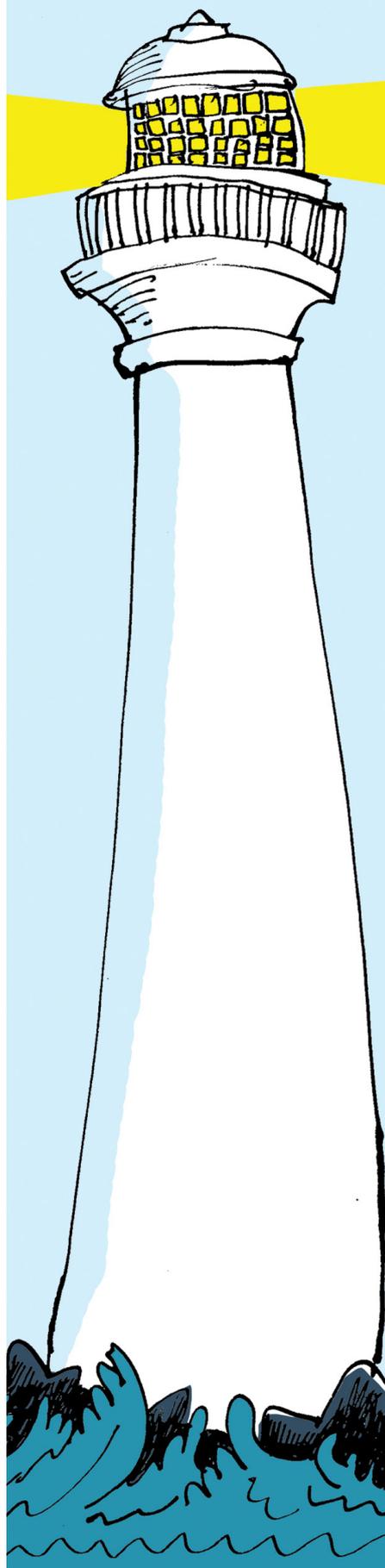


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GALA DAY

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2022
Volunteer Hall & MacArts, Galashiels



Welcome to the Borders Book Festival CGI Schools Gala Day

**TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, VOLUNTEER HALL & MACARTS, GALASHIELS
(IN-PERSON & LIVESTREAMED)**

What better way to kick-start the new school year? A visit to our ever-popular Schools Gala Day is perfect for firing up young imaginations, with a programme packed with fantastic events for pupils and teachers from Nursery to Primary 7 to enjoy. It's a superb day out in a very safe environment and the line-up of authors is guaranteed to excite and inspire. We can't wait to welcome you along for a memorable day of education and entertainment...

As an exciting new addition, some of our events will also be livestreamed and available to view free via our partners, the Inspire Learning team, who will supply a link to watch live via GLOW – School House. The livestreamed sessions will also be available to watch later free on-demand from the book festival website. Look out for these events which will be marked in the programme as 'LIVESTREAMING' and 'WATCH ON-DEMAND'.

This year, we are DELIGHTED to welcome back CGI as our Schools Gala Day sponsors. CGI, a company with a worldwide reach, specialises in information technology and has a flagship office in Tweedbank.

Take a look on the back pages to find out more on CGI and Inspire Learning and the innovative work they are doing with Scottish Borders schools.

Our schools events are always very popular. We therefore strongly recommend that if you plan to watch in-person you book quickly to avoid missing out.

All tickets for in-person attendance are **still only £2 per pupil**, per event, with entry for accompanying adults free of charge.

Need help with travel costs?

If your group needs assistance to get to Galashiels, we may be able to help you out with a travel grant of up to 75%. All travel support is on a first come, first served basis, and more information can be found on page 12.

Other useful information

Bringing pupils with special needs

If your pupils have special needs you may need more information about author events and what a visit to the Schools Gala Day would involve. We would be delighted to talk in more detail with you if you have any queries. Please call 01896 822644 or 07909 333012, or email info@bordersbookfestival.org

Eating packed lunches and snacks

School parties are welcome to bring along snacks and packed lunches, to eat at venues between any events they are attending.

