

**THE BIG  
MALARKEY  
FESTIVAL**

**2023**

**ACTIVITY DAYS FOR SCHOOLS**

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TO HULL SCHOOLS'  
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*“ It’s such a fun and fabulous festival for all ages. It’s a great way to inspire children about reading and the arts and something they can share with parents to engage their own families. ”*

Zoe Mitchell, Reading Lead, Griffin Primary School  
2022





# A KIND OF MAGIC!

**A warm welcome for our Hull Libraries schools, to the 6th Big Malarkey Festival 2023 – *A Kind of Magic!***

Here at Hull Libraries we believe that books and stories contain a kind of magic – the power to take you away to another place, to introduce you to extraordinary people, animals, times, or things beyond your own world and your own imagination. 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

- ★ 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 20 March and is on a first-come-first-served basis - so get booking as soon as you can!
- ★ Email [HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk](mailto: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
  - 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](mailto:HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk)

**James Reckitt Hull Children's Book Award 2023** // The Activity Days for Schools will run alongside the book award voting days on Tuesday 20 and Wednesday 21 June. Please note that this is a separate event from the Activities Programme – please contact [jrhcbaward@hcandl.co.uk](mailto: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 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 – 2:30pm)

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](mailto:HullSchoolsLibrary@hcandl.co.uk) to discuss additional numbers.

## CHOOSE A SESSION:

### TALES OF MAGIC

#### SAVIOUR PIROTTA

What does 'magic' mean to you? Master storyteller and author Saviour Pirotta is here to help you find out.

He'll be telling myths and legends from Ancient Greece and Egypt as well as newer folktales from the rest of the world.

Find out why sand on Greek beaches looks like it's made of gold, listen to a story about Baba Yaga and her magic apples, and meet Annis and her unicorn. Then choose an object from inside Saviour's box of delights to create a new story, chock-full of your own magic!



MARQUEE	LET'S WRITE
ACTIVITY	STORIES
CAPACITY	30



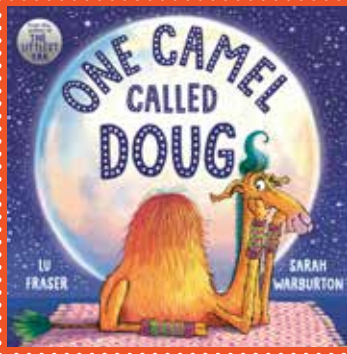
### THE MAGIC BOJABI TREE HUMBER DRUM CIRCLES

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 drumming, tuned percussion instruments and of course, singing!

MARQUEE	LIVE & KICKING
ACTIVITY	MUSIC
CAPACITY	30



## ONE CAMEL CALLED DOUG

### HULL LIBRARIES

Come and join Doug the Camel on his picnic blanket and discover what happens when his alone-time peace is shattered!

An interactive session exploring this delightful book by Lu Fraser and Sarah Warburton – shortlisted for the *James Reckitt Hull Children's Picture Book Award 2023*.

There'll be singing, dancing, and rhyming, with some extra hump-tastic activities thrown in!

MARQUEE LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY STORIES

CAPACITY 30

## HATS OFF!

### MAMBO JAMBO

Join Mambo Jambo for a 'Hats Off' extravaganza! Pete and Frankie play a fascinating array of musical instruments and have many hats to their musical styles.

They'll be encouraging the children to get involved in a delightful songs-and-music session with a playful hats theme!

Expect to join in with singing, dancing, percussion and to hear music from many styles and countries played on a variety of instruments, including sax, guitar, banjo, accordion, clarinet, vocals, suitcase and spoons.



MARQUEE DOODLE RM

ACTIVITY MUSIC

CAPACITY 30



## CELTIC MAGIC

### REWILDING YOUTH

Join the Rewilding Youth team to delve into Hull's ancestral history, and meet the local Celtic tribe - the Parisi.

Children will be transported back in time to learn through outdoor experience how the Parisi lived in this part of Yorkshire.

They'll also be looking at wands made from different materials and the magical connection druids had to the natural world.

