

## Authors for Schools

Supporting Primary Schools in Dún Laoghaire Rathdown

dlr Libraries are delighted to welcome the best of Irish authors of children's books to our libraries over the coming months as part of a new programme for primary schools. We are looking forward to hosting a range of authors including Shane Hegarty, Una Woods, Sarah Webb, Paul Howard, Nina Carbery, and many more. Events are taking place in libraries across the county. Please use the contact details listed on the last page below to book your visit.



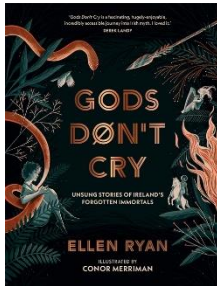
# Right to Read at your Library

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## Our Authors, Venues, Dates and Times.

**Brian Gallagher. Shankill Library, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am for 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class**

Brian is a writer whose plays and short stories have been produced in Ireland, Britain and Canada. He has worked extensively in radio and television, writing dramas and documentaries. Brian has written many exciting novels based on real events in Irish history for young readers, including: *One Good Turn, Friend or Foe, Stormclouds, Secrets and Shadows, Taking Sides, Across the Divide, Arrivals, Pawns, Spies and Winds of Change*. Brian lives with his family in Dublin. His latest book, *The Case of the Vanishing Painting*, is the first in a new adventure series set in Dublin in 1911 as twins Deirdre and Tim must solve a daring robbery.

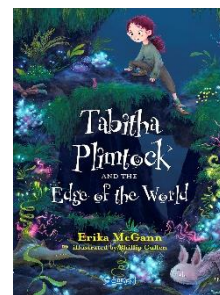


**Ellen Ryan. Dundrum Library, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 10am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.**

Ellen is a writer and journalist from County Wicklow, who has contributed to the *Irish Independent* and *Irish Times*, among other media. Her debut book, *Girls Who Slay Monsters: Daring Tales of Ireland's Forgotten Goddesses* won both the Children's Books Ireland KPMG Book of the Year Award and the Children's Books Ireland KPMG Junior Juries Award, 2023, as voted for by thousands of young readers across Ireland. *Girls Who Slay Monsters* also won Children's Book of the Year: Senior at the An Post Irish Book Awards 2022.

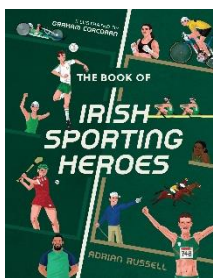
**Erika McGann. Dundrum Library, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 10am for Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class.**

Ellen is an award-winning children's author based in Dublin. She has written a wide range of children's books, including *Where Are You, Puffling?* (with illustrator Gerry Daly) and *Tabitha Plimtock and the Edge of the World* (with illustrations by Phillip Cullen), which was awarded a White Raven by the International Youth Library.



**Evanne Ní Chuilinn. Blackrock Library. 24<sup>th</sup> April at 10am and 11.30am for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.**

Evanne is an Irish sports broadcaster. She currently works in news and TV sports programming for RTÉ.

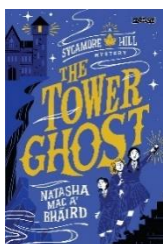
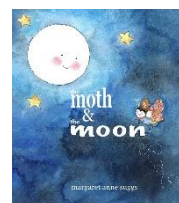


**Graham Corcoran. dlr Lexlcon. 19<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and 11.30am for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> class.**

Graham is an award-winning illustrator specialising in creating children's book art, as well as pop-culture poster art which he has exhibited internationally. With over 20 years' experience, he has developed his signature style from a love of retro mid-century illustration combined with modern themes. Graham lives in Dublin with his wife Nicole.

**Margaret Anne Suggs. Shankill Library. 15<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am for 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> class.**

Margaret Anne is a Director for Illustrators Ireland and Administrator of the Silent Book Collection for IBBY Ireland. She served as the Chairperson for the International Jury at the 2023 Bratislava Illustration Biennial. Mags has two picture books releasing this spring – *The Dandelion's Tale* (Graffeg) and *The Moth and The Moon* (Beehive). An archive of her illustration work has recently been acquired by the National Library of Ireland. She can usually be found scribbling in a sketchbook.

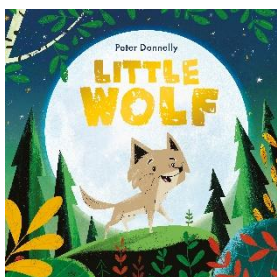
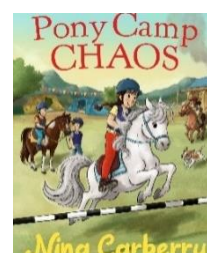


**Natasha Mac a'Bháird. dlr Lexlcon. 9<sup>th</sup> April at 10.am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.**

Natasha is a freelance writer and editor. She is the author of many books for adults and children, including the *Star Club* series, and *Shay Given* and *Sonia O'Sullivan* in the *Great Irish Sports Stars* series. Her first two children's books, *Missing Ellen* and *Olanna's Big Day*, were both chosen for the White Ravens Collection. Natasha has always loved mysteries and boarding school stories, so she enjoyed writing her new book that combined the two – *The Tower Ghost* is in bookshops in April.