Book sales and signings

Authors' books will be available for sale at events, and each of our events will be followed by a book signing. Authors are very happy to sign their own books or pupils' notebooks. Please do not ask them to sign someone else's books, scraps of paper or publishers' catalogues.

Details of books available for sale in our venues are listed on each event page. If any child is unable to buy a book on the day, the key titles can still be purchased online from www.bordersbookfestival.org until Friday 30 September.

CGI Schools Gala Day AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, VOLUNTEER HALL & MACARTS, GALASHIELS

Time	Event/Activity	Year Group	Venue
10.00am - 11.00am	One Button Benny - with Alan Windram	Nursery - P2	Volunteer Hall
10.00am - 11.00am	Tola Okogwu: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun	P5 - P7	MacArts
10.00am - 11.00am	Kate Leiper: A Flight of Fancy	P2 - P4	MacArts
11.45am - 12.45pm	Dekko Comics Workshop - with Rossie Stone	P5 - P7	Volunteer Hall
11.45am - 12.45pm	Mairi Kidd & Tom Morgan-Jones: Great Scots who Changed the World	P2 - P4	MacArts
11.45am - 12.45pm	Anne Brusatte: Scotland's Dinosaurs	P1 - P3	MacArts
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Scaredy Bat - with Jonathan Meres	P1 - P3	MacArts
1.30pm - 2.30pm	Tigers are Magic - with Joan Haig	P4 - P7	MacArts

Representatives from our sponsors CGI, and Scottish Borders Libraries are at the venues throughout the day with information about resources for schools. Suitable for all ages.

Venue addresses:

- Volunteer Hall, St John Street, Galashiels, TD1 3JX
- MacArts, Bridge Street, Galashiels, TD1 1SP

See page 12 for a map of the venue locations and more details on how to reach them.

THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR SUPPORT.



One Button Benny - with Alan Windram

10.00am - 11.00am | Volunteer Hall, Galashiels | Nursery - P2 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



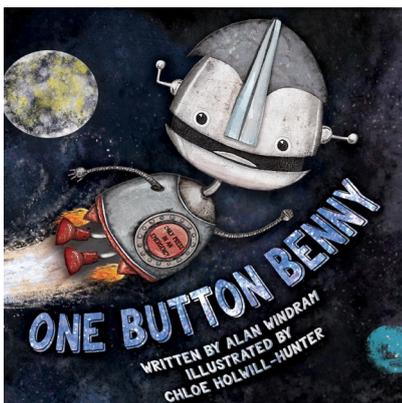
EVENT DETAILS

Benny is different, Benny is special, Benny is a Robot. Benny has a big red button in the middle of his tummy with the words 'ONLY PRESS IN AN EMERGENCY' on it. Benny has never pressed his button but one day something happens...and he has to press it!

Join award-winning author Alan Windram in this highly interactive picture book event with singalong songs, song writing and storytelling. There will definitely be some 'robot dancing' too. Find out what happened when Benny pressed his button.

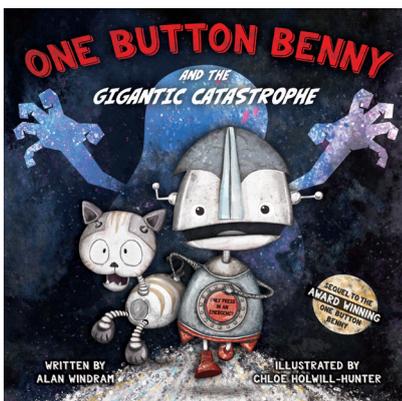
This book is all about inclusiveness and uniqueness – everyone is special and has something to give.

One Button Benny won the Bookbug Picture Book Prize 2019.



