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MOAT BRAE

Newsletter

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WHAT'S ON AT MOAT BRAE

• HALLOWE'EN

Keep an eye on our website and socials for more information about our new Hallowe'en takeover, organised by our talented Storyweavers (see pic right).

• STORYTIME

Our popular **Little Story Pirates** sessions continue on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Our relaxed **Baby Crocs** sessions run every Wednesday morning.

- See our website for more details.

MOAT BRAE FOR SCHOOLS

We offer school visits every Thursday and Friday during term time. A visit includes a workshop, a tour of the house, garden access and a dedicated base and lunch space.

For more information about workshops, tours or tailored visits, or to receive a copy of our free Peter Pan Teaching Pack, linked to CfE, contact Wendy Jones, Creative Learning Office for Schools:

wendy@peterpanmoatbrae.org

HELLO THERE!

I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and are getting back into the school routines. I finally got a chance to read lots of the books from my ever-increasing stack! I am looking forward to trying out some of the activities for National Poetry Day, particularly as the theme of environment is one that really resonates with me. Don't forget to check out some of Michael Rosen's fantastic videos – the toothbrush one



The Moat Brae Storyweavers in action!

and the chocolate cake one are always big favourites with my classes!

Wendy ☺

BOOK HOOK

National Poetry Day

The theme for this year's National Poetry Day on October 6th is the environment – what a great opportunity to thread two of our favourite things through your school day!

Short activity ideas Create a your own calligram or shape poem about the environment. You could choose your favourite flower or animal as a stimulus. There are many super examples online to inspire you.

Longer activity ideas Use the wonderful acrostic nature poems in *The Lost Words* by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris as inspiration to write your own nature-inspired acrostic poem. Oxford Poetry Library

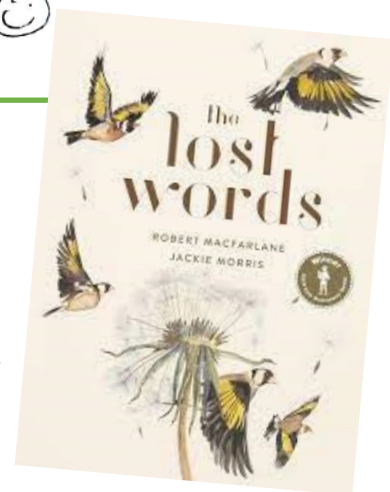
have downloadable activity packs here: [The Lost Words Activity Pack](#) – Oxford Poetry Library

Other resources

National Poetry Day resources: <https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk>

Scotland's National Centre for Languages: <https://scilt.org.uk/MTOTpoetryresources/tabid/5277/Default.aspx>

You'll find thousands of poems at <https://www.scottishpoetrylibrary.org.uk>

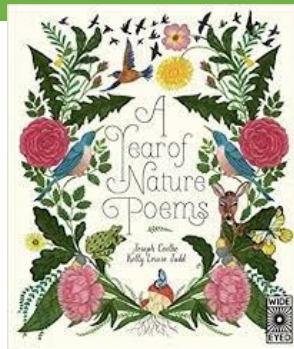


AUTHOR PROFILE

Joseph Coelho

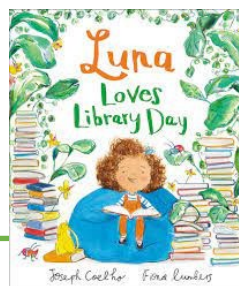
The new Children's Laureate is Joseph Coelho, poet, playwright and children's author. Check out his poetry collections such as *Overheard in a Tower Block* and *A Year of Nature*

this year's National Poetry Day (see Book Hook, page 1)? You'll find some great resources here: <https://www.thepoetryofjosephcoelho.com>



Poems and picture books such as *Luna Loves Library Day*. Why not share some of Joseph's poetry with your class for

Joseph is aiming to join a library in every region of the UK to highlight how incredible libraries are. Look at his website to follow his progress and inspire kids to use libraries.



CHILDREN'S BOOK NEWS

- All schools in Scotland can now become Scottish Book Trust Reading Schools. Find out more here: <https://readingschools.scot/>
- Book Trust's latest writer in residence is Michael Rosen. You'll find some great livestreams to share with children here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/writer-in-residence>

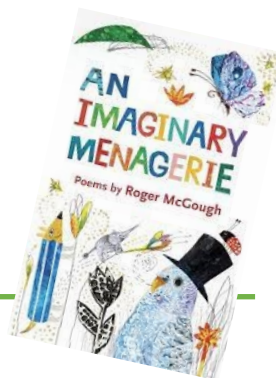
BOOK REVIEW

An Imaginary Menagerie

written and illustrated by Roger McGough
published by Otter-Barry Books

Pick up any poetry collection from Roger McGough and you're in for a treat. This new edition contains 72 fresh, funny poems about real and imaginary animals that will make

kids giggle and think, and could provide inspiration for their own comic verse.



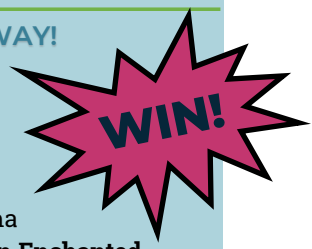
USEFUL ORGANISATIONS

Listening to poetry brings it to life. **The Children's Poetry Archive** is a place where you can listen to poems read aloud, some by the poets themselves.

<https://childrens.poetryarchive.org>

GIVEAWAY!

To celebrate our fantastic Mina Lima exhibition **Enchanted Journeys: Adventures in Storytelling** and this month's environment theme, we're giving away three Mina Lima bird collective nouns postcard sets. For a chance to win, send us a photo of environment poems your class have written for National Poetry Day. Three lucky entries will win. Entries to wendy@peterpanmoatbrae.org marked WIN by 14 October 2022.



The Sky Beneath the Stone

by Alex Mullarky
published by Floris Books

A BOOK TO SHARE

This is a magical fantasy adventure set in the beautiful Lake District, and the parallel faerie realm of Underfell. Ivy suffers from agoraphobia but must face her fears to save her little brother Callum, who has been transformed into a kestrel by an ancient curse. Along the way she befriends Kit, who is also

searching for his lost brother. This is a book full of friendship, bravery and adventure with a love of family and home at its heart. It also includes OS grid references at the start of each chapter so you can map the journey, which is a really interesting addition. It would appeal to P5 upwards and will provide lots of opportunities for discussion around a number of subjects in the classroom.

