



Education & Community Outreach Programme 2018

Welcome!



Hello and welcome to our Primary School Days Programme!

The Barnes Children's Literature Festival was created to inspire the next generation of readers and writers and to ensure that every child can have the Festival experience we are proud to provide our Programme free to all state primary schools in London.

Primary School Days sessions will introduce pupils to their favourite authors and illustrators, as well as to a few exciting new voices, who will be exploring a variety of topics linked to the national and the London curriculum.

At Barnes we believe that kids can live their dreams through the power of reading, writing and ideas, and that these are the tools to help them say yes to new things, to create new conversations, to tell their stories differently and to build their futures.

We can't wait to welcome you and your students to Barnes.

Amanda J. Brettargh
Director



"What an inspiring event! I went to see Joseph Coelho with my Year 3 class this morning and we had a fantastic time. The children thoroughly enjoyed watching Joseph perform his poems and there was a real buzz of excitement in the room. My class also relished the opportunity to join in with Joseph and come up with their own ideas for poems. As a teacher, it also gave me ideas about how to teach children to write poems and how to create an exciting poetry lesson. We would love to come back again next year!" S. Cole, Year 3 Leader, Barnes Primary School



"On behalf of the teachers and children in KS2 at Lowther, I would like to thank you for inviting us along to the Barnes Children's Literature Festival today. It was a great opportunity to meet writers and to inspire the children further in their work. Year 5 enjoyed listening to Michelle Majorian., and Years 3 and 4 came back raving about poetry! We're so very lucky to have an event like this on our doorstep. Please let us know of any future opportunities that may come about. We would love to be a part of it!" L. Chalbot, Year 5 Teacher, Lowther Primary School

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www.barneskidslitfest.org/schools

Thursday 10 May 2018

Primary Schools Day - Key Stage 1



10.00am Josh Lacey & Garry Parsons

Have you got what it takes to be a Dragonsitter? Join Josh Lacey and Garry Parsons, creators of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize shortlisted *The Dragonsitter*, for a fun-filled, fire-breathing hour of fun. What happens when Eddie is left in charge of his uncle's dragon? Find out when Josh tells all, while Garry draws anything and everything in this entertaining event.

Josh Lacey is the author of more than thirty books for children including *The Dragonsitter*, *The Island of Thieves*, *Bearkeeper* and the Grk books. He worked as a journalist, teacher and screenwriter before writing his first book, *A Dog Called Grk* which was nominated for the Branford Boase Award.

Garry Parsons is a multi award-winning illustrator of many books for some of the best known names writing for children including Julia Donaldson, Jeanne Willis, Kes Gray and Ian Whybrow as well as the million copy selling picture books, *The Dinosaur that Pooped a Planet* and *The Dinosaur that Pooped Christmas*, by Tom Fletcher and Dougie Poynter from McFly.

Focus: Developing imaginative story writing and drawing skills, Exploring collaboration in the creative process.

Resources: <http://joshlacey.com> <http://www.garryparsons.co.uk>

Booklist: *The Dragonsitter series*



11.30am Chitra Soundar

Listen to Chitra talk about how the Indian myths and legends she listened to as a child and her mum's amateur drama club turned her into a storyteller and author. Enjoy Chitra's storytelling from her latest books. *Pattan's Pumpkin*, a flood tale from India and *You're Safe With Me*, a bedtime story set in the Indian jungle during a thunderstorm.

Chitra Soundar was born in Chennai and danced in a Bollywood movie as a kid before becoming a writer, storyteller and author of more than thirty books for children. *Pattan's Pumpkin* has been selected as a book in the Power of Reading series by the Centre for Literacy in Primary Education (CLPE) and has been added to the 2018 Notable Social Studies Booklist in the United States.

Focus: Exploring Indian stories while also learning to view our wider world with empathy

Resources: <http://www.chitrasoundar.com>

Booklist: *Pattan's Pumpkin, You're Safe with Me*



1.00pm Petr Horáček

Join multi award-winning Czech illustrator Petr Horáček for this storytelling event and watch him bring to life some of his most loved characters with a live drawing session.

