

# EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL



**Baillie Gifford  
Schools Programme  
23 – 31 August 2021**



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## The Baillie Gifford Big Book Giveaway 2021

### FREE Books for Pupils

What better way for your pupils to enjoy our online events this year than by receiving a free copy of one of the featured books to read at home or in the classroom? **For EVERY event** in the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme **five lucky classes will receive a book for every pupil.**

With 8 eligible events for primary school pupils and 6 eligible events for secondary school pupils, that's a lot of free books to give away!

To register your class for this great offer visit <https://learning.edbookfest.co.uk/news/free-books-for-schools> and complete the application form. Terms and conditions apply.

#### Terms and conditions apply:

- Schools will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.
- However, in the case of excessive demand, the Book Festival reserves the right to prioritise applications from schools with most pressing financial need.
- Only applications submitted via the form listed on the Book Festival's website will be considered.
- All applications must be received by Friday 18 June; any received after this deadline will be considered ineligible.
- Only Scottish schools are eligible to apply.

### A Book Bundle for all Schools

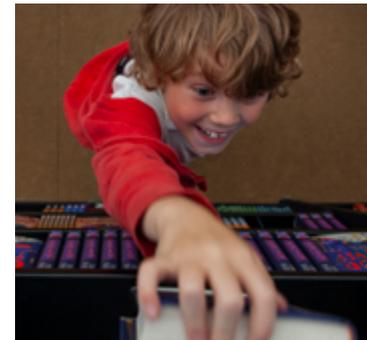
If your class isn't selected to receive a free title for every pupil, don't worry! Every school who registers their school will also be given a selection of books for their school library.

### Discounted Books for your School

Visit the specially created Schools page of our online bookshop <https://shop.edbookfest.co.uk/schools> to browse books and receive 25% off all orders placed.

The offer applies to all books featured in the Baillie Gifford Schools Programme and the Baillie Gifford Children's Programme and is valid until 30 September 2021.

To claim your discount simply enter the coupon code **SC25BG21V** at the checkout. See page 3 for terms and conditions.



# Book Festival Online Bookshop 25% off all school book orders

The Book Festival is offering 25% off any books ordered by schools through our independent online bookshop.

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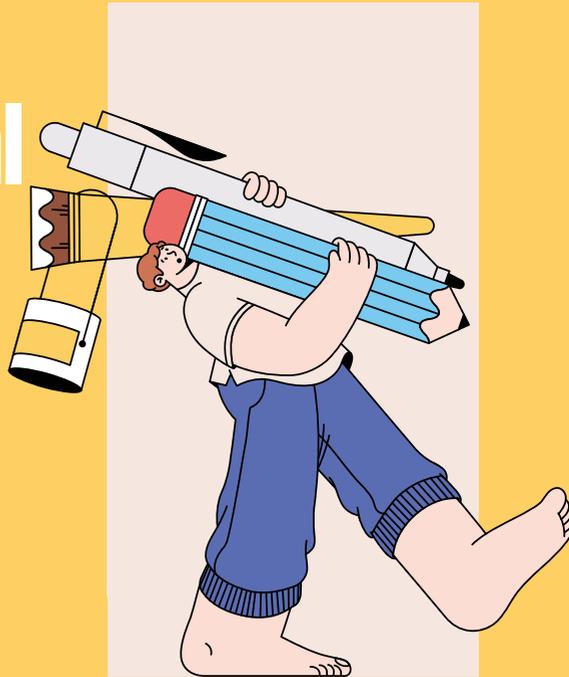
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# Welcome to the 2021 Digital Baillie Gifford Schools Programme



Join us online this August for a rip-roaring programme of book events curated specially for schools. All Schools events are free to view, and you can take part by watching live online, or catching up at a time that works for you. All live events come with opportunities for pupils to ask authors questions via our Q&A box, and each event will also be accompanied by a learning resource to help you get the most out of every session. With events exploring a variety of curriculum-led subjects and topics from some of the best authors, illustrators and thinkers writing for children and young people today, taking part in the Book Festival is a fun and accessible way to get children engaging with books and stories: exploring the world around them in a creative and thought-provoking way.



## How to take part

### From 26 May..

#### Browse the Schools Programme:

Available on our Learning Site  
[learning.edbookfest.co.uk](https://learning.edbookfest.co.uk)

Events will not be visible on [edbookfest.co.uk](https://edbookfest.co.uk) until the main programme launches in July.

#### Apply for FREE BOOKS for your class to complement a chosen event:

See page 2 for details.

#### Order books from our online bookshop:

Schools get a 25% discount! See page 3 for details.