BIOGRAPHY

Alan Windram is an award-winning author of the hugely popular One Button Benny series of picture books. Over the last year Alan has toured his Bookbug Picture Book Prize winning robot picture book and the recent sequel *One Button Benny and the Gigantic Catastrophe* around schools, libraries and major book festivals. Alan is an accomplished singer-songwriter with four independent albums of original songs under his belt. He has toured extensively with some of Scotland's top musical artists. Alan is also the co-founder of award-winning children's publisher Little Door Books. He lives in Argyll and Bute with his wife and two cats, Sparkie and George.



BOOKSHELF

One Button Benny and the Gigantic Catastrophe, £6.99

One Button Benny, £6.99

A Puppy's Tale, £5.99

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.littledoorbooks.co.uk

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Check out free videos, activity and colouring in sheets as well as some downloadable songs to sing along to - all on the Little Door Books website www.littledoorbooks.co.uk

Tolá Okogwu: Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun

10.00am - 11.00am | MacArts, Galashiels | P5 - P7 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON

LIVESTREAMING

WATCH ON-DEMAND



EVENT DETAILS

Meet Tolá Okogwu and discover her epic superhero adventure *Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun!*

Onyeka has a lot of hair – the kind that makes strangers stop in the street. She’s always felt insecure about her vibrant curls, until she makes an important discovery: she can control her hair with her mind!

Her mother quickly whisks her off from her home in London to the Academy of the Sun, a school in Nigeria where Solari – children with superpowers – are trained. But Onyeka and her new friends at the Academy soon have to put their powers to the test as they find themselves embroiled in a momentous battle between truth and lies . .

Perfect for fans of X-Men and Black Panther, Tolá Okogwu will challenge everything you know about what it means to be a hero.

BIOGRAPHY

Tolá Okogwu is a British-Nigerian author, journalist and hair care educator. Born in Lagos, Nigeria but raised in London, she now lives in Kent with her husband and two daughters, and writes children’s books. Tolá believes it’s important for children to read books that are reflective of their own experiences, as well as other cultures and she seeks to create these opportunities through her books and wider writing.

BOOKSHELF

Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun, £7.99

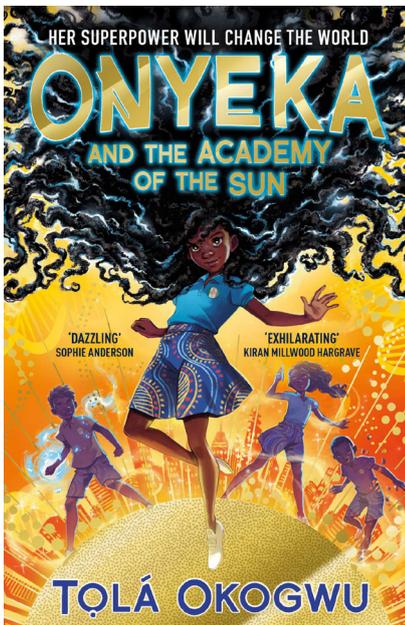
WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.tolaokogwu.com

www.instagram.com/tolaokogwu/

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

www.tolaokogwu.com/teaching-resources/



Kate Leiper: A Flight of Fancy

10.00am - 11.00am | MacArts, Galashiels | P2 - P4 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



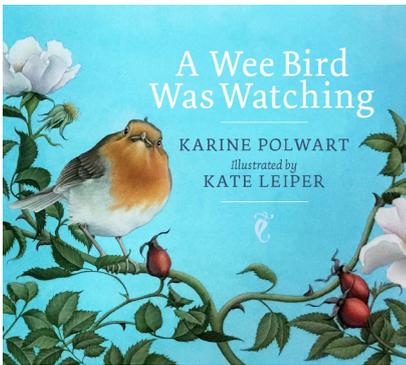
EVENT DETAILS

Join acclaimed illustrator, Kate Leiper, as she shares not one, but two bird-themed picture books, *A Wee Bird was Watching* and *The Queen of the Birds*, both written by the award-winning songwriter, Karine Polwart.

