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CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL
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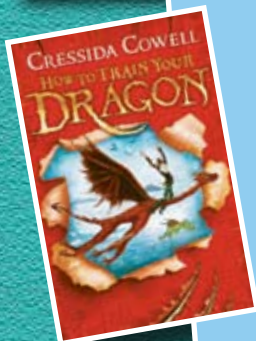
Aidan Courtney

Aidan is a cartoonist, writer and part-time branch librarian. He published Irish language comic anthologies to promote Irish talent. He created the YouTube channel *Céim ar Chéim* showing how to draw cartoons. Is cartúnaí, scríbhneoir agus leabharlannaí páirtaimseartha é Aidan Courtney. D'fhoilsigh sé cnusaigh ghreannáin Gaeilge cruthaithe ag talann in Éirinn do pháistí. Tá cainéal YouTube aige chun taispeáint conas cartúin a tharraingt. Tugtar *Céim ar Chéim* ar an cainéal. For all ages.



Cressida Cowell

The Waterstones Children's Laureate, 2019–2022, Cressida is the number one bestselling author–illustrator of the *How to Train Your Dragon* and *The Wizards of Once* book series. *How to Train Your Dragon* is also an award-winning DreamWorks film franchise. She is an ambassador for the National Literacy Trust, a trustee for World Book Day and a founder patron of the Children's Media Foundation. Cressida lives in Hammersmith with her husband, three children and a dog called Pigeon. For 2nd class upwards.



Gemma Crowe

Gemma is a Dublin based artist, about to release her first book *Caoilte Caillte sa Mhuséam* this year. After studying architecture Gemma went on to study illustration and art and now enjoys creating workshops for young people. Gemma ran a youth art workshop on Cuffe Street in the community centre up until the Covid crises. Art, people and community development are her main passions. This bilingual workshop is suitable for 2nd class upwards.



Kieran Fanning

Kieran Fanning, from County Meath, is a primary school teacher and author for children. He has written a series of interactive puzzle adventures called *Code Crackers*. The *Black Lotus* was published in 2015 and is about a group of time-travelling ninjas. *Irish Fairy Tales, Myths and Legends* is his most recent book, and features ancient tales of the Tuatha Dé Danann, Cúchulainn, Fionn Mac Cumhaill, and many more. For 3rd class upwards.



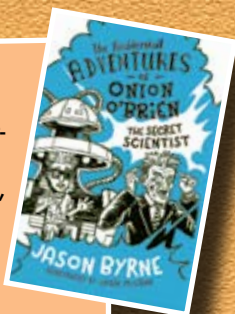
Johnny Magory

Author Emma-Jane Leeson brings us three workshops. Two on Wildlife and Heritage that involve reading 2 of her books then discussing the wildlife within them. She plays the tin whistle for children to dance and talk about the heritage around Fleadh Cheoil. For junior infants to 2nd class. The other workshop is a Writing Workshop. It is for children aged 8-12 and explains the basics around story writing, practices some mindfulness and then approximately 20 minutes of free-writing.



Oisín McGann

Oisín McGann is one of Ireland's most prolific and best-known writer-illustrators, producing books for all ages of reader. He is the author of the *Mad Grandad* books, *Headbomz: Wreckin' Your Head* and novels such as *Race the Atlantic Wind*, *The Gods and Their Machines* and *The Wildenstern Saga*. He is also the illustrator of Jason Byrne's *Onion O'Brien* books. These two autism-friendly illustration sessions are suitable for all ages.



Mara Menzies



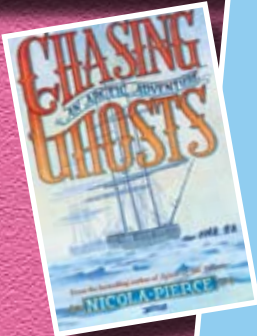
Mara is a performance storyteller, drawing on her rich, dual Kenyan/Scottish cultural heritage, creating worlds that explore contemporary issues through legend, myth and fantasy. With her inimitable colourful and physical style, she takes audiences on journeys of wonder, magic and mystery. She has performed and led workshops in over 20 countries and is passionate about sharing the beauty and transformational power of story with all ages. For junior infants upwards.

Muireann Ní Chíobháin

Is scríbhneoir, craoltóir, aisteoir agus scéalaí í Muireann Ní Chíobháin. I measc na saothar uaithi tá na sraitheanna teilifíse don óige *Dig In Diner*, *Mr Mender* and *The Chummyjiggers* agus *The Adventures of Muc* atá le feiceáil ar RTÉjr. Is breá léi scéalta fuinniúla a scríobh. Tá dhá leabhar foilsithe aici; *Scúnc agus Smúirín* (Futa Fata) agus *GIY's Know-it-ALLmanac* (GIY IRELAND). Is maith lei cócaireacht, am a chaitheamh san fharraige agus a bheith ag spraoi agus ag pleidhcíocht lena mac óg nuair nach bhfuil sí ag scríobh. For junior infants to 3rd class.



Nicola Pierce



Nicola Pierce is a children's historical fiction writer living in Drogheda. Her latest novel *Chasing Ghosts*, about the 1845 doomed John Franklin expedition to the Arctic, was released in March 2020. She also wrote *City of Fate*, which is set in Russia during the Battle of Stalingrad - known today as the most important battle of World War II. Nicola uses photographs to tell the true stories behind the books. For 5th /6th class.

