

**THE BIG
MALARKEY
FESTIVAL**

2024

ACTIVITY DAYS FOR SCHOOLS

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TO HULL SCHOOLS'
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18-21 JUNE



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“We can’t recommend The Big Malarkey enough - it is an incredible event that needs to be an essential calendar date for schools. It provides incredible opportunities to broaden children’s horizons and ignites their enthusiasm and passion for reading.”

Nicky Leach, Deputy Headteacher and Reading Lead
Victoria Dock Primary School





A WORLD OF ADVENTURES

A warm welcome for our Hull Libraries schools, to the 7th Big Malarkey Festival 2024!


Every single book in your local library contains a world of adventures. Where might your book take you? Into the rainforest or deep into space? A party with Kings and Queens and submarines?

We invite teachers and pupils to come and explore with us!

The aim of the Big Malarkey Festival is to encourage reading for pleasure and engagement with everything a library has to offer – all kinds of books, of course, and creative workshops and experiences too.

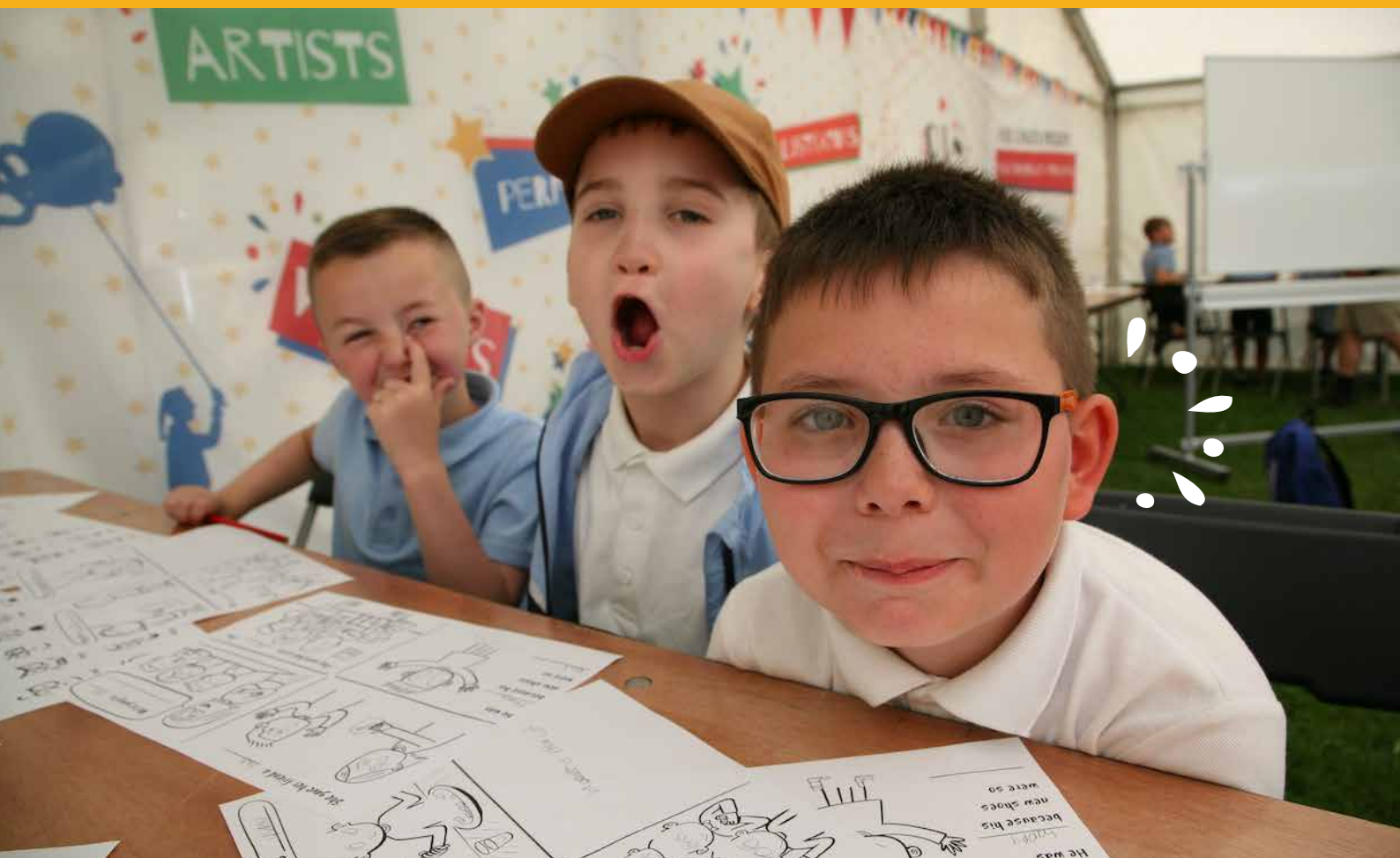
We do this by providing opportunities for children to stretch their imaginations and discover their own creative power, working alongside professional artists.