A Wee Bird was Watching takes you into an enchanted woodland of delights – and danger! Discover more about its fascinating inhabitants as you listen to a wonder tale of bravery and kindness. This vividly illustrated telling of a folk tale speaks of themes of displacement, migration and protection.

The Queen of the Birds begins in the aftermath of a great storm. The birds decide that they must find a new leader to organise cleaning up the mess. But who will it be? The bird with the loveliest song? Or the one with the brightest plumage? Or the one who can fly the highest? Swoop into a colourful world and a lively tale that celebrates difference and cooperation.

So, prepare to flap, hoot and squawk along as Kate shares some amazing feather facts, challenges you with an egghead quiz and even does a live drawing of one of her favourite birds.



BIOGRAPHY

Kate Leiper is an artist and illustrator based in Edinburgh, Scotland. She was brought up on the north east coast of Scotland and studied printmaking at Gray's School of Art, Aberdeen. While a student she became fascinated in exploring how narrative, character and emotion can be visually represented, which eventually led her to illustration. She has illustrated *An Illustrated Treasury of Scottish Castle Legends*, the third in a series of highly acclaimed Scottish treasuries written by Theresa Breslin and published by Floris Books. Other illustration work includes *The Book of the Howlat*, written by James Robertson, and *A Wee Bird was Watching* and *The Queen of the Birds*, both written by the award-winning singer and songwriter, Karine Polwart, and published by Birlinn Ltd.

BOOKSHELF

A Wee Bird was Watching, £6.99

The Queen of the Birds, £6.99

The Book of the Howlat, £6.99

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.instagram.com/kate_leiper_artist

Dekko Comics Workshop - with Rossie Stone

11.45am - 12.45pm | Volunteer Hall, Galashiels | P5 - P7 | £2 per pupil

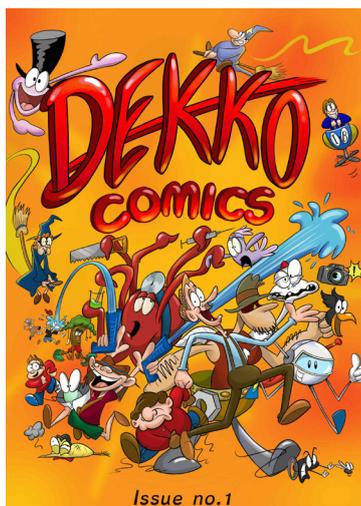
WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Imagine if education was no different from things you might like to do in your spare time. Imagine if school work came in the form of a colourful comic strip with daft stories and high-quality drawings. Would you find it easier and more enjoyable to read than a worksheet or textbook? Artist and animator Rossie Stone joins us to lead a workshop where he talks about how turning his school work into comics helped him get an 'A' in his exams and turned revision into a joyful hobby. He will show you how to make a comic, poster, or anything visual and entertaining out of even the most dull information - and how it can significantly improve engagement.

** The workshop will make use of the Book Creator app. Please ensure that pupils bring their iPads along to participate in the event.



BIOGRAPHY

Rossie Stone has been making cartoons and comics all his life but struggled throughout school with dyslexia. He was constantly at the bottom of academic classes and it wasn't until his final year of exams that he decided to present his revision notes to himself in a way that felt natural. By turning his revision notes for Modern Studies into comics, he got his first 'A' in an academic exam and found a way to make revision fun and easier to understand. Since then, he has graduated from Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and become the creator and founder of Dekko Comics Ltd, a company that turns school curriculum information into entertaining comic strips.

Rossie has won awards like Young Edge and the SME Business Awards, and been nominated for several more such as the National Diversity Award and Dyslexia Awareness Award. He has also been featured on BBC News, STV and has done 3 TEDX Talks - with the aim of making education accessible and fun for all, and to lose the stigma of "stupidity" that often surrounds those who have neurodiversity.