**Nina Carberry. Dalkey Library. 21<sup>st</sup> May at 10.am and 11.30am for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class.**

Nina is a retired Irish National Hunt jockey who has won both the Irish Grand National and Cheltenham. She won *Dancing with the Stars* in 2021 and most recently has been a coach on Ireland's *Fittest Family* on RTÉ. She is married to racing trainer Ted Walsh Jr, and they have two daughters together.



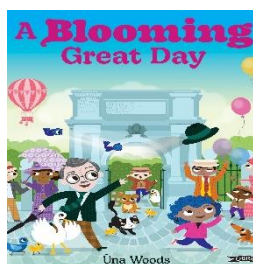
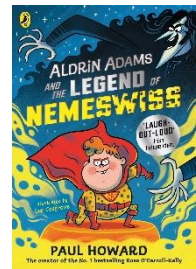
**Peter Donnelly. Dundrum Library. March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class.**

Peter is a best-selling author and illustrator of children's picture books. His titles include *The Dead Zoo*, *Up on the Mountain*, *Little Wolf* and the much-loved *President's Books* series. *The President's Cat* and *The President's Dog* won him the An Post Children's Book of the Year in 2018 and 2023 respectively.

Peter previously worked in feature animation for many years where he developed his love for Story Art. He lives in Co Wicklow.

**Paul Howard. Deansgrange Library. May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class.**

Paul is an author, journalist and comedy writer best known as the creator of the Ross O'Carroll-Kelly series, which have sold over one million copies and are critically acclaimed as satirical masterpieces. He has won a record four Irish Book Awards and had a Children's No. 1 Bestseller in Ireland in 2019 with the first of the Gordon's Game series, written with co-author former rugby international Gordon D'Arcy.

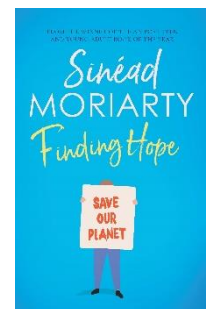


**Úna Woods. Deansgrange Library. 12<sup>th</sup> March at 10am and 11.30am for Senior Infants and 1<sup>st</sup> class.**

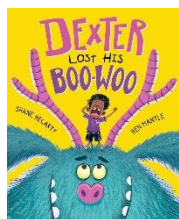
Úna is an illustrator and author who lives in Dublin. She loves making illustrations for children and her work has been published in books, magazines and websites. She loves working with bright colours and patterns in her illustrations. She grew up in Clontarf. Úna is the author and illustrator of *Have You Seen the Dublin Vampire?* and *A Spooktacular Place to Be*. Her new children's book, *A Blooming Great Day*, is a fun picture book adventure set on Bloomsday!

**Sinéad Moriarty. dlr Lexlcon. May 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class.**

Sinéad is the much-loved author of 16 adult novels, and her books have been translated into 25 languages. Sinéad has won over readers and critics by telling stories that are humane, moving and relevant, and her children's books are now inspiring a new generation of readers. *The New Girl*, her debut children's fiction, won the An Post Award for Teen and Young Adult Book of the Year in 2021. *The Truth About Riley* was nominated the following year in the same category.



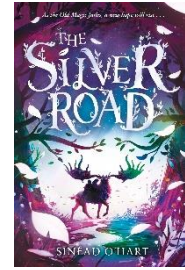
**Shane Hegarty. dlr Lexlcon. March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10am for Senior Infants/1<sup>st</sup> class and 11.30am for 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> class.**



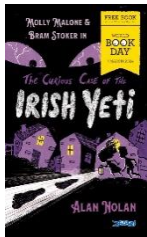
Shane is a children's writer and journalist. Formerly Arts Editor of *The Irish Times*, his first children's series *Darkmouth* was nominated for the Waterstones Prize and an Irish Book Award. His most recent series 'Boot' was nominated for the Sainsbury's Children's Book Awards, An Post Irish Book Awards and was selected as the Dublin UNESCO City of Literature CityWide Read for 2020. His writing has been translated into over 15 languages worldwide. He is also a columnist for The Sunday Times.

