and are strictly for children with special educational needs and their families.



9.15am-10.45am and 2.30pm-4.00pm

## **Peter's Railway and the Picnic Train**

Author of Peter's Railway Chris Vine has been mad about trains since he was 2! This session – for all young train fans – will see Chris reading part way through his book Peter's Railway – the Picnic. Then it will be up to the children to get hands-on and re-create the action from the book by together building a model railway across the floor and sending each other freight trains loaded up with picnic treats as together you will complete the story!

Places for these sessions will be very limited and are strictly for children with special educational needs and their families.

11.30am-12.15pm

## **Peter's Railway – A talk by author Chris Vine**

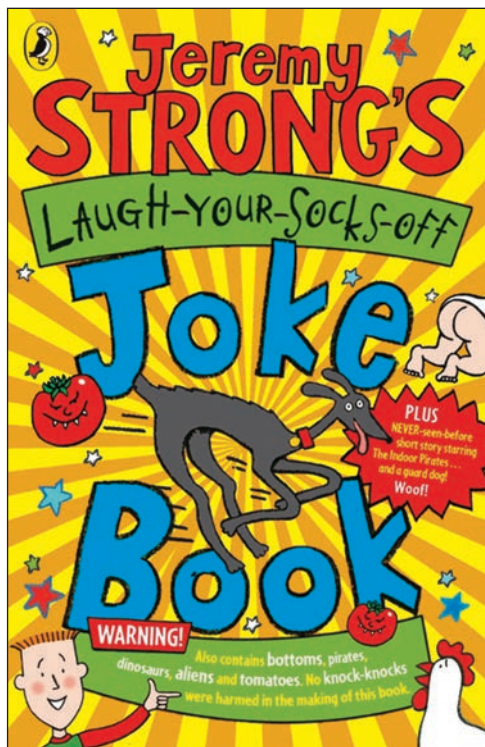
If you have a passion for engines this is the session for you. Chris will be talking about his hobby making miniature steam locomotives and how he built a railway in his garden, to more wide-ranging topics – dogs on railways, boiler explosions and all the fun of engineering. If you have a technical question, this is your chance. Chris is an engineer who became an author completely by accident. He'll be talking about his career, his Peter's Railway books, answering questions and he'll be giving away signed copies as prizes when he turns the tables on his audience and asks them some questions!

2.00-4.00pm

## **Create your own Comic book with Garrie Fletcher**

A fantastic workshop geared towards all youngsters who love comics. Writer Garrie Fletcher will help you create your own graphic stories and produce them using software so they look professional.

We're asking as many participants as possible to bring an iPad or tablet with them, with the Comic Life app loaded in advance. The app is really easy to use and means speech bubbles and dialogue boxes look brilliant whatever your drawing ability. If you can't bring an iPad or tablet, do let us know when booking your place, and we'll do our best to provide one.



3.15pm-4.00pm

## **Laugh Your Socks Off! with Jeremy Strong**

Award-winning author Jeremy Strong has written more than 100 books for children, and is an expert on silliness, hilarity and jokes. As a former headmaster (Diary of Dennis the Menace author Steven Butler was an ex-pupil) Jeremy is well-used to entertaining a crowd and this event promises to be a riot of giggles and fun.

3.15-4.00pm

## **How the Cat Got its Purr with Annamation Storytellers**

There's a hullabaloo in the park! A great competition is taking place to find out which of the animals is most talented? Will it be the ballet dancing squirrels, the hip hop bunnies, or the cat with her drum?



# Barber Institute of Fine Arts - Saturday 19th March

Sign language interpretation will be available for the Nick Sharratt & Jeremy Strong events.

## In the Foyer

11.00am-3.30pm

### Cartoon Workshops

Turn your favourite Barber characters into your own cartoons in our comic art workshop! Wander around the Barber's wonderful galleries - which include works by Turner, Monet, Renoir, Magritte, Gainsborough - and choose a character to turn into a cartoon. *Free workshop, drop in anytime.*



