

**MOUNTAINS
TO SEA**
**dlr BOOK
FESTIVAL 2017**
EVENTS for **SCHOOLS
& FAMILIES**

22nd to 26th March 2017

SCHOOL EVENTS

Eoin Colfer & Jonathan Stroud

The Mystery Crew

Chris Riddell

Ready, Steady, Draw with

Sarah McIntyre & Friends

Scéalaíocht le Stiallghreannáin

Robin Stevens

FAMILY EVENTS

Judith Kerr

Ryan Tubridy & P.J. Lynch

Sarah Crossan

Roddy Doyle & Chris Judge

Story Hugs

Beatrice Alemagna & Chris Haughton Exhibition

plus Workshops with Judi Curtin,

Nicola Pierce, ER Murray

And much more

Welcome Teachers Parents
& Young Book Fans

After the success of the previous Mountains to Sea dlr Book Festival schools' programme, we are back with more fantastic book events for you this March.

The 2017 line-up features some of the most exciting names in children's books, including the UK Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell, bestselling fantasy writers, Eoin Colfer and Jonathan Stroud, mystery writers, Robin Stevens and Katherine Woodfine and a very special drawing event, Ready, Steady, Draw with a host of talented illustrators including Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve.

We would encourage you to read the authors' work with your class before the event as the children will get a lot more out of the experience if they are familiar with the books. And do come armed with plenty of questions for our talented team of writers and illustrators.

We look forward to seeing you at one or more of these brilliant events. See you in March!

Sarah Webb
Family and Schools' Events Curator



MOUNTAINS TO SEA dlr BOOK FESTIVAL 2017

Exhibition: 4th February to 31st March

FAMILY EVENTS

A World of Colour
The Art of Beatrice Alemagna and Chris Haughton

dlr Lexicon Level 3 All ages

A true feast for the eyes, this exhibition brings together two of the most exciting illustrators working in children's books today, Beatrice Alemagna and Chris Haughton. Enter their world of the imagination, featuring art work from their award-winning picture books. Both are masters of composition and colour, and their work is lively and full of humour.

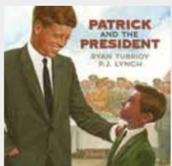
Beatrice Alemagna was born in Bologna and now works and lives in Paris. Her work has won many international awards and she has exhibited all over the world, from Munich to Tokyo.

Chris Haughton is an Irish designer and a picture book maker. His first picture book A Bit Lost has been translated into 20 languages and has won awards in 7 countries.

School Tour of the Exhibition with Jenny Duffy
Wed March 22nd, 11am - 11.45am (Free)
To book email: admin@mountainstosea.ie



SATURDAY MARCH 25th
Pavilion Theatre at 4pm
Judith Kerr and the Tiger Who Came to Tea
Kerr will be in conversation with her editor/designer Ian Craig.



SUNDAY MARCH 26th
Pavilion Theatre at 4pm
Patrick and the President
Come and hear Ryan Tubridy and P.J. Lynch talk about their stunning new picture book.

We look forward to meeting you and your students in March

SCHOOL EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd March

Ghosts, Genies and Goblins: And How to Catch Them!
with Eoin Colfer and Jonathan Stroud

Mill Theatre, Dundrum 10.00am - 11.30am 4th to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 296 9340 or mountainstosea.ie
Please arrive at 9.30am to be seated 1 hour event, 30min. signing

A definitive guide to trapping, enslaving and dispatching all manner of spooky and mythological creatures, with acknowledged paranormal experts: Jonathan Stroud, bestselling author of the Bartimaeus Trilogy and Lockwood & Co., and Eoin Colfer of Artemis Fowl fame.

Join Jonathan and Eoin for a hilarious romp through their underworlds and other worlds.

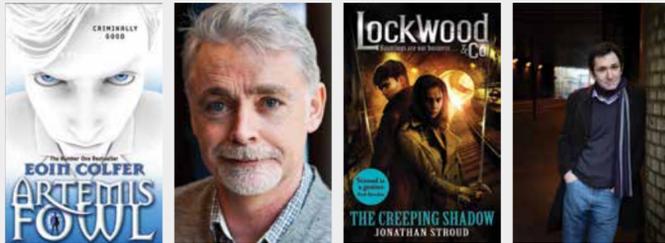
There will be laughs, there may be tears, there will definitely be victims and they will be looking for a volunteer so don't sit in the front row unless you like dressing up.

You have been warned.

Eoin Colfer's first book, Benny and Omar was based on his teaching experiences in Tunisia. He became a full time writer in 2001 when the first Artemis Fowl book was published. He is a former Laureate na nÓg and one of Ireland's best-loved children's writers.

Jonathan Stroud is the author of the hugely popular Bartimaeus Sequence, which is published in 35 languages and has sold 6 million copies. His latest series, Lockwood & Co, includes four books to date and has been nominated for over 30 literary awards.

Children will have the chance to meet Eoin and Jonathan after the event and get their books signed. Pop-up bookshop on site.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd March

Tales of Mystery and Adventure
with Jo Cotterill, Robin Stevens, Dave Rudden and Katherine Woodfine. Chaired by Gráinne Clear

Mill Theatre, Dundrum 12.00pm - 1.30pm 4th to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 296 9340 or mountainstosea.ie
Please arrive at 11.30am to be seated 1 hour event, 30min. signing

Love mystery and adventure? This is the event for you. Chaired by publisher and storyteller, Gráinne Clear, join The Mystery Crew for tales of detectives, knights and superheroes.

Jo Cotterill's books range from the award-winning Looking at the Stars, about the power of imagination, to the high-energy superhero series, Electrigirl.

Robin Stevens' books are loved by readers all over Ireland. Her mystery novels have been described by Ryan Tubridy as 'Agatha Christie for kids'.

