

# BATH FESTIVALS

## Learning & Participation Newsletter

Bath Literature Festival | Bath International Music Festival | Bath Festival of Children's Literature

### WELCOME

Welcome to our November newsletter which is packed full of delights from the Bath Literature Festival, Bath International Music Festival. Make Music Happen, our Young Reviewers project and the Write Team!

We have been busy pulling together all the evidence from the Write Team project which shows how powerful creative writing can be for improving young people's confidence and engagement in their learning – if you want to find out how the **Write Team** can work in your school then read on.

We have welcomed a new member to our team, Alex Lupo, who will be leading the **Make Music Happen** project, a brand new music project for young people where they can create, perform and promote their own music through a series of workshops and events across Bath and North East Somerset.

Please also check out the film we have made about our Learning and Participation which is available on You Tube via this memorable link! <http://youtu.be/ilZrZShWBco>

And finally, we have a new look Schools Programme for the **Bath Literature Festival** and schools or community groups can host our Poet-in-Residence, Mandy Coe to inspire young people to write poetry or join our Aesop's Fables project and re-write these classic moral tales. Read on to find out more and get involved!

Best wishes, *Louise, Emma & Alex*

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### GET INVOLVED | Bath LitFest - Schools Programme

We have a new look schools programme this year which combines writing, reading and art in a variety of ways.

#### Aesop's Fables

As part of our Olympic Ideal strand celebrating the London Olympic Games 2012 we are asking children and young people to fire up their imaginations and create a contemporary re-working of Aesop's Fables. These fables are often a popular choice for the moral education of our children but in these changing times this project will offer young people the chance to create moral tales for the adults that control their world.

We will set up our Fables Factory in schools and other settings across Bath and North East Somerset offering writing and illustration workshops for children and young people aged 5–18. Original stories and illustrations of animals will create a fantastical online zoo and a specially created app to make the project truly interactive.

You can also sign up online and submit your entries via our website. Here you will find top tips from writers on how to create a story and tips on drawing your animals from some fabulous illustrators.

*£250 – package includes 1 day workshop in schools or other setting, 2 places per setting on INSET session and an invitation to launch event at the festival. Places on these projects are limited so get in touch as soon as you can to reserve a place.*

## Poet in Residence

Enthuse and inspire your students to write and read poetry with our Poet-in-Residence Mandy Coe, an award-winning poet whose work for children has been widely published and broadcast ('Oxford Reading Tree' and BBC's Cbeebies). Mandy will spend a day in your school working alongside your students to help them create their own poetry which will then be published on our Litfest website and one lucky poet will have their work selected for our Daily Poem slot at the festival. Bath Literature Festival is commissioning Mandy Coe to write a new poem and she will be premiering a new poem for children at the festival.

*Cost: £250 – package includes 1 day workshop in school, 2 places on INSET session for teachers and a copy of Mandy Coe's Poetry Scheme of Work*



## Anthologise

**Anthologise Project & Celebration at Hayesfield School with Carol Ann Duffy**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am–3pm**

This day of workshops and performances will celebrate B&NES schools involvement in the Anthologise project. Spearheaded by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, this Laureate Education project is intended to encourage the wider reading, appreciation and enjoyment of poetry by pupils in schools. Open to all schools in the UK, groups of any size are invited to work together to create an anthology of poetry, using the resources and guidelines provided on [www.anthologise.co.uk](http://www.anthologise.co.uk). We are offering a twilight INSET session for KS3 & KS4 teachers to support the project on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January.

To find out more about the Anthologise project, the INSET and getting involved in this event then please e-mail the Learning & Participation team [education@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:education@bathfestivals.org.uk)

**Anthologise**

## Kids Big Bath Read – Inspiring Young Readers

We have a real treat as the Kids Big Bath Read at Bath Literature Festival! Sky Hawk is the thrilling debut novel from Gill Lewis and with its themes of friendship, the importance of protecting wildlife, and man's relationship with nature, this wonderful book is an ideal classroom reader or text for a reading group.

If you have participated in our previous Big Bath Read's then you know the deal, if you haven't then this is your chance to inspire a new generation of readers - get in touch with us to find out how you can receive free books for your school.

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## The Write Team

### Creative Writing for Pupils and INSET for Staff

We can offer your school creative writing sessions with pupils and INSET sessions for staff based on the learning from our three year research project, The Write Team. Our workshop leaders can tailor the sessions for your staff and pupils and are happy for the sessions to be observed by teachers across the school as part of continuing profession development programmes.

Our final report will be published just before Christmas so please let us know if you would like to receive a copy hot off the press.

Our fees for the Write Team start from £250 for a twilight session please e-mail us for more information.

*"The impact of the Write Team can ... be said to be twofold: it changes how learners see themselves, and causes them to act and think differently both within the intervention setting and outside of it."*

*Write Team Lead Teacher*

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## Teachers Writing Club

The Teachers Writing Club will provide half termly workshops led by professional writers and Write Team Project Manager, Emma Metcalfe. Based upon the good practice generated by the Write Team the workshops they will provide practical examples and creative writing exercises to support both personal writing and creative writing teaching practice. Genres will include poetry, fiction and drama.

The workshops will take place at our offices in central Bath (and other top secret locations!) and the first session is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, focusing on poetry with Mandy Coe. Additional activities will include meeting authors and discount tickets at Bath Festival Events.

There is a charge of £50 for Write Team teachers and £100 for non-Write Team teachers to cover our administration and material costs but we have deliberately kept costs as low as possible to enable teachers to join us. We can invoice your school directly for the fee.

## Bath International Music Festival – Brazilian Extravaganza!

June does seem a long way off at this moment in time but we are nearly there with our programme for the festival and we are delighted that Adriano Adewale will once again be working with us on the Festival Commission.

The opening children's procession and commission will be a vibrant display of Brazilian Carnival, celebrating the Cultural Olympiad and looking ahead to Rio 2016. We are looking for school groups to be involved in the procession and commission to create costumes, dance and music for this Brazilian Extravaganza. Please get in touch to find out more.

*Check out the You Tube film to see our 2011 Commission.*



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## Make Music Happen – Opportunities for outreach sessions in schools



Make Music Happen is a yearlong music making and music promotion project aimed at 13–19 year olds in the Bath & North East Somerset area. The project will provide multiple opportunities for young people from across the region to access weekly music making sessions and regular weekend intensive music making sessions. There will also be opportunities for young people in the area to gain experience of putting on their own music events. Through a series of regular seminar events and regular performances the young people involved will gain a valuable insight into the world of music promotion and event organisation. The project aims to offer a whole and complete package that will give the young people involved an all-round experience of making music in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

We would love to hear from you if your school would be willing to host some outreach music making sessions and/or distribute information to your students – please e-mail [alex.lupo@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:alex.lupo@bathfestivals.org.uk) for more information.



## Young Reviewers - Review Winter Boom at the Pavilion

We have joined forces again with the Bath Chronicle to run our Young Reviewers project supporting children and young people to develop their reviewing and writing skills by reviewing events at various times throughout the year.

We are looking for a group of music loving Young Reviewers to attend the Winter Boom on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. The Winter Boom is an exciting music event that has been put together by young people and it only seems right to ask other young people for their opinion.

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