BOOKSHELF

Dekko Comics Issues 1 – 5, £7 each

Dekko Comics Issues 6 – 12, £9 each

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.dekkocomics.com

www.instagram.com/dekko_comics

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Mental Health Comic: www.dekkocomics.com/comics/dekko-comics-mental-health-and-wellbeing

'How To Draw' Comic: www.dekkocomics.com/comics/dekko-drawing

Full collections of Dekko Comics: www.dekkocomics.com/buy/comics

Teacher Classroom Packs: www.dekkocomics.com/dekko-classroom-packs

Online Subscriptions: www.dekkocomics.com/read-online

School Workshops: www.dekkocomics.com/workshops

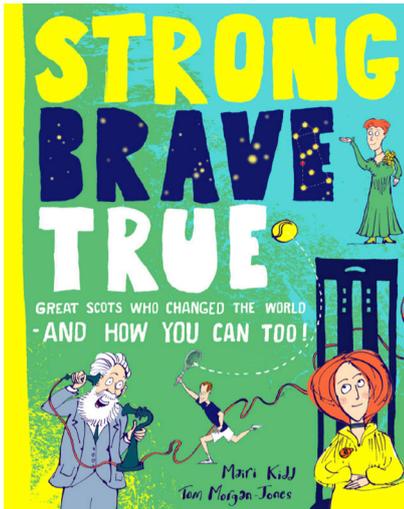
Mairi Kidd & Tom Morgan-Jones: Great Scots who Changed the World

11.45am - 12.45pm | MacArts, Galashiels | P2 - P4 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON

LIVESTREAMING

WATCH ON-DEMAND



EVENT DETAILS

What does it take to change the world?

Scotland might be a little country, but lots of people living here have had BIG dreams. People like John Muir, who persuaded others to protect the natural world. Or Alexander Graham Bell, who wanted to help deaf people and went on to invent the telephone. Or Williamina Fleming, who reached for the stars, even when women struggled to be taken seriously as scientists.

Join author Mairi Kidd and illustrator Tom Morgan-Jones for a fun-packed event about the lives of great Scottish people. There'll be drawing by Tom and YOU, there'll be AMAZING experiments and much, much more.



BIOGRAPHY

Mairi Kidd is an author who especially loves telling the stories of the women of Scotland for readers young and old. Tom Morgan-Jones has illustrated over 75 books for children and young people and his artwork has appeared on milk cartons, board games and even the back of a bus!

BOOKSHELF

Strong Brave True: Great Scots who Changed the World – and How You Can Too!, £12.99

The Red Dread, £6.99

Norman the Norman from Normandy, £6.99

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.inkymess.com

Anne Brusatte: Scotland's Dinosaurs

11.45am - 12.45pm | MacArts, Galashiels | P1 - P3 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Did you know that dinosaurs used to roam Scotland? Or that we find fossil bones and footprints in one of the most beautiful areas of the country?

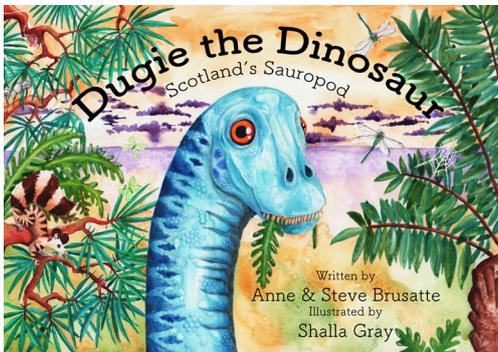
Join Anne Brusatte, author of *Dugie the Dinosaur: Scotland's Sauropod* to hear a story about some of these amazing creatures. Then, have a chance to see up close some actual fossils and redesign some classic dinosaurs based on what palaeontologists have learned about them in the last few years.

BIOGRAPHY

Anne Brusatte was born in Bristol, England, lived in New York City for several years but now calls Edinburgh home. She taught primary school for over ten years in two countries and is very used to children knowing far more about dinosaurs than she ever will. *Dugie the Dinosaur* is her first book.