Dave Rudden's debut fantasy-adventure, Knights of the Borrowed Dark won an Irish Book Award in 2016. The second book in the series, The Forever Court will be published in April.

Katherine Woodfine is passionate about children's books and combines writing with running book projects such as the Young Adult Literature Convention. Her latest book is The Mystery of the Painted Dragon.

Children will have the opportunity to meet the writers after the event to get their books signed. Pop-up bookshop on site.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Wednesday 22nd March

Scéalaíocht le Stiallghreannáin
with Aidan Courtney

(Irish language workshop)

dlr Lexicon 11.00am - 12.00pm 4th to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 231 2929 or mountainstosea.ie

Is minic a bhíonn an stiallghreannáin ina ghearrscéal. De ghnáth, bíonn fad de thrí nó ceithre phainéal ag baint leo. Sa cheardlann seo, beimid ag plé na gcéimeanna a théann le stiallghreannáin mar Garfield, Peanuts nó Calvin is Hobbs a chruthú. Beidh na mícléinn ag tarraingt nithe éagsúla le chéile, ag plé smaointe difriúla is ag baint úsáid as an teimpléid stiallghreannáin chun a scéalta féin a chruthú.

Is cartúnaí, scríbhneoir agus foilsitheoir é Aidan Courtney. Foilsíonn sé greannáin i nGaeilge. Baineann sé úsáid as cuid de na cruthaitheoirí is fearr sa tír ina chuid oibre, mar iad a oibríonn ar Ruaille Buaille mar shampla. Is aobhinn leis bheith ag léamh agus bheith ag breathnú ar ghreannáin, ar ndóigh, go speisialta le cupán tae láidir ina lámh.



The comic strip is often made up of a short story in three or four panels. In this workshop we will be talking about the different steps in creating a comic strip like Garfield, Peanuts or Calvin and Hobbes. The students will draw things together, talk about ideas and then will use a comic strip template to create their own stories.

Aidan Courtney is a cartoonist, writer and publisher. He publishes comics in Irish for kids by great creators in a collection called Ruaille Buaille. He likes to read books and comics while drinking strong tea.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday 23rd March

Murder Most Unladylike
with Robin Stevens

dlr Lexicon, the Studio 11.00am - 1.00pm 4th to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 231 2929 or mountainstosea.ie
Please arrive at 10.30am to be seated 1 hour event, 1 hour signing

If your students love a good mystery story, they will love this interactive event with the brilliant Robin Stevens.

Robin Stevens' series, Murder Most Unladylike was featured on The Late Late Toy Show last December. Readers all over Ireland love her wonderful novels, described by Ryan Tubridy as 'Agatha Christie for kids'. Her latest book in the series is Cream Buns and Crime.

Robin was born in California and moved to England when she was three. She grew up in Oxford and went to an English boarding school where she read a lot of mystery tales (and got lots of great ideas for her own books which are set in a fictional boarding school). At university, she did her MA on crime fiction. She really does have a degree in murder!

Every child will have a chance to meet Robin after the event, talk to her about their own writing and get their books signed. There will be a pop-up bookshop on site.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Thursday 23rd March

Ask the Laureate
with UK Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell

Pavilion Theatre 11.00am - 1.00pm 3rd to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 231 2929 or mountainstosea.ie
Please arrive at 10.30am to be seated 1 hour event, 1 hour signing

This is an amazing chance for your students to meet Chris Riddell, the UK Children's Laureate and discover the inspiration behind his stories and art. Students can ask him questions such as 'Where do you get your ideas?' and Chris will draw an answer live, giving the audience an insight into the Laureate's world. The lucky students he picks may even get to take their doodle-answers home with them!

Chris Riddell, the 2015-2017 UK Children's Laureate, is an accomplished artist and the political cartoonist for the Observer. His books have won a number of major prizes, including an unprecedented three CILIP Kate Greenaway Medals. Goth Girl and the Ghost of a Mouse won the Costa Children's Book Award 2013. Other books include the bestselling Ottoline series, The Emperor of Absurdia, and, with Paul Stewart, the Muddle Earth books. Chris lives in Brighton with his family.

There will be a pop-up bookshop on site and Chris will sign his books after the event and meet young readers.



SCHOOL EVENTS

Friday 24th March

Ready, Steady, Draw! A Live Drawing Bonanza
with Chris Judge, Oisín McGann, Sarah McIntyre, Philip Reeve, Niamh Sharkey, and Margaret Anne Suggs

Pavilion Theatre 11.00am - 1.00pm 3rd to 6th class
€3 per ticket (2 teachers free per class) from (01) 231 2929 or mountainstosea.ie
Please arrive at 10.30am to be seated 1 hour event, 1 hour signing

Love to draw? Love to laugh? Join us for this brilliant, innovative event where two teams of crack illustrators will be pitted against each other.

The children will suggest subjects for the team members to draw live – which will be projected onto the big screen. Then it's Ready, Steady, Draw! Which team will be the best at drawing bees riding unicorns or sausages in sunhats? You decide!

Chris Judge is a writer, illustrator and designer. His latest picture book is The Snow Beast. Oisín McGann is a writer and illustrator and the creator of the much loved Mad Grandad series.

Sarah McIntyre and Philip Reeve are the masterminds behind many highly successful illustrated books for children, the latest being Jinks and O'Hare Funfair Repair.

Niamh Sharkey is a writer and picture book maker and the creator of Henry Hugglemonster, the animated television series (Disney Junior). Margaret Anne Suggs is the illustrator of the bestselling Piggin of Howth picture book, written by Kathleen Watkins.

Children will have the chance to meet the writers and illustrators after the event and get their books signed. There will be a pop-up bookshop on site.