## In the Concert Hall

11.30am-12.30pm and 2.30pm-3.30pm

### Nick Sharratt's Big Draw Along

We are absolutely delighted to welcome Nick Sharratt for the first time to Bournville Children's Book Festival. Nick has written and illustrated some of Britain's favourite picture books including *Ouch! I Need a Plaster* and *Shark in the Park* and his illustrations bring to life the Daisy books, as well as Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker books. Warm and witty, Nick will be reading from his latest book *Vikings in the Supermarket* and *Shark in the Park on a Windy Day*. Meet some of his crazy characters: jellyphants, chocktopuses and the Sock Ness Monster! There will be drawing, plenty of inventive word-play and an abundance of silliness. *Recommended 4+.*



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1.00pm-2.00pm

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# Kings Norton Girls School - Saturday 19th March

**11.00am-4.00pm**

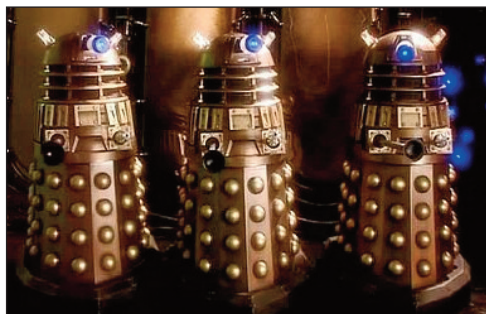
## **Play-writing Masterclass**

Local playwright Alex Townley joins us for the day to lead a 4 hour masterclass on writing for the stage. In this 4 hour masterclass (with an hour break for lunch!) you'll explore characterisation, plot, staging and timing. You'll be writing your own short plays and then seeing them come to life in the hands of actors at the end of the day! *Age 12-18 years.*

**11.00am-12noon**

## **So You Want to Be a Journalist?**

What does it take to be a good journalist? Come and find out all the tricks of the trade and how to write good copy from Lisa Piddington, formerly of the Birmingham Post and now Regional Press Relations Manager for Harvey Nichols. *Age 11-18 years.*



**11.00am-12.30pm**

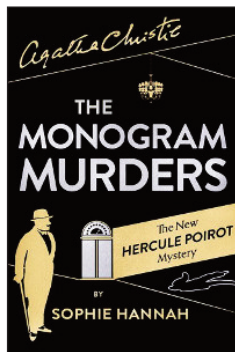
## **Dr Who Script-writing Masterclass**

You're going to write the best ever Doctor Who story and we are all going to perform it. Don't plan anything, don't bring anything, we're doing it all from finding the idea to casting your parents as the monsters. Doctor Who in one go: you'll have to think fast, think brilliantly and then it's all about writing in a group with me interrupting you at the good bits. If anyone serious asks you, tell them you're studying literacy and this is how drama writing works outside school. Are they gone yet? Drama is about communicating with your audience and it's about working with other writers, with a director, a producer and actors. Hello. I'm William Gallagher, I write Doctor Who radio dramas. Or rather I did: today you're the writer and I'm your producer. Come meet your fellow writers, we've got a Doctor Who play to put on and most likely a planet to save. *Age 8-12 years.*

**12noon-1.00pm**

## **Creative Writing Masterclass with Adele Geras**

Acclaimed author Adele Geras will show you ways of telling any story which will make it more interesting and fun to read. From spooky stories to romantic ones, she will give you lots of good writing tips. *Age 11-18 years.*



**1.00-3.30pm**

## **Crime writing with Sophie Hannah**

This workshop will give you unique insights from a multi-talented author of 15 psychological and mystery novels. Sophie Hannah wrote *The Monogram Murders* in 2014,

the first Hercule Poirot mystery since Agatha Christie's death with the blessing of Christie's family. In this fantastic masterclass you will:

- Learn how to build strong, twisty, unpredictable plots like Agatha Christie
- Create the perfect characters
- Keep readers on their toes with twists
- How to mislead the reader and still play fair

*Age 11+*

**3.00pm-4.00pm**

## **So you want to be a writer?**

Join author Adele Geras who will tell you all about her writing life and all the good and less good things about the job! Adele is very happy to be quizzed so please come armed with any questions you may have. *Age 11+*

# Bournville College - Saturday 19th March

10.00-11.00am

**Nicholas Allan**

## **The Queen's Knickers**

Everyone can see the Queen's smart coats and dresses, but what does she wear underneath, particularly for a school visit?

Through the eyes of a little girl hoping for a visit by the Queen, the range of royal underwear is revealed, in all its regal glory. Come and meet author Nicholas Allan as he reads from his humorous picture book.