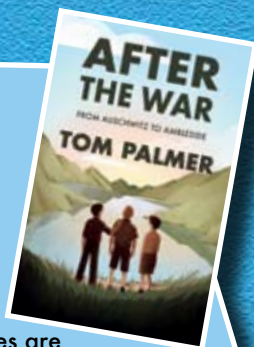
Paul O'Flynn



Go, Johnny, Go! is the first in a new series from Gill Books and Paul O'Flynn that showcases Ireland's brilliant sporting heroes. This book is all about Johnny Sexton and is written in accordance with the guidelines from the Dyslexia Association of Ireland. It will appeal to all sports fans and reluctant readers. With Paul's expertise as a radio presenter, News and Sport reporter, this book is sure to inspire young readers! For 1st class upwards.

Tom Palmer

A session on refugees and war. When people arrive in a new country – having escaped dangerous and sometimes deadly events – they are sometimes met with kindness, sometimes not. In these two talks, Tom speaks about how reading and writing about refugees and war has helped him work out what he thinks. His books *After the War*, *Over the Line*, *D-Day Dog* and *Armistice Runner* feature children and adults whose lives are changed forever by armed conflict. For 5th/6th class.



Steve Skidmore



Award winning writer (with Steve Barlow) of over 250 titles for children, including: fiction, non-fiction, playscripts, graphic novels, adaptations, teaching textbooks, TV shows, radio, magazines, tablet apps and newspapers. Steve travels the world promoting and inspiring a love of reading and writing to students and teachers... With travel now restricted, he's brought these skills to the digital world! For 2nd class upwards.

Book Doctors

Are you a young reader? Looking for a new series to delve into? The Book Doctor is here to help with a Book Prescription for your class! Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors give guidance about books to children and their families. Based on an informal chat, the white coat-clad Children's Books Ireland Book Doctors recommend excellent books for any age of young reader, supported by CBI's many reading resources. For 2nd to 4th class.



Candlelit Tales



Full of Irish myths and folktales, we have created a series of stories especially for kids. We want to inspire another generation to be swept up in the magic of these stories. Irish Myths are full of adventure, daring, and danger so we take our favourite stories, add music and bring them to life. These stories are made for kids of all kinds, big and small! For 3rd class upwards.

Rediscovery Centre

The Biodiversity Workshop Video explores how to encourage wildlife and nature. It includes interactive activities that groups can do in their classroom or at home. Suitable for children in 1st to 3rd class. The Science of Magic Video investigates science through magic and includes a range of hands-on, interactive experiments that groups can do in their classroom or at home. Suitable for 4th to 6th class.



Mobile Music School



The Mobile Music School delivers music programmes in schools and libraries. Their music videos introduce school going children to the world of music through hands on, fun & interactive music activities. The videos focus on rhythm, pitch, the composer, the conductor & musical instruments. For Junior Infants to 1st class.

Competitions & Family Days

Win a book hamper for your class!

Fill in our feedback sheet to be in with a chance to win a book hamper to the value of €120.

Draw your favourite book character!

The template can be found on our website. Entries to be emailed back or dropped in to your nearest public library marked as Children's Book Festival Competitions.

Book Quiz Draw

Do the quiz and send your class details in for a draw. Book vouchers to be won.

Migration/Welcome to the Flock Postcard Competition

This project was started in response to the refugee crisis in Europe. It began with artists/illustrators sending postcards of birds to a university in the UK. A message of welcome was included on the back of the postcard. We are asking schools to participate in a similar project. This competition ties in with the Tom Palmer book videos on the themes of war and refugees.

For all the competitions, please email all entries to:
childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie

Family Days Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th October 2020

Going to miss our Children's Book Festival Family Day? Don't worry, we are bringing you not one but two days of online family fun. On the 24th and 25th of October, a number of our videos will be available for all to watch. Details of all of these on our website: **www.meathlibraries.ie**

For queries, please phone:

Eve: 01 8251248 or Mary: 01 8358185.

Welcome!

Welcome to this year's Children's Book Festival online. To keep it nice and simple we have put everything under the Children's Book Festival Page 2020 on our library website. All our events this year are online with the option to watch almost anything you want. To view all the events and supporting downloads go to **www.meathlibraries.ie**

Highlights

Cressida Cowell (Children's Laureate UK 2020) of the *How To Train Your Dragon* series, **Muireann Ní Chiobháin**, screenwriter, performer and author of *Scúnc agus Smúirín*, **Nicola Pierce**, author of *The Spirit of the Titanic* and *Chasing Ghosts* and **Steve Skidmore** with his fantastic *iHero* series where you get to choose what happens...

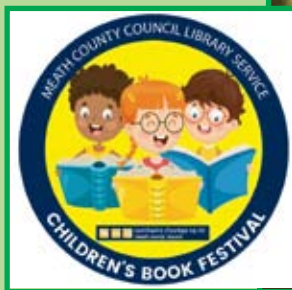
We have storytellers, cartoonists, two autism-friendly videos by author and illustrator Oisín McGann, music events, a book quiz, competitions for book hampers, book tokens and loads more. There is something for everyone from ages 4 - 12 years and don't forget to check out our Family Days.

To Book

Email **childrensbookfestival@meathcoco.ie** with your chosen event(s).

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