#### Sign up to our education ebulletins:

Be the first in the know about any news regarding our Schools Programme [bit.ly/2Q51a2y](https://bit.ly/2Q51a2y)

### From early July..

#### Register:

Create a free online account at  
[edbookfest.co.uk/login](https://edbookfest.co.uk/login)

#### Book your events:

Every event in our programme will have a payment gateway: please click the 'School' and 'free ticket' options. You will be sent an email confirmation for each event you book with an event link.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Each teacher watching events should have their own account and book the events they will be watching. Event links will be unique to each registered user – and users will have to login on the day to use the link and watch events.

### On the day..

#### Login at [edbookfest.co.uk/login](https://edbookfest.co.uk/login):

Click through from your email event link OR find the event in the 'Event Search' and tune in with your class (new users will have to create an account and go through the payment gateway to watch events).

#### Take part in a Q&A:

If there's a Q&A option for that event, type your pupils' questions into the Q&A box at any time during the session – selected questions will then be passed on to the author via our moderators.

#### Learning Resources:

For ideas about how to turn events into fun and interactive lessons, follow the link to 'Learning Resources' from the event page for each event. You can also find all our resources on our Learning Site [learning.edbookfest.co.uk/resources](https://learning.edbookfest.co.uk/resources)

#### Watch on-demand:

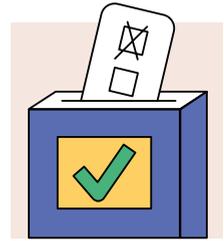
Alternatively, watch with your class at a later time or date.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Some events will be available longer than others – check each event's webpage for details about on-demand availability and expiration.



# P7 & Secondary School events

## Watch and take part online



### What's the T? with Juno Dawson & special guests

Monday 23 Aug  
10.15AM-11.00AM  
S3-S6

Don't miss this opportunity to hear from Stonewall ambassador, bestselling author and former PSHE teacher Juno Dawson as she talks about her new book *What's the T?* along with special guests including the book's amazing illustrator, Soofiya. Tackling the complex realities of growing up trans and/or non binary with honesty and humour, this is the no-nonsense guide to all things trans and/or non-binary for teens, full of fun, frankness and heart.



### Whose Side Are You On? Historical Fiction with Liz Kessler and Alex Wheatle

Tuesday 24 Aug  
10.15AM-11.00AM  
S1-S5

Historical fiction is a great way to learn about the past from a human perspective, and today's stories tackle two troubling times in history. Alex's *Cane Warriors* recounts the brutal uprising of slave plantation workers in 1760's Jamaica, while Liz's powerful *When the World Was Ours* follows three young friends on different sides during the Second World War. Gain insights into the authors' meticulous research process, and how they handle writing about such emotive topics.



### Flash Forward with Femi Fadugba, Ben Oliver and Jonathan Stroud

Wednesday 25 Aug  
10.15AM-11.00AM  
S3-S6

Fictionalising the future can be a brilliant way to help us reflect on and process uncomfortable issues in the present day, and today we meet three authors who help us do just that. From a world where climate disaster has transformed London into a lagoon; to a prison ruled by all-powerful AI; to Peckham, where two teenagers transcend time and worlds to undo violence in this one: discover what shaped these futuristic stories, and the authors' own journeys to becoming writers.



### Inside Your Head with Brian Conaghan and Patrice Lawrence

Thursday 26 Aug  
10.15AM-11.00AM  
P7-S1

Join two award-winning writers for a talk about their new novels, *Rat* and *Cardboard Cowboys*, which explore the community around us and how we all make judgements about others, sometimes without even realising. Covering topics of empathy, homelessness and loneliness, these authors show how stories can help us see people differently and understand what we can do to look after others and show we care.



### Happy Here with Dean Atta, Patrice Lawrence and Yomi Sode

Friday 27 Aug  
10.00AM-10.45AM  
P7-S1

Join us for the launch of *Happy Here*, a brilliant new anthology of stories from Black British authors and illustrators. On the panel we welcome three of the writers who have contributed their heartfelt stories, for an event exploring the themes of joy, home and family that weave through the collection. Get ready to be inspired to write short stories too!



### Be the Change with Gina Martin

Monday 30 Aug  
10.15AM-11.00AM  
S2-S4

Writer and activist Gina Martin wants to empower you with the tools and courage to challenge injustice and fight for change, whether it's in your school, workplace or community – or even on a global scale! Join Gina to learn more about what activism really is and why it's so important; how to pick a cause you truly care about; and do the hardest thing in activism: get started.

# Baillie Gifford Gala Day

Tue 31 August

Events hosted by Pamela Butchart



## Meet the Tindims of Rubbish Island with Sally Gardner

9.15AM-9.45AM  
P1-P3

The tiny Tindims turn our everyday rubbish into treasure in their home on Rubbish Island. Meet their creator, Sally Gardner and find out how she uses her imagination and the world around her to inspire the stories, then discover how you can get creative using recycled materials too! *The Tindims* series is dyslexia-friendly and perfect for reluctant readers!