*For children, adults and knicker-wearers everywhere!*



2.00pm-3.00pm

## **Julia Jarman – “Join in with Julia”**

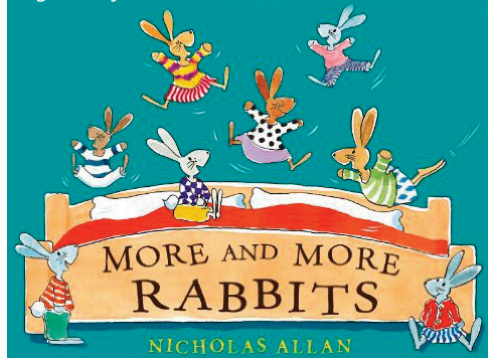
Julia Jarman writes brilliant stories for young children – Big Red Bath, Big Blue Train, Class Two at the Zoo – the list goes on! In 'Join in with Julia' – younger children can enjoy an interactive session, joining in with picture book readings, singing the cross pirate song, running away from the anaconda and handling Julia's cuddlier characters.

*Recommended 2-5 year olds.*

11.30am-12.15pm

## **Nicholas Allan More and More Rabbits!**

Mr & Mrs Tail have too many babies: how many more can they have? Bunnies appear by magic, sometimes in the audience's very hands! Hilarious, magical fun with a workshop of decorating paper rabbits, and magically-produced edible prizes for all. Nicholas Allan, who wrote *The Royal Nappy* and *Father Christmas Needs a Wee!* is a member of the Brotherhood of Magicians, and can keep a roomful of toddlers mesmerized with his conjuring tricks!  
*Age 0-3 years.*



# Yardley Wood Library - Sunday 20th March

2.00-3.00pm and 3.30-4.30pm  
**Arts Forum Selly Oak  
presents Moving Hands  
Theatre Company  
Benji & The Mini Beasts**

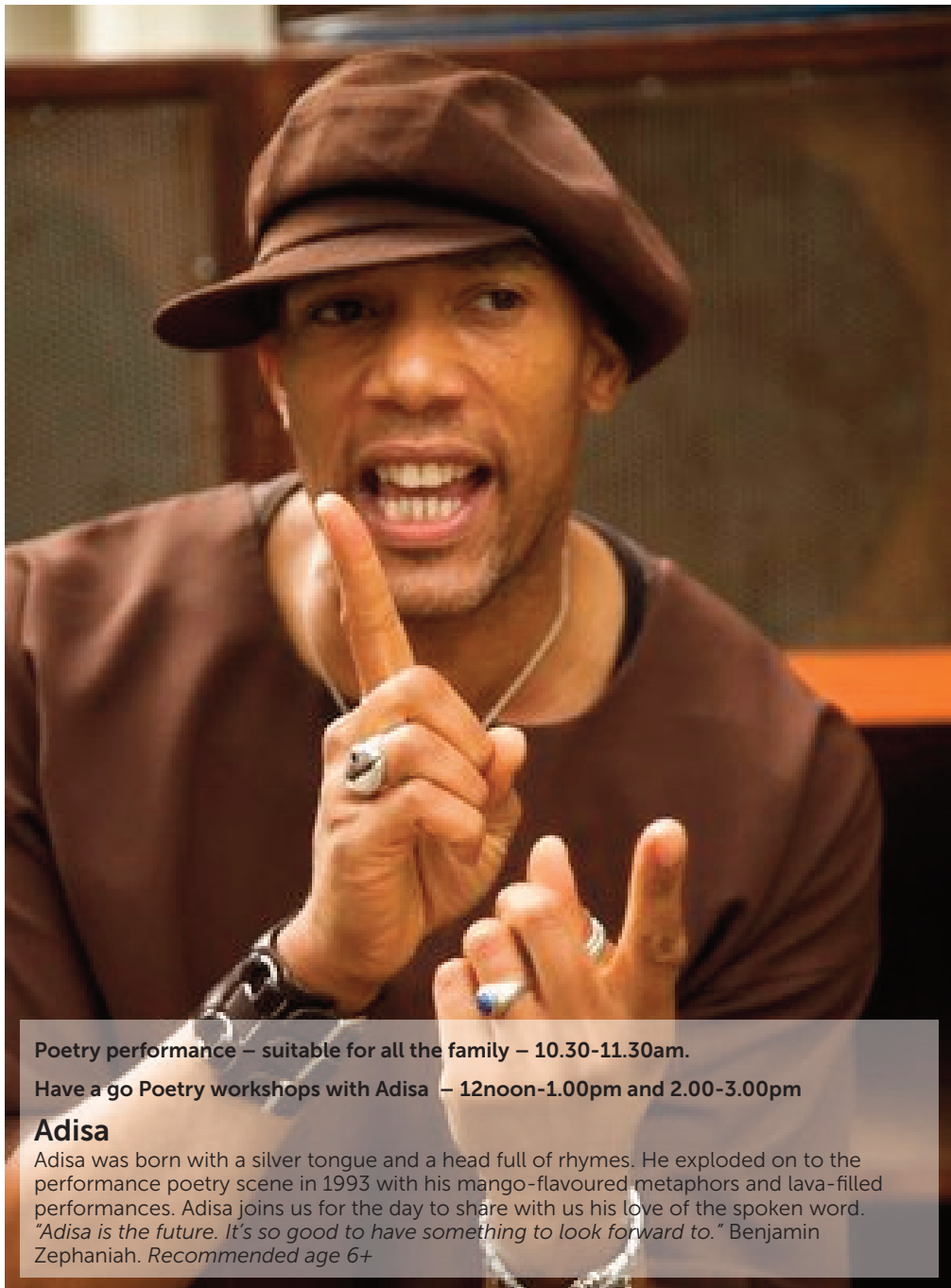
It is a special day at school. All the children are practising for a talent show, but not Benji. Benji has fallen off his skateboard and is too scared to get back on. He flies away on his magic carpet to a different talent show, to the Mini Beast Circus, where he learns to keep trying until he gets it right.