Petr Horáček is the author of a number of popular picture books, including *Blue Penguin*, *The Greedy Goat*, *Silly Suzy Goose*, *Elephant*, *Puffin Peter* and *The Mouse Who Reached the Sky* which have been nominated for every major children's book prize. His *First Book of Animals* with Nicola Davies has been nominated for this year's Kate Greenaway Medal for illustration.

Focus: Understanding how illustrations are created, Developing new ideas for storywriting as well as art, design and craft

Resources: <http://www.petrhoracek.co.uk/about.htm>

Booklist: *Blue Penguin, The Greedy Goat, Silly Suzy Goose, Elephant, Puffin Peter, The Mouse Who Reached the Sky, First Book of Animals*

Friday 11 May 2018

Primary Schools Day - Key Stage 2



10.00am Caroline Lawrence

Suitable for Years 3-6

Caroline Lawrence is the best selling author of the Roman Mysteries series and in this event she will talk about the Romans and their mythology and share her top tips for plotting stories, finding characters and creating a detailed world of adventure. She uses illustrations from your favourite movies as well as the BBC television series based on her books. And she always finishes with her famous Roman sponge on a stick!

Caroline Lawrence is an English American author who writes exciting historical fiction with the double aim of entertaining children and teaching them. The former primary school teacher has sold over a million copies of her Roman Mysteries and P K Pinkerton Mysteries which have been translated into twenty languages.

Focus: Studying Roman history, Exploring elements of creative writing

Resources: <http://www.carolinelawrence.com>

Booklist: <http://www.romanmysteries.com>



11.30am Joshua Siegal

Suitable for Years 3-6

A dragon's sneeze, a dinosaur, a wizard's spell, a monster's claw... What's in a poem? Anything you want! Joshua Siegal's weird, wild and wonderful verses are the perfect introduction to poetry. Listen, laugh and get involved as he shows you the powerful potential of poetry, and inspires you to come up with some ridiculous rhymes of your own. A great event for even the most reluctant of poets.

Joshua Siegal is an Oxford educated poet, performer and educator who wrote his first poem when he was five years old. He has taken critically acclaimed poetry shows to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe but usually ends up performing in front of his mirror using a hair brush as a microphone. His collection *I Don't Like Poetry* was a winner in the Primary Teacher Awards and nominated for the 2017 Laugh Out Loud Book Awards.

Focus: Generating ideas for poetry

Resources: <http://www.joshuaseigal.co.uk>

Booklist: *I Don't Like Poetry, Yuck and Yum*



1.00pm SF Said

Suitable for Years 3-6

SF Said speaks about his journey from being a young reader to the multi award winning author of the modern classics *Varjack Paw*, *The Outlaw Varjack Paw* and *Phoenix*.

SF Said was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and his family was originally from the Middle East—like his character Varjak, SF has Mesopotamian ancestors—but he has lived in London since the age of two. SF thinks that growing up in the flat above Quentin Blake may be why he always wanted to be a children's writer.

He wrote his first novel *Varjack Paw* while working as a speechwriter for the Crown Prince of Jordan, and then as an arts journalist and film programmer. The novel had been rejected by forty publishers before going on to win the Nestle Smarties Book Prize for Children's Literature in 2003 and selling over 275,000 copies. The sequel *The Outlaw Varjak Paw*, won the BBC Blue Peter Book of the Year. Both books are on school reading lists and have been adapted for the stage and opera, with a film version in development.

His third book, *Phoenix*, was selected to represent the UK on the IBBY International Honour Book List and was included in Booktrust's Bookbuzz 2017-18 list.

Focus: Developing imaginative thinking and creative writing skills

Resources: <http://www.sfsaid.com>

Booklist: *Varjack Paw, The Outlaw Varjack Paw*

Booking Form

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Closing Date: Friday 27 April 2018

Your Details

School: _____

Contact name: _____ Contact No.: _____

Contact email: _____

Contact address: _____

Trip supervisor: _____ Mobile No. (for the day): _____

Fill in the boxes below:

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1.00pm	SF Said				

Please note bookings will be made in order of receipt. Applications cannot be considered without a fully completed form. Our Primary School Days Programme is free to all pupils, teachers and librarians in state primary schools in London. Of course, pupils from independent schools are very welcome but we are asking for a £5.00 donation per child per session. Adults, teachers and librarians attend free of charge.

To enquire about your school attending or for any further information: schools@barneskidslitfest.org