MARQUEE PARISIVILLAGE

ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY 30



# ACTIVITIES FOR KS1

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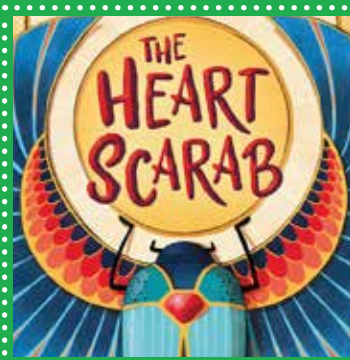
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MARQUEE : LET'S WRITE  
ACTIVITY : STORIES  
CAPACITY : 30



### MAGICAL ADVENTURE IN THE RAINFOREST

#### HUMBER DRUM CIRCLES

Come on a musical journey through a Cameroon Rainforest – can you hear wonderful drumming and singing?

Let's follow the music until we find the source – the beautiful Baka tribe.

A workshop with Humber Drum Circles to explore Baka rhythm and song and create soundscapes of the rainforest.

MARQUEE : LIVE & KICKING  
ACTIVITY : MUSIC  
CAPACITY : 30





## SMALL VOICES BIG NOISES

### MARTIN HARWOOD

Join Sheffield-based musician and educator Martin Harwood for singing, dancing, percussion and laughs.

Martin has run thousands of sessions in schools and early years settings across the UK.

Super interactive musical fun!

MARQUEE LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY MUSIC

CAPACITY 30

## WHAT A FACE!

### ANJAN SARKAR

Illustrator Anjan Sarkar (*The Alien Next Door*, *Little Olympians*, *Agent Asha*) will be demonstrating simple techniques to draw a range of emotions for your comic characters.

Using fun cartoon worksheets, we'll explore how (with just a few strokes) you can capture different feelings, add humour and super-charge your comic communication skills!



MARQUEE DOODLE RM

ACTIVITY DRAWING

CAPACITY 30



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MARQUEE PARISIVILLAGE

ACTIVITY BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY 30

# ACTIVITIES

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# KS3



## BOOK YOUR CLASS INTO A SESSION IN THE:

- \* Morning (9:30am – 12:00pm) OR
- \* Afternoon (12:30pm – 2:30pm)

Each morning or afternoon session includes:

### WELCOME

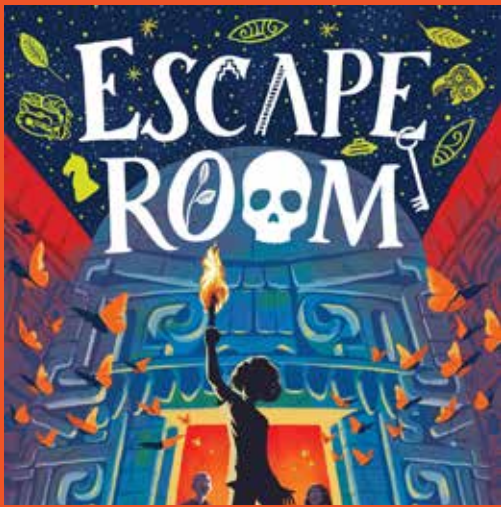
A 20 minute 'Welcome to the Festival' in the Big Top. All classes must attend this.

### WORKSHOPS

2 x 45 minute practical workshops.

Please choose 2 workshops from the following options:

- ESCAPE ROOM with Christopher Edge
- RAMPANT ROBOTS with Hull Libraries Makerspace team
- CELTIC MAGIC with Rewilding Youth
- HIP HOP LITERACY with BREIS
- CELEBRATE! MAGICAL WEST AFRICAN RHYTHM AND SONG with Humber Drum Circles
- INSTAGRAM MANGA with Tasneem Kausar
- WRITING WITH HUMOUR with Helen Rutter
- ART BOX OF TRICKS with Jon Keen



MARQUEE	BIG TOP
ACTIVITY	AUTHOR TALK
CAPACITY	90

## ESCAPE ROOM

### CHRISTOPHER EDGE

Welcome to The Escape – the ultimate Escape Room with puzzles and challenges to beat before time runs out.

But wait, this is no ordinary game... Do you dare to play?

Join author Christopher Edge on a heart-racing journey as he brings *The Escape* to life and explore the imaginative, empowering world of his mind-bendingly brilliant novel, *Escape Room*.

Can you help Christopher find the answer and save the world?