BOOKSHELF

Dugie the Dinosaur: Scotland's Sauropod, £9.99



Scaredy Bat - with Jonathan Meres

1.30pm - 2.30pm | MacArts, Galashiels | P1 - P3 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON

LIVESTREAMING

WATCH ON-DEMAND



EVENT DETAILS

It's morning in the Dark, Dark Wood and Little Bat can't sleep. He doesn't like the light. So, when Big Bat and Middle Bat tease him and call him a Scaredy Bat, there's only one thing to do. Leave the old oak tree and prove them both wrong! Join Jonathan Meres to hear Little Bat's story about letting go and conquering your fears. With bat-tastic illustrations from Anders Frang. Especially suitable for P1 – P3s and Scaredy Bats of all ages, with songs stories and lots of fangtastic fun!

BIOGRAPHY

Jonathan Meres is a former merchant seaman, ice cream van driver, pop video extra, hand model and Perrier Award-nominated stand-up comedian. As an actor he's appeared on TV and in movies. As a writer he's written for TV and radio, but is best known for being the author of over 40 books for children and in particular his best-selling, award-winning series, The World Of Norm, which has so far been translated into nearly 20 languages worldwide. Jonathan's hugely entertaining live performances ensure that he's in constant demand at schools and book festivals throughout the UK and beyond.



BOOKSHELF

Scaredy Bat, £6.99

Noodle the Doodle, £6.99

Noodle the Doodle Steals the Show, £6.99

Noodle the Doodle Wins the Day, £6.99

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.jonathanmeres.com

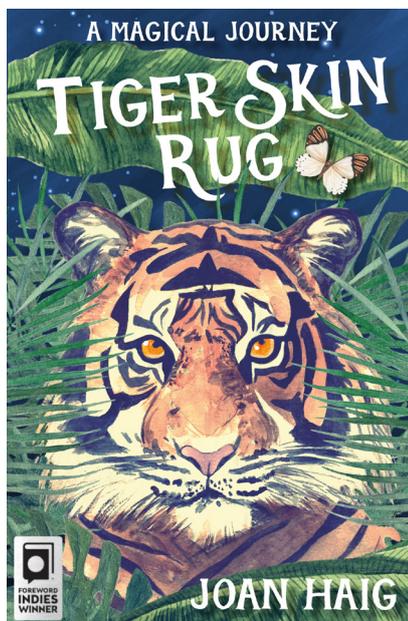
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Check out free videos, activity and colouring in sheets for various books as well as some downloadable songs to sing along to - all on the Little Door Books website www.littledoorbooks.co.uk

Tigers are Magic - with Joan Haig

1.30pm - 2.30pm | MacArts, Galashiels | P4 - P7 | £2 per pupil

WATCH IN-PERSON



EVENT DETAILS

Tiger Skin Rug, Joan Haig's award-winning novel, features a tiger with magical powers. Join Joan in this interactive session and learn about her storybook tiger and about the magic of tigers in the real world. Get ready for some tiger readings, a flying tiger, and lots of tiger facts!

Every child will leave with a bookmark and a National Literacy Trust colouring in sheet of images from the book, illustrated by Marian Brown.

BIOGRAPHY

Joan Haig writes fiction and nonfiction. Her debut novel *Tiger Skin Rug* (Cranachan, 2020) was nominated for the Carnegie Medal and won the 2021 Foreword INDIES Silver Award in the USA. In 2020, she edited a free eBook for Cranachan Publishing bringing together new work by 40 writers from across Scotland to thank children for all their handwashing, sacrifices and rainbows. Her first nonfiction title for children, *Talking History* (Templar, 2022), is co-authored with Joan Lennon and illustrated by André Ducci. She lives in a little house in the hills with her cats and other family.