**Sinéad O'Hart. Dundrum Library. April 4<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class**

Sinéad is a children's author, a children's literature podcaster (she co-hosts Storyshaped, available on all podcasting platforms) and a parent, all of which keeps her busy (but not too busy to read). She's the author of *The Eye of the North*, *The Star-Spun Web*, *Skyborn*, *The Time Tider* and *The Silver Road*, and sometimes she can't quite believe she's lucky enough to do what she loves most (putting fictional people into frankly dangerous situations) as a job!



**Alan Nolan Deansgrange Library. April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class**



Alan is the author and illustrator of *Fintan's Fifteen*, *Conor's Caveman* and the *Sam Hannigan* series, and he is the illustrator of the popular *Gordon's Game* books written by Gordon D'Arcy and Paul Howard, as well as *Animal Crackers* by Sarah Webb. His new 'hysterically historical' book, *Molly Malone and Bram Stoker in Double Trouble at the Dead Zoo*, the follow up to his popular novel, *The Sackville Street Caper*, is out now from The O'Brien Press. <http://www.alannolan.ie>

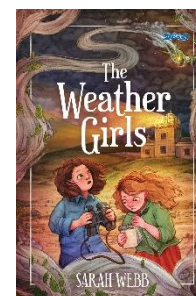
**Marita Conlon-McKenna. dlr Lexlcon. April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class**

Marita is one of Ireland's best-loved, award-winning children's authors. She has written numerous best-selling books for adults and children, and they have been translated into many languages. *Under the Hawthorn Tree*, her first novel, became an immediate bestseller and has been described as 'the biggest success story in children's historical fiction'. Its sequels, *Wildflower Girl* and *Fields of Home*, have also been hugely successful. Marita's other books include *The Blue Horse*, *No Goodbye*, *Safe Harbour*, *In Deep Dark Wood*, *A Girl Called Blue* and *Fairy Hill*. Marita is a winner of the International Reading Association Award, the Osterreichischer Kinder und Jugendbuchpreis, the Reading Association of Ireland Award, and the Children's Books Ireland Children's Book of the Year Award. She is a former Chairperson of Irish PEN. Her work has been adapted for stage and TV.

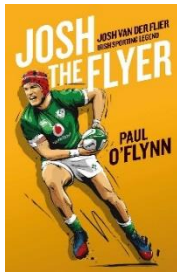


**Sarah Webb. Stillorgan Library. May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.15am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> class.**

Sarah is an award-winning children's writer. Her books include *Blazing a Trail: Irish women who Changed the World* (illustrated by Lauren O'Neill) and *A Sailor Went to Sea, Sea, Sea: Favourite Rhymes from an Irish Childhood* (illustrated by Steve McCarthy), both winners of Irish Book Awards. Passionate about bringing children and books together, Sarah was awarded the Children's Books Ireland Award for Outstanding Contribution to Children's Books in Ireland. Her latest novel for children is *The Little Beekeeper of Henrietta Street* (illustrated by Rachel Corcoran), set in Dublin in 1911.



**Paul O'Flynn. Stillorgan Library. April 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> class.**



Paul O'Flynn is an RTÉ News and Sport presenter and journalist. A graduate of DCU with a BA in Journalism and an MA in International Relations, he is also currently an associate lecturer at his alma mater. He is a keen sportsman and amateur swimmer, and in 2018 he was the winner of the Liffey Swim. His Irish Sporting Legends biographies include *King Henry; Go, Johnny, Go!*; and *Josh the Fly*

**Briana Fitzsimons and Leon Diop. dlr Lexlcon. May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am and 11.30am for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class**

Briana is an award-winning author, anti-racism advocate, educator and DEI specialist who grew up in Yonkers, New York and has lived in Ireland since 2017. She was a secondary school teacher for 13 years and has been working in the area of anti-racism since 2021. With her passion for social justice, one of Briana's main goals is to empower teachers and young people with the tools they need to make sure that everyone is seen, heard and feels a sense of belonging in all educational spaces. Her award-winning book, *Black & Irish: Legends, Trailblazers and Everyday Heroes* was published in 2023 and is being widely used in schools across the country. Briana is also the co-founder of SPARK Teachers, a pan-



European community for racialised teachers, in collaboration with the European Network Against Racism. Briana was named one of the "50 to Watch in 2024" by The Irish Times. She lives in Co. Kildare with her partner and two children and is proud to call Ireland home.

Leon Diop is a mixed-race man from Tallaght, Dublin, Ireland. Born to an Irish mother and a Senegalese father, he grew up in a mixed ethnic and religious household. He studied Psychology in Maynooth University where he served two years as Students' Union President. He is the founder of Black and Irish, an organisation striving to transform Ireland into a global leader in equality and inclusion. He is a host of the Black and Irish podcast with Irish national broadcaster, RTÉ. He currently serves on the boards of the Childhood Development Initiative, and Tallaght and South Dublin County Partnership.

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