HOW TO BOOK

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- ★ You can book individual classes for *either* the morning session *or* the afternoon session - the afternoon session is a repeat of the morning. Your class ticket entitles you to 2 x 45 minute practical workshops.
 - ★ Booking opens on Monday 15 April and is on a first-come-first-served basis - so get booking as soon as you can!
 - ★ Email HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk to book your sessions. State your:
 - preferred days
 - whether you would like the morning or afternoon session
 - the two workshops you would like to book
 - how many classes you will be bringing and the number of children in the class
 - ★ To ensure opportunities for all schools, we ask that you book a maximum of three class tickets per school over the whole week. 1 class = 30 pupils.
 - ★ **CAPACITY:** For health and safety purposes, we must know the exact number of pupils in the class attending. If you have 33 children in your class, for example, we need to ensure that the workshop you wish to book has sufficient capacity for an additional three pupils.
 - ★ After you have booked your events, we will send you a ticket. This must be printed out and brought with you on the day to gain entrance.
 - ★ Bookings will be handled by the Schools' Library Service team. For any queries please contact HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk

James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Award 2024 // The Activity Days for Schools will run alongside the book award voting days on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 June. Please note that this is a separate event from the Activities Programme – please contact jrhcbaward@hcandl.co.uk for further information.

THE FESTIVAL SITE: MALARKEY PARK



The festival takes place in **Malarkey Park**, our colourful tented village in East Park, Holderness Road, Hull, HU8 8JU.

Parking: There is space for cars and coaches near to the site. Stewards will give directions on arrival.

Toilets: Toilets including **disabled toilets** are provided as well as **first aid support**.

Drinks: There will be free water for everyone - **please help us reduce waste by bringing your own reusable cups or water bottles.**

Lunch facilities: Please note there is **no facility for schools to have lunch on the festival site**, but you can of course eat in other areas of East Park if you wish.

Please note: **teachers are requested to supervise their pupils at all times.**

ACTIVITIES FOR NURSERY & RECEPTION

BOOK YOUR CLASS INTO A SESSION IN THE:

- * Morning (10:00am – 12:00pm) OR
- * Afternoon (12:45pm – 2:35pm)

Please select 2 workshops for each session. Each workshop lasts 45 minutes.

If your class has more than 30 children please email HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk to discuss additional numbers.

CHOOSE A SESSION:

MIXED UP FAIRYTALES

GARETH P JONES

Join author, performer and multi-instrumentalist Gareth P Jones for a fun filled workshop full of sing along songs, super fast rapping, funky ukulele and interactive story telling.

In this workshop Gareth will take you on a musical fairytale adventure. You can expect to get down with a disco-dancing gorilla, CinderGorilla, strut with Snowy White and the cat-walk cats of Purry Tale Lane... and let down your ears with the long-eared rabbit, Rabunzel.



MARQUEE	LET'S WRITE
ACTIVITY	STORIES
CAPACITY	30



THE MAGIC BOJABI TREE HUMBER DRUM CIRCLES

Join in the drum circle to retell this beautiful West African tale. The python who lives in the mango tree won't share the fruit unless one of the animals can name the tree and sing the magical song.

Which animal knows the song?

A magical workshop with tuned/untuned percussion instruments, ukeleles and of course, singing!

MARQUEE	LIVE & KICKING
ACTIVITY	MUSIC
CAPACITY	30



PUPPET MAKING

SWALLOW'S WING PUPPETRY

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MARQUEE MAKE IT, TAKE IT

ACTIVITY PUPPETRY

CAPACITY 30

A MUSICAL EXPLORATION

MAMBO JAMBO

Join Mambo Jambo for a musical extravaganza which will take you across the ocean, in the company of *Puffin Peter* and friends, and into the rainforest for an Amazon Adventure.

Pete and Frankie play a fascinating array of musical instruments including sax, guitar, banjo, accordion, clarinet, vocals suitcase and spoon. Children will be encouraged to get involved in a fun and delightful songs and music session with an adventure theme.