MARQUEE	MAKERSPACE
ACTIVITY	DESIGN
CAPACITY	30

## RAMPANT ROBOTS

### MAKERSPACE TEAM

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MARQUEE : PARISI VILLAGE

ACTIVITY : BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY : 30



## HIP HOP LITERACY

### BREIS

Get galvanised by the brilliant BREIS (pronounced 'breeze') - a rap artist and author based in London with a smooth flow full of witty lyrics, in a musical blend of Hip Hop, Jazz, Soul and Afrobeat.

BREIS is the founder of *Student of Life*, a Hip Hop-inspired arts organisation delivering rap and poetry workshops to young people encouraging their creativity.

BREIS has worked with hundreds of schools across the UK, America, Asia and Southern Africa.

MARQUEE : LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY : RAP WORKSHOP

CAPACITY : 30



## CELEBRATE! MAGICAL WEST AFRICAN RHYTHM AND SONG **HUMBER DRUM CIRCLES**

Join Humber Drum Circles to party West African style!

We'll learn the F'E – 4/4 Malinke rhythm and songs from the Wassalon region in Guinea.

There, groups of young girls dance with decorated calabash for big celebrations in the village.

Who'll get up and dance in our Malarkey village?

**MARQUEE** LIVE & KICKING

**ACTIVITY** MUSIC

**CAPACITY** 30



## INSTAGRAM MANGA **TASNEEM KAUSAR**

Artist Tasneem Kausar will show you how to draw yourself as a Manga character.

Getting your creative hats on, you'll then create an Instagram post where you can put all of your new drawing skills into practice.

**MARQUEE** DOODLE ROOM

**ACTIVITY** DRAWING

**CAPACITY** 30



### WRITING WITH HUMOUR

#### HELEN RUTTER

Do you have what it takes to be a comedian?

Join award-winning author Helen Rutter to discover the joy of comedy in her books, including her new book *The Funniest Boy in the World*, the sequel to her smash hit debut *The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh*.

This is a unique opportunity to learn how to beat your boredom and come up with brilliant story ideas with one of the UK's leading children's writers.

MARQUEE : LET'S WRITE

ACTIVITY : WRITING

CAPACITY : 30



### ART BOX OF TRICKS

#### JON KEEN

A fun sculpture session based on learning the rules of art and then breaking them!

The focus is on fun and developing thinking skills.

What can you do with a box full of resources, a list of strict rules and your imagination?

We'll be working with different art materials - please ensure students dress for mess!

MARQUEE : MAKE IT, TAKE IT

ACTIVITY : ART

CAPACITY : 30



# ACTIVITIES FOR KS2



## BOOK YOUR CLASS INTO A SESSION IN THE:

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### WELCOME

A 20 minute 'Welcome to the Festival' in the Big Top. All classes must attend this.

### WORKSHOPS

2 x 45 minute practical workshops.

Please choose 2 workshops from the following options:

- THE LAND OF ROAR with Jenny McLachlan
- WRITING A FANTASY THRILLER with Christopher Edge
- RAMPANT ROBOTS with Hull Libraries Makerspace team
- SOUND MAGIC with Hull Music Service
- POP UP STORIES with Ian Douglas
- WRITING WITH HUMOUR with Helen Rutter
- CELTIC MAGIC with Rewilding Youth
- WINDRUSH 75 with Samantha Williams
- ART BOX OF TRICKS with Jon Keen



## THE LAND OF ROAR

**JENNY MCLACHLAN**

Come on a magical adventure with Jenny McLachlan, as we explore the *Land of Roar* together.

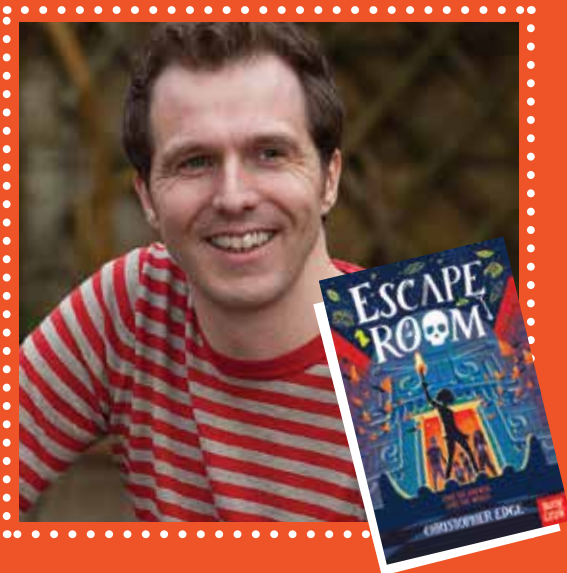
Jenny will tell you what inspired her to write the *Land of Roar* and share some Roar secrets.