Moving Hands Theatre Company present a fun-filled story about Benji that they have developed for children aged 3-7 with writer Philip Monks & storyteller Pyn Stockman. The series includes a theatre performance & books (which will be available to buy).

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**Poetry performance – suitable for all the family – 10.30-11.30am.**

**Have a go Poetry workshops with Adisa – 12noon-1.00pm and 2.00-3.00pm**

## **Adisa**

Adisa was born with a silver tongue and a head full of rhymes. He exploded on to the performance poetry scene in 1993 with his mango-flavoured metaphors and lava-filled performances. Adisa joins us for the day to share with us his love of the spoken word. *"Adisa is the future. It's so good to have something to look forward to."* Benjamin Zephaniah. *Recommended age 6+*





## *Story Steps, Children's Department*

**11.30-12.30 and 2.30pm-3.30pm**

### **Meet Winnie the Witch and her cat Wilbur... with Korky Paul**

Magical moments with Winnie the Witch and Korky Paul means speedy sketching and spellbinding storytelling. Win prizes, such as original Korky Paul signed sketches, signed picture books and much more. Join popular illustrator Korky Paul for an energetic workshop, full of wit, enthusiasm and lots of audience participation. Korky Paul manages to make reading and drawing a magical and fun thing to do. *Recommended 3-99yrs. Korky will be available to sign books afterwards.*



# Sunday 20th March

For the first time Bournville BookFest is spreading into a third day.



## Selly Manor

2.00pm-4.00pm

### Write On!



Celebrate the region's up-and-coming young writers for an event featuring new poetry, prose and performance-writing. It will showcase wild and wonderful stories by members of the Write-On! Young Writers' Groups (aged 8-12), run by Writing West Midlands. If you are a budding young writer - or know one - come along to find out about the UK's largest network of young writers and how you can join in. We will be rounding off this celebration of young writers in our region, and the whole BookFest, with afternoon tea. *This is a ticketed event.*

## David Walliams GANGSTA GRANNY

### West House School

2.00pm-3.00pm and 3.30-4.30pm

#### Gangsta Granny drama workshops

Meet Ben's Granny. She's very much a textbook Granny: she has white hair, she has false teeth, she has used-tissues up her sleeve, and....she's an international jewel thief! Join actors from Birmingham Stage Company, as they lead drama workshops based on David Walliams' monster hit "Gangsta Granny". Find out what trouble Ben and his Granny get up to - and have a go at recreating the scenes yourselves! Age 6+.



# Thank you!

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