Expect to join in with singing, dancing, percussion and learning about travelling across the ocean, birds of the ocean, tropical islands and creatures that live in the rainforest.



MARQUEE DOODLE RM

ACTIVITY MUSIC

CAPACITY 30



A WILD ADVENTURE

REWILDING YOUTH

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MARQUEE PARIS VILLAGE

ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY 30

ACTIVITIES FOR KS1

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ACTIVITY	PUPPETRY
CAPACITY	30



SMALL VOICES BIG NOISES

MARTIN HARWOOD

Join Sheffield-based musician and educator Martin Harwood for an inspirational musical adventure with quirky twists on well-known favourites, instant child-led song writing, music and dance from around the world and lots of laughs.

Super interactive musical fun!

MARQUEE LIVE & KICKING

ACTIVITY MUSIC

CAPACITY 30

A MUSICAL EXPLORATION / SUITABLE FOR Y1 + Y2

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MARQUEE LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY MUSIC

CAPACITY 30



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MARQUEE PARISVILLAGE

ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY 30

ACTIVITIES

FOR

KS3 + KS2



**BOOK YOUR CLASS
INTO A SESSION IN THE:**

- * Morning (10:00am – 12:00pm)
- * Afternoon (12:50pm – 2:35pm)

KS3 workshops will take place in the morning

Upper KS2 workshops will take place in the afternoon

Please choose 2 x 45 minute practical workshops from the following options:

- CALYPSO TIME!**
with Hull Music Service
- A WILD ADVENTURE**
with Rewilding Youth
- REGGIE HOUSER HAS THE POWER**
with Helen Rutter
- AN ANIMATED ADVENTURE**
with Virpi Kettu
- MAKE AWESOME COMICS**
with Neill Cameron
- PUPPET MAKING**
with Swallow's Wings Puppetry



MARQUEE	LIVE & KICKING
ACTIVITY	MUSIC
CAPACITY	30

CALYPSO TIME!

HULL MUSIC SERVICE

Explore the music of the Caribbean and have a play on traditional steel pans.

These workshops give pupils a taste of stories and songs from the region and a chance to explore the range of instruments in a steel pan orchestra.

Steel pans originated in Trinidad and Tobago in the 19th Century before spreading out across the Caribbean later on.

Come along to sing more, learn more and play more!



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ACTIVITY	BUSHCRAFT
CAPACITY	30

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REGGIE HOUSER HAS THE POWER

HELEN RUTTER

Helen Rutter is the award-winning and bestselling author of *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*.

Join this session to learn all about Helen's new book, *Reggie Houser Has the Power*, which is a laugh-out-loud story about a boy with ADHD who goes on a mission to learn mind control.

Will Reggie's incredible talent solve all his problems or just get him into deep trouble?

Warning: in this workshop Helen Rutter will be attempting to hypnotise the audience!

MARQUEE	BIG TOP
ACTIVITY	WRITING WORKSHOP
CAPACITY	90



AN ANIMATED ADVENTURE

KETTU STUDIOS

Spend your visit to Malarkey Park with internationally recognised Stop Frame Animation artist Virpi Kettu (*Aardman Studios, Creature Comforts, Shaun the Sheep, Wallace and Grommit, Radiohead, Katy Perry*).

In this masterclass workshop your students will learn the skills to plan and create a collaborative stop-frame animation adventure film which will be shown in the Big Top during the festival weekend.

Expect to be inspired and creative in this dynamic, digital skills workshop.

MARQUEE	MAKERSPACE
ACTIVITY	ANIMATION
CAPACITY	30



MAKE AWESOME COMICS

NEILL CAMERON

What makes an awesome idea? How can you turn an awesome idea into an amazing adventure?

Neill Cameron is a writer and artist, creator of the graphic novel series *MEGA ROBO BROS*, and advocate for the role comics can play in literacy and creativity.

In this workshop you can expect to make your stories come alive with incredible artwork.

MARQUEE : LET'S WRITE

ACTIVITY : DRAWING

CAPACITY : 30



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MARQUEE : MAKE IT, TAKE IT

ACTIVITY : PUPPETRY

CAPACITY : 30

ACTIVITIES FOR KS2



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- * Morning (10:00am – 12:00pm) *OR*
- * Afternoon (12:50pm – 2:35pm)

Each morning or afternoon session includes 2 x 45 minute practical workshops.

