



Summer update!

# Schools' Programme 2018

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## Why are we sending you this pack?

We want the children at your school to benefit from the IWLF Schools' Programme; to be inspired and enthralled by wonderful writers and performers. Please GET IN TOUCH NOW to register your school's interest and pass this pack on to your colleagues to make the most of this wonderful (free) opportunity.



The wonderful, award-winning Tracey Corderoy will be part of the Schools' Programme again this year

## Important dates for 2018

- Summer term: Local authors to visit schools to talk about the IWLF Youth Zone and Schools' Programme
- Schools' Programme: Thursday and Friday 11-12th October 2018
- IWLF (adult programme): 11-14th October 2018 [www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com](http://www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com) for details
- IWLF Youth Zone (children's festival): Friday, Saturday, Sunday 19-21st October 2018 [www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com/youth-zone](http://www.isleofwightliteraryfestival.com/youth-zone) for details

## Schools' Programme 2017: Fun Facts

Multi-award-winning Island author Kieran Larwood, inspiring children at St Helens Primary School last year

**20+** authors, illustrators, storytellers, actors and spoken word artists visited Island schools over two days

**5,054** children enjoyed their stories in... **37** Island schools



We want to make 2018 even bigger and better !



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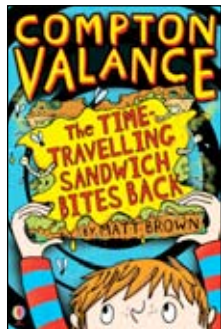
## Authors Confirmed for 2018

We are working hard at the moment, talking to inspirational and exciting authors, illustrators and performers, trying to draw up the best possible Schools' Programme for 2018. We are excited by the line-up so far. Here are just some of the lovely people who have agreed to take part:

**Guy Bass** is an award-winning author, whose series include *Stitch Head*, *Spyinosaur The Legend of Frog*, *Dinkin Dings* and *Atomic!* In 2010 *Dinkin Dings* and *the Frightening Things* won the Blue Peter Award for Most Fun Book with Pictures.

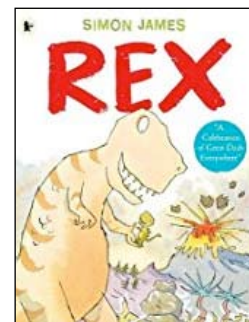


**Ross Montgomery**, writer of weird and wonderful award-winning books for children, loves school visits and the chance to 'instil children with a passion for coming up with stories'. His most recent book, *Max and the Millions*, was published on World Book Day 2018.

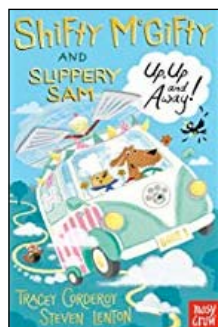


**Matt Brown** is the author of the funny and fast-paced time-travelling Compton Vallance series. His school visits promise to be full of fun and food!

**Patrice Lawrence** has won praise and plaudits for her first two YA novels. We are very excited to welcome this vibrant, accomplished storyteller to our Schools' Programme.



**Simon James** is a hugely popular and award-winning picture book author for young readers and is making a very welcome return to our Schools' Programme this year.



**Tracey Corderoy** was a huge hit at our Schools' Programme in 2018 and we are delighted that this multi-talented, multi-award-winning author will be back again this year.



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## 11 Tips for a Top Schools' Programme Visit

- 1 Invite one of our local authors or storytellers in during the summer term, to talk about the IWLF Youth Zone and Schools' Programme.**
- 2 Prepare your children for the visit.** If you whip up some excitement in advance, they will get much more out of the visit. You could set projects based on the author or storyteller's work. Can the children do some research of their own?
- 3 Discuss the event format with the author or storyteller in advance.** Will it be a single, large group presentation, or a number of sessions with individual classes? We can adapt to fit your space and timetable.
- 4 Discuss book sales in advance.** Book sales are important: if children get enthusiastic about an author and a particular book, it's great to put that book into their hands right away. A signed book is often treasured for life. Of course, it also helps the author to carry on doing their job.
- 5 Come up with a good system for book purchases.** Don't expect children to remember to bring money on the day, have a good pre-order system in place, or a school payment plan. Your kids WILL want books after a good author visit, and it's a shame to let them down.
- 6 Photography.** It's great to have photos of your children for your newsletter and website and if your school policy allows, share it with the author or storyteller so they can use it on their website too.
- 7 Do you want to alert local media?** It's good publicity for the school and author.
- 8 Provisions on the day.** Discuss beforehand what sort of supplies the author needs – a flipchart with A1 paper is always welcome. The author may also need to use PowerPoint on a smart screen which is linked to a laptop. It's enormously helpful to make sure it is working before the visit!
- 9 Teachers - take part too.** When children see their teachers taking part, they take the activity much more seriously. The worst thing teachers can do is chat in the back, or ignore the author or storyteller and mark papers.
- 10 Crowd control.** It may sound obvious, but authors aren't teachers. It's helpful if teachers and staff can keep control of the classroom.
- 11 Have fun and enjoy this wonderful resource from the IWLF Youth Programme.**



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## A bit about the **Schools' Programme**

The Schools' Programme was first introduced as part of the Isle of Wight Literary Festival's Youth Programme in 2014. Its aim is to inspire thousands of Island children to read, write, listen and tell stories, by bringing authors, storytellers and performers into a wide range of Island schools over a two day period. This year the **Schools' Programme** will run on **Thursday and Friday 11-12th October 2018**.