## Maisie Chan Does Not Do Maths (but she does write awesome books!)

9.45AM-10.15AM  
P5-P7

Meet Maisie Chan and find out all about her novel, *Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths*. Danny loves drawing more than anything - certainly more than maths, which is what he is 'supposed' to be good at. Then Danny's life is turned upside down by a surprise visit from his ex-maths-champion grandmother from China. Listen to Maisie read from her hilarious and warm-hearted book then join in with an interactive drawing activity to create your own mutant creatures in the style of Danny!



## Yapping about Poetry with Joshua Seigal

10.30AM-11.00AM  
P1-P3

From hilarious to heartfelt poems, and everything in between, Joshua Seigal's new collection offers something for everyone. Discover the eight steps for having a successful tantrum and why you should NEVER attend a Teddy Bear's Picnic as Joshua reads from his new poetry book *Yapping Away* LIVE. Joshua's cat Bluebell may or may not also make an appearance...



## Magical Adventures with Abi Elphinstone

11.00AM-11.30AM  
P4-P6

From living with the Kazakh Eagle Hunters in Mongolia, to conjuring up secret kingdoms in her writing shed, Abi Elphinstone talks about the real-life adventures and accidental daydreams behind her books and shows you how easy it is to leap into stories of your own. Her latest book, *The Crackedawn Dragon*, takes us on a voyage across a magical sea kingdom which will leave you empowered to battle climate change and fight to save your own world.



## Discover a World of Wildlife with Neal Layton

12.15PM-12.45PM  
P1-P3

All over the world, animals and plants are disappearing, and it's a big problem. But you can help to make things better! Author, illustrator and environmentalist Neal Layton shows you how every plant and animal on earth is part of an amazing web of life and will get you excited about how YOU can keep our planet bursting with energy!



## A Kid's Life in the Aztec Age with Chae Strathie

12.45PM-1.15PM  
P3-P5

Would you eat slugs, tadpoles, frogs or maggots? No! Then you should be glad you didn't live in the Aztec age! Step into the past with Chae Strathie as he shows you exactly what life was like for a kid in the Aztec age in this fascinating, and sometimes gross, event full of songs, dancing, drawing, puppets and more!



## Fighting Food Poverty... and Bank Robbers! with Onjali Q Rauf

1.30PM-2.00PM  
P4-P6

Join award-winning author Onjali Q Rauf and discover her new book *The Great (Food) Bank Heist*. Told with humour and heart, the book explores themes of food poverty and food banks, while celebrating kindness and friendship. Onjali shares the real-life stories which inspired her book and give an insight into the realities of food poverty and the wonderful people helping to tackle it. *The Great (Food) Bank Heist* is a dyslexia friendly book.



## Velda the Awesomest Viking with David MacPhail

2.00PM-2.30PM  
P2-P4

Velda is a tiny warrior with a BIG axe and an even BIGGER attitude. Listen as David MacPhail reads from the first book in his action-packed, hilarious new series, *Velda the Awesomest Viking and the Voyage of Deadly Doom*, then get your pencils ready to join in with some Viking drawing and discover your own longship name!

# Learning Site and learning resources

Learning lies at the heart of everything we do, and our Learning Site is your place to find information on Book Festival events for pupils, teachers and education professionals, along with information on the educational events at the heart of our public programme and details of our outreach work.

Visit [learning.edbookfest.co.uk](http://learning.edbookfest.co.uk) for more information on our 2021 Schools Programme, including links to the live and on-demand events, and cross-curricular learning resources created for each session.

To be the first to know about Book Festival education news, school events, and learning resources sign up to our 'Schools and education' ebulletin at [bit.ly/2Q51a2y](http://bit.ly/2Q51a2y)



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The Baillie Gifford Schools Programme enables children to participate in one of the world's leading book festivals. This year Baillie Gifford is also funding the book giveaway scheme, providing children and schools with free titles from the events featured in this year's programme.

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14-30  
August 2021

## Programme announced in early July

Featuring hundreds of events from the most inspiring and creative writers and thinkers from Scotland and across the world, the Book Festival offers a safe space for people to come together and discuss, debate, reflect on and celebrate the world around them. In addition to a packed programme of events for adults, the Baillie Gifford Children's Programme features the finest writers and illustrators for children – from tots to teens.

Join us online at [edbookfest.co.uk](https://edbookfest.co.uk) to watch live events and chat with fellow audience members from the comfort of your sofa, or stop by in-person at our new home – the University of Edinburgh's Edinburgh College of Art, on Lauriston Place. Full programme to be announced in early July.