Please choose 2 workshops from the following options:

- SUPERHERO VEG
with Sue Hendra
- LET'S CREATE
with Liz Million and Paul Cookson
- CREATIVE CODING
with Hull Libraries Makerspace Team
- MRS H'S SINGALONG BAND
- DRAMA WORKSHOP
with Practically Perfect Pictures
- MAKE AWESOME COMICS
with Neill Cameron
- A WILD ADVENTURE
with Rewilding Youth
- KOFI AND THE SECRET
RADIO STATION
with Jeffrey Boakye – *(morning only)*
- PUPPET MAKING
with Swallow's Wings Puppetry



SUPERHERO VEG

SUE HENDRA

Can there be a better adventure than a superhero adventure?

We're not sure... so we invited top children's author Sue Hendra (*Supertato, Barry The Fish With Fingers, No-Bot, I Spy Island*) to help us decide.

In this fun author workshop you'll create superhero veg to save the day.

MARQUEE : DOODLE ROOM

ACTIVITY : AUTHOR TALK

CAPACITY : 30



LET'S CREATE

LIZ MILLION AND PAUL COOKSON

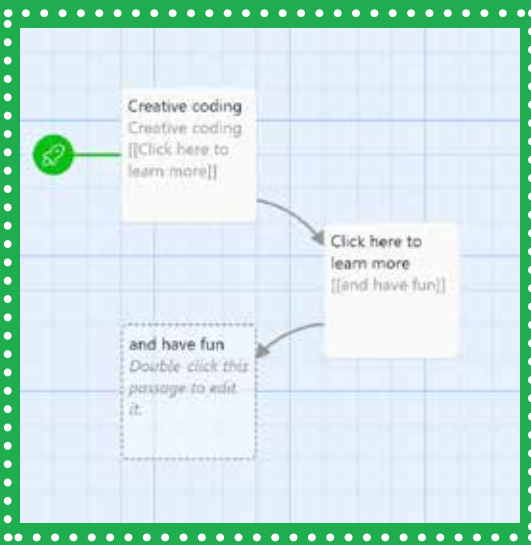
Join top poet Paul Cookson and fabulous illustrator Liz Million for a hands on workshop.

Expect to stretch your imagination, rhyming and drawing skills in this fun session.

MARQUEE : LET'S WRITE

ACTIVITY : WRITING

CAPACITY : 30



CREATIVE CODING

MAKERSPACE TEAM

Join Makerspace Hull for a session exploring interactive storytelling.

Using freely available software and a few taps of the keys and a swipe of the mouse, students won't believe how easy it is to create a 'choose your own adventure' story that they can then share with the world.

Part creative writing and part simple coding, the students will be able to write a narrative that branches off in different directions and has different endings depending on how the reader chooses to 'play' the story.

MARQUEE : MAKERSPACE

ACTIVITY : CODING

CAPACITY : 30



HULL FIBRE

The Makerspace tent is sponsored by Hull Fibre



MRS H'S SINGALONG BAND

MRS H SINGS believe in bringing inspirational music to children of all ages.

Come and join Mrs H to be whisked away on a musical journey.

Part theatre, part comedy, with a huge sprinkling of mischief, bring your voices, be ready to dance, and don't hold back from joining in the fun!

MARQUEE : LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY : MUSIC

CAPACITY : 30



A REALLY BIG DRAMA WORKSHOP **PRACTICALLY PERFECT PICTURES**

Making and using props, costumes and with wonderful music and sound effects, this drama workshop led by author and illustrator Kristina Stephenson will allow children to plan, rehearse and perform their very own production of Sir Charlie's *The Really Big Adventure*.

It's a great chance for children to unleash their inner actor, designer and musician as they adapt a story from page to stage.

MARQUEE : LIVE & KICKING

ACTIVITY : DRAMA

CAPACITY : 30



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MARQUEE : BIG TOP

ACTIVITY : WRITING

CAPACITY : 90



MARQUEE : PARISI VILLAGE

ACTIVITY : BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY : 30

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MARQUEE : BOOKLOVE

ACTIVITY : AUTHOR TALK

CAPACITY : 30

KOFI AND THE SECRET RADIO STATION

JEFFREY BOAKYE

NB: Morning workshop only

Kofi is back in a brand-new, music-making adventure!

A jam-packed and fun-filled trip back to 1995 to explore the world of Kofi and the Secret Radio Station.

This session introduces students to the second book in Jeffrey Boakye's first children's fiction series, with interactive games and readings. This book is aimed at 10 to 13 year olds (and all adults nostalgic for the 90s!) and is fun for all ages.



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ACTIVITY PUPPETRY

CAPACITY 30

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We look forward to seeing you!

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