**Space, Science and Innovation** is the inspirational theme of this year's **Youth Zone** (though there will be books about lots of other subjects too), giving plenty of scope for linking author and performer visits to diverse parts of the curriculum from art, drama, music and literacy, to science, ICT and maths.

Realising that schools have limited funds available, the organisers of the IWLF try to cover all the costs of the Schools' Programme. This year we are looking for funding to **enable more schools to get involved**.



## **Storytelling Challenge** update

Children from five primary schools and four secondary schools have opted to be involved in this year's **storytelling challenge**, culminating in the **'The Great Telling Off'** which takes place over the festival weekend, **20th and 21st October 2018**

Students will have an initial visit to, or a visitor from, the Sandown aviation museum or Bembridge Fort. Following this, children will work alone or with a partner, to create a story which is less than four minutes long and has to be told, rather than read. Storytelling workshops will give students the chance to learn and practice techniques to help them speak in public. Each school will select a school champion to represent them at the finale, where an audience of parents and other festivalgoers will vote to choose the overall winners. **Join us in October to hear their tales and select the winners** – and maybe your school will take up the challenge next year!



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## 2017 Schools' Programme **Feedback:** **from the Schools**

"The children were so inspired by his [Kieran Larwood's] visit, some have started writing their own books and drawing images of Podkin (the main character in his book)."

**St Helens Primary School**

"The children and staff have all talked positively about the visits, and I'm really grateful that you chose us."

**Richard Simpson, Summerfields Primary School**

"After our successful Literary day last week, parents have talked to me about how they can support their child's reading at home."

**Beth Dyer, Nineacres Primary School**

"The children LOVED the storytelling workshop and your [Sue Bailey's] passion clearly motivated their learning."

**John Kirby, Hunnyhill Primary School**

"The children have had a wonderful week and finished the week off by completing stories using rich language and housing their experience of storytelling this week - thinking about how they want their readers to feel etc."

**Sarah Smallwood Butler, Greenmount Primary School**

"The children were very engaged in the story, recognising similarities to their own experiences. A year 1 child said: 'I used to be like that when I tried new food, but now I always taste it first, even if I don't like it!' Jules was engaging and effectively extended the learning for the children. The Literary Festival is enabling our children to enjoy stories, poems and meet authors that are inspiring and inspirational. We are so lucky to be involved."

**Lanesend Primary School**

"The sessions delivered by Kieran and Peta were excellent and the children got some quality tips for writing. All year groups from Reception to Yr 6 took part in the author and workshop sessions. We would be more than happy to support any future fund-raising events to help continue the author visits programme."

**Eddie Sherwin, Gatten and Lake Primary**





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## 2017 Schools' Programme **Feedback:** from **National Award-winning Authors**



"It was a pleasure to meet you and to visit so many great children who I really felt we left fired-up about stories and how amazing writing can be... Anyway, keep up the great work! What you're doing is brilliant and so worthwhile. The schools part of the programme in particular has the potential to really change lives I feel."

**Tracey Corderoy, Award-winning author of Shifty McGifty and many others**



"At the end of the day, it's about reaching out to as many children (and parents) as possible. I know your programme achieved that with huge success... There are so many elements to the festival that added up to my heading home with a warm sense of success and fondness for the IWLF."

**Simon James, Author of award-winning titles including George Flies South**



"It was lovely to meet you and to take part in the Isle of Wight Literary Festival Schools' Programme strand. I met some fantastic students and teachers and I hope that they all got something from my talks and events."

**Peter Bunzl, Author of the Cogheart Adventures**

"Thanks so much for inviting me to this year's festival. I thoroughly enjoyed my school visits... It was also lovely to spend time with the other writers and illustrators. We all really enjoyed our time together. I hope our paths will cross again."

**Sara Grant, Author of the Magic Trix series**



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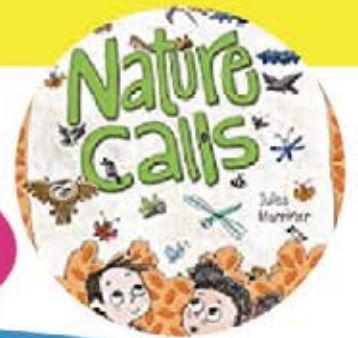


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What's happening?  
When is it?



Authors are coming to the  
school in October!



Which authors are  
coming and what have  
they written?



Guy Bass with Spynosaur! Ross Montgomery with Max & the Millions! Matt Brown with Compton Valance! Patrice Lawrence with Indigo Donut! Simon James with Rex! Tracey Corderoy with Shifty McGifty and Slippery Sam!



Are there any local  
authors?



Yes! Peta Rainford, Jules Marriner, Sue Bailey, Zoe Sadler and Debbie Webb!

What can I do to  
prepare?

GET YOUR CLASS  
EXCITED!