BOOKSHELF

Tiger Skin Rug, £6.99

Talking History: 150 Years of Speakers and Speeches (with Joan Lennon and André Ducci), £15.99

Stay at Home! Poems and Prose for Children Living in Lockdown, FREE downloadable eBook. Access here: <https://www.cranachanpublishing.co.uk/stay-at-home-2/>

WEB / SOCIAL MEDIA

www.joanhaigbooks.com

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Author In Your Classroom, 'Making objects magical, with Joan Haig' podcast – <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/making-objects-magical-with-joan-haig/id1496583779?i=1000511678739>

Plazoom, 'Making objects magical, with Joan Haig' classroom resources – <https://www.plazoom.com/resource/making-objects-magical-with-joan-haig-episode-13>

World Wildlife Fund, 'Tiger Tales Resources' – <https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/tiger-tales>

Financial support for transport

If your class needs financial assistance to get to the Schools Gala Day, you can apply to have up to 75% of your bus hire costs reimbursed. Please contact us at info@bordersbookfestival.org with details of an estimate of the cost. Funding is allocated based on economic need and geographical distance.

You will be notified soon after submitting your estimate if your application has been successful and how much of a subsidy you will receive. You will then book and pay for any necessary transport. After the festival, you will invoice us for reimbursement of your transport fund allocation.

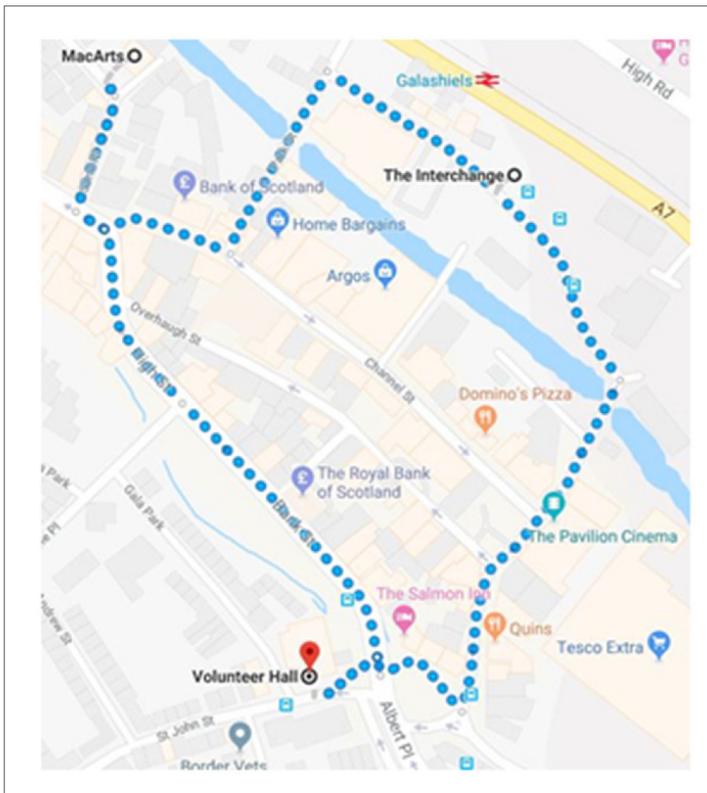
Venue locations and how to find them

Volunteer Hall

St John Street, Galashiels, TD1 3JX

MacArts

Bridge Street, Galashiels, TD1 1SP



Reaching venues on foot or by public transport:

Venues are close to each other, with only a 7-minute walk door-to-door.

Galashiels Railway and Bus Station is also within easy walking distance to both venues - only 6 minutes to MacArts and 10 minutes to Volunteer Hall.



The CGI Schools Gala Day

CGI is a global company providing IT and business process services. 'We live where we work', so – we're passionate about supporting our communities, aiming especially to inspire the younger generation. We're delighted to sponsor the Borders Book Festival 2022 Schools Gala Day.



CGI has worked in partnership with Scottish Borders Council to transform all schools across the Borders into world-class digital learning environments, thanks to a £16m investment by SBC.

This is just one of SBC's strategies for placing youngsters at the heart of education, raising levels of attainment and learning outcomes as well as supporting equality and inclusion for all. Work is well underway to ensure all schools are fitted out with the latest technology, state of the art Wi-Fi, and training and development for teachers which will give them a vast range of new opportunities and skills.

