

# MOAT BRAE

## Newsletter

Issue 1

Autumn Term 2021

### WHAT'S ON AT MOAT BRAE

- 14th October  
**WILD GOOSE FESTIVAL**  
Climate and nature  
themed storytelling event
- 9th–31st October  
**HALLOWE'EN VILLAINS**  
Visit Moat Brae dressed as  
your favourite fictional  
villain

### MOAT BRAE FOR SCHOOLS

**PETER PAN TEACHING  
PACK** Our new teaching  
resource for Peter Pan,  
linked to CfE is now  
available.

We offer **SCHOOL VISITS**  
every Thursday and Friday  
during term time. The cost  
for a full day visit, which  
includes a workshop, house  
tour, garden access and a  
dedicated base and lunch  
space, is £5 per child. There  
is no cost for  
accompanying adults. We  
can accommodate a  
maximum of 44 children.  
We offer set workshop/  
tours or we can tailor your  
visit for a specific topic.  
For more details, to book a  
visit, or to get a free  
teaching pack, contact  
Wendy Jones, Creative  
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HELLO AND WELCOME to  
Moat Brae's first  
newsletter for teachers.  
Thank you for taking the  
time to read this – I  
really appreciate it as I  
know how busy you will  
be!

Our newsletter will  
come out termly and  
will give you  
information about  
upcoming events at Moat Brae and  
news from the world of children's  
literature, suggest book-related  
activities and links, and introduce you  
to different children's authors. We  
may also have some special  
giveaways from time to time!



Time for imaginative play on a visit to Moat Brae

Please get in touch if you have any  
suggestions for future editions. We'd  
love to hear from you.

Wendy ☺

### BOOK HOOK

## Wigtown Book Festival

This year's Wigtown  
Book Festival will run  
from Wednesday 22  
September until Monday 4 October.

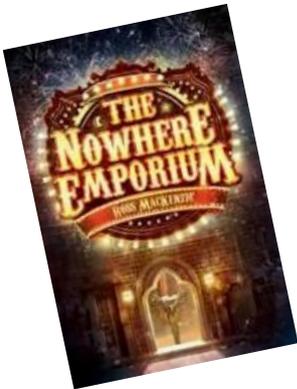
This year's festival takes the theme  
'Hello, stranger' and schools can  
engage with the **education  
programme** online while events take  
place in Wigtown with a live  
audience. The programme features  
names such as **Adam Bushnell** and  
**Imogen Stirling** and will provide  
quality arts engagement for young  
people of all ages. To find out more  
about this programme, sign up at  
<https://bit.ly/wfceducationnews>.

The 2021 **YA programme** will look at  
themes of equality, #HeForShe and  
minority voices. The YA programme  
has also teamed up with the **Diverse  
Book Awards** and will be deliver a  
event with 2020 DBA winner, **Sue  
Cheung** as well as jetting off across  
the Atlantic to join **Justin A. Reynolds**.  
Find out more at  
<https://bit.ly/samepageya>.

The **BigWig children's festival** will  
feature festival favourites **Vivian  
French**, **Alastair Chisholm** and **Ross  
MacKenzie**, alongside some new faces  
and **Scottish Opera**.

## Ross MacKenzie

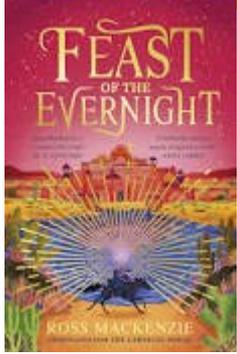
Multi award-winning Scottish author Ross MacKenzie is bringing adventure, magic and mortal danger to this year's Wigtown Book Festival (see page 1 for links). If you're after a book that will transport you out of the everyday world, step inside *The Nowhere Emporium*, a shop that contains unimaginable wonders. Ross's latest book, *Feast of*



*the Evernight*, is the sequel to *Evernight*, winner of 2020's Scottish Teenage Book Prize, set in a world threatened with darkness and chaos.

You can access masterclasses, resources and readings by Ross MacKenzie by signing up for a free account with Authorfy [here](#).

## AUTHOR PROFILE



## CHILDREN'S BOOK NEWS

• Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell has launched a campaign to put libraries at the heart of primary schools. You can see her open letter to the Prime Minister here:

<https://tinyurl.com/532yudr8>

• The winner of the 2021 CILIP Carnegie Medal is *Look Both Ways* by Jason Reynolds published by Knights of. Author and Illustrator Sydney Smith wins the Kate Greenaway Medal for the second time, for *Small in the City*, published by Walker Books.

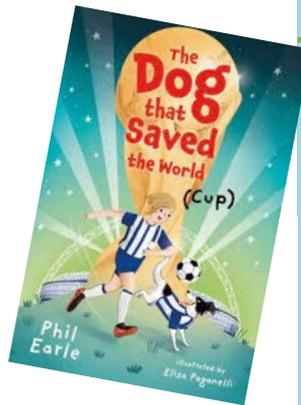
## BOOK REVIEW

### The Dog that Saved the World (cup)

by Phil Earle  
illustrated by Elisa Paganelli  
published by Barrington Stoke

Inspired by two true stories, Phil Earle's new book in Barrington Stoke's dyslexia-friendly list is packed with emotion and page-turning action. Elsie is mad about football and so is her dog Pickles. When the World Cup trophy is stolen, it looks like Elsie will miss her chance to play in a

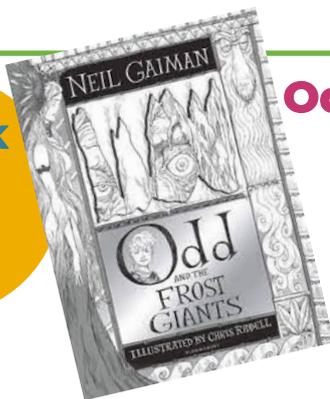
special half-time match at Wembley, the one thing that's been keeping her going through difficult times. It's up to Pickles to save the world (cup)!



## USEFUL ORGANISATIONS

**Books for Keeps** magazine reviews hundreds of children's books every year and publishes articles about books for children, interviews with authors and illustrators. Philip Pullman called it 'the most important periodical in the world of British children's books.' Find it at [booksforkeeps.co.uk](http://booksforkeeps.co.uk)

## A BOOK TO SHARE



### Odd and the Frost Giants

by Neil Gaiman  
illustrated by Chris Riddell  
published by Bloomsbury

The book I would like to share is *Odd and the Frost Giants* by Neil Gaiman. It is about a Viking boy called Odd who goes on an adventure and meets a bear, a fox and an eagle (who are actually the Gods Thor, Loki and Odin). I read this to my P4 class when we were doing a Vikings topic as

something a little different and it particularly hooked some of my more reluctant readers as they were familiar with the Gods from the Marvel Cinematic Universe. The copy I have is wonderfully illustrated by Chris Riddell and this definitely added an extra dimension to the story. The class enjoyed making a cartoon strip and many imitated Chris Riddell's style of drawing.

Shared by Wendy Jones



Tell us about a book you've shared with your class in 150 words or less. All entries will be shared on our social media and one lucky entry will appear here and will win a bundle of booksish Moat Brae goodies. Entries to [wendy@peterpanmoatbrae.org](mailto:wendy@peterpanmoatbrae.org) marked A BOOK TO SHARE by 1 October 2021.