You will then help put on a mini Roar play and create fantasy best friends and villains.

Then, with your help, Jenny will make an enormous dragon hatch out of an egg.

Hear me ROAR!

MARQUEE	BIG TOP
ACTIVITY	AUTHOR TALK
CAPACITY	90



## WRITING A PAGE-TURNING ADVENTURE

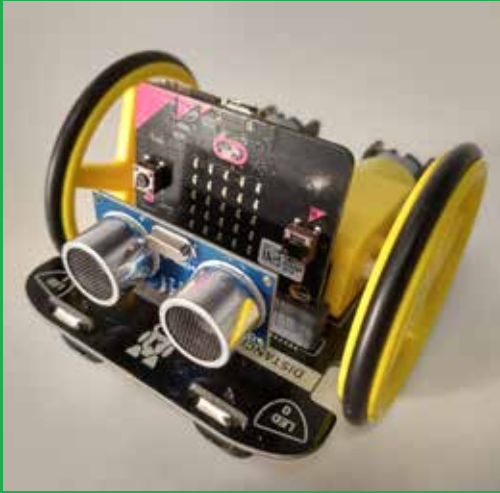
**CHRISTOPHER EDGE**

As well as writing bestselling children's novels such as *Escape Room*, Christopher Edge has also written some essential creative writing guides for budding young authors.

In this workshop he will share practical advice on how to create a page-turning thriller.

From dreaming up twisty plots to creating unputdownable opening lines, come along for some storytelling inspiration and make a start on your own writing adventure.

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ACTIVITY	WRITING
CAPACITY	30



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MARQUEE : MAKERSPACE

ACTIVITY : DESIGN

CAPACITY : 30



## SOUND MAGIC

### HULL MUSIC SERVICE

Join the musicians of Hull Music Service in a creative music workshop.

We'll be using the visual and audible surroundings of the Big Malarkey as inspiration to create artwork and improvised soundscapes.

MARQUEE : LITTLE LARKEYS

ACTIVITY : MUSIC

CAPACITY : 30





## POP UP STORIES

### IAN DOUGLAS

Festival favourite Ian Douglas has been bringing stories to the festival since 2017, roving Malarkey Park in his mini bow-top caravan.

A writer as well as a storyteller, this year he's bringing his art to the schools programme, with a lively, up-on-your-feet pop-up story session.

Children will be encouraged to step inside stories and bringing them to life, using drama and improvisation techniques to build teamwork, confidence, and oracy, and leave with a story to tell to friends and family.

Please note: pupils should wear comfortable loose clothing they can move around in, and suitable shoes.

MARQUEE	LIVE & KICKING
ACTIVITY	STORIES
CAPACITY	30



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MARQUEE	DOODLE ROOM
ACTIVITY	WRITING
CAPACITY	30



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MARQUEE : PARISI VILLAGE

ACTIVITY : BUSHCRAFT

CAPACITY : 30



### WINDRUSH 75

#### SAMANTHA WILLIAMS

On June 22nd 2023 we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the arrival of HMT Empire Windrush at the Port of Tilbury, bringing 492 migrants from the Caribbean and around the world, invited by the British Government to help rebuild Britain after the war.

BookLove founder Samantha Williams will take us back in time to learn more about the people who made this historic journey.

Dipping into some of the fabulous children's books in the Book-Love pop-up shop, we'll explore the music, fashion and décor from the '40s & '50s, and imagine what it's like to leave home. What would you take? Who would you miss and why?

Children are welcome to bring along any images or objects from this era, so we can create our own display of the past.

MARQUEE : BOOKLOVE

ACTIVITY : STORIES

CAPACITY : 30



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ACTIVITY ART

CAPACITY 30

**HULL LIBRARIES**

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20-23 JUNE

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BOOK YOUR TICKETS

Booking opens on  
**Monday 20 March 2023**  
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We look forward to seeing you!

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