We call this the **Inspire Learning Programme**

Inspire Learning is Scottish Borders Council's multi awarding-winning education transformation programme to enhance learning, teaching and assessment through technology.

Our vision is to build a world-leading educational environment which better prepares our young people and communities for the future by ensuring a focus on digital skills, employability and life-long learning. We are excited to be starting our collaboration with the Borders Book Festival this year.

Our four pillars are MOBILITY, COLLABORATION, PERSONALISATION and EXCELLENCE.

See the FAQ sheet on page 14 or visit www.scotborders.gov.uk/inspirelearning for more.

Inspire Programme FAQs



What about iPads?

All pupils from P4 to S6 now receive an iPad for their educational benefit. Children in P1 to P3 can also access an iPad on a 1:5 ratio in each primary school. This is a future-proofed programme, with devices refreshed after every four years. Pupils return iPads when they leave school so that they can be serviced and issued to the new intake of pupils.

What happens if my child breaks the device?

A high-quality robust case is provided with all iPads, which will protect the device from accidental damage. If a device does become damaged however, it will be fixed or replaced where appropriate. If it is identified that an iPad has been purposely vandalised this will be dealt with as per the policy, and a discussion will take place between yourself and the school.

Will pupils be able to take their device home?

Yes, pupils with individual devices will be able to take them home to use for educational purposes, with or without Wi-Fi access.

The iPad will be used for in-class work as well as relevant homework assignments. Only in exceptional circumstances will pupils not be permitted to take devices home. Should you have a concern about the device being brought home, this can be discussed with the headteacher of your child's school.

At home, family members can make use of the device and the pre-loaded educational apps. Internet filtering would continue to apply at home, that would still allow access to many internet services, including SBC's online services. Parents and young people will not be able to download any apps onto the device.

My child already has an iPad/tablet, so does this mean they will get another one?

Yes. The device provided is specifically programmed for education, securely managed and pre-loaded with specific apps.

Do they give it back, and when?

The device will be refreshed every four years and returned when the young person leaves school.



What if we don't have Wi-Fi at home?

Children and young people should be able to complete schoolwork without internet access. One of the advantages of the iPad is that it has sufficient memory to store materials required to complete academic work. Students will be provided time to download necessary materials during the school day. A Wi-Fi connection at home will enable a student and their family to access the internet on the device.

Event Booking Form

CGI SCHOOLS GALA PROGRAMME: TUESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER, 2022

School	
Address	
Post Code	
Contact Name	
Telephone No.	
Email	
Mobile contact of Trip Supervisor	

If you would like to be added to the mailing list please tick here

Ticket prices as stated : Accompanying adults FREE OF CHARGE

Event/Activity	No. of Pupils	Cost	Total Cost	No. of Adults
10.00am : One Button Benny - with Alan Windram		£2		
10.00am: Tola Okogwu - Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun		£2		
10.00am: Kate Leiper - A Flight of Fancy		£2		
11.45am: Dekko Comics Workshop - with Rossie Stone		£2		
11.45am: Mairi Kidd & Tom Morgan - Jones - Great Scots		£2		
11.45am: Anne Brusatte - Scotland's Dinosaurs		£2		
1.30pm: Scaredy Bat - with Jonathan Meres		£2		
1.30pm: Tigers are Magic - with Joan Haig		£2		
TOTAL TO BE INVOICED				

PLEASE SEND COMPLETED BOOKING FORM TO :

Borders Book Festival Office, Harmony House, St Mary's Road, Melrose, TD6 9LJ or email to Mairi MacLellan or Paula Ogilvie at info@bordersbookfestival.org

Bookings are dealt with on a first come, first served basis. If your event choice is unavailable we will contact you to discuss possible alternatives.

Application deadline for ALL events and activities Tuesday 13 September 2022.

Please DO NOT include payment, an invoice will be issued.