



KIDKIND Leaves

A Children's Literature Festival
for Pennine Lancashire

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'Kicking Leaves' was launched earlier this year when MPA secured Julia Donaldson's appearance at Burnley Youth Theatre. Not only did she meet

teachers and parents and involve them in an active retelling of one of her stories but she also attended the Youth Theatre's production of her Manchester based play: 'Bombs & Blackberries'.

Our festival aims to exercise the muscles of a child's imagination by providing opportunities for the children of Pennine Lancashire to work alongside professional writers, poets, storytellers, illustrators and other artists.

We are delighted, once again, to present a high quality programme of work for young people and their teachers during the Autumn Term this year.

What makes our Festival different is that it focuses on the creativity of young people, encouraging them to write imaginatively, working alongside professional artists. There are opportunities for pupils and students at all levels from nursery to primary, from special schools to secondary schools and colleges. Do make sure that your school is involved.

The Festival is supported by a strong partnership from the Lancashire Library Service, Towneley Hall, Renaissance North West and local borough councils. We are delighted to welcome Transdev as a new partner this year. Selected writing will be published in the form of coving posters on major bus routes through Pennine Lancashire early in 2011.

A literacy programme for Springhill Primary

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Springhill Primary School in Accrington to develop a bespoke literacy programme for their children.

The programme will include a writer in residence, song composition with musician Hannah Kidd, story-making outdoors with Creeping Toad and storyboarding through improvisation with Thea Soltau. It will include story-tellers like Mis o'shi, and other writers like Kjartan Poskitt and Paul Cookson.

Why not talk to us about creating a programme just for your children?

For Teachers

Exploring Literacy at Museums – new strategies for teachers from Renaissance North West.

Museums, galleries and archives are great places for inspiring speaking, listening and writing skills. This free training event will introduce a range of fun straightforward, adaptable activities to encourage onsite 'talk for writing'.

This training event will introduce techniques to prepare children for writing that can be transferred to a range of settings outside the classroom. Working with museum educators and creative practitioners, there will also be the opportunity to develop ideas together. Participants will be exposed to a diversity of approach, experience and expertise, with Gordon MacLellan providing inspiration for future visits outside of the classroom.

Where: Towneley Hall, Burnley

When: Friday 12 November 9.30 to 3.30pm

Cost: Free, places limited so booking is essential



Drama

Rachel Ash

Rachel offers a series of drama workshops in Helmshore Textile Museum's atmospheric environment, the setting for the BBC adaptation of Mrs. Gaskell's 'North & South'.

The workshops will use improvisation to create ideas for characters and storyboards which the children can develop into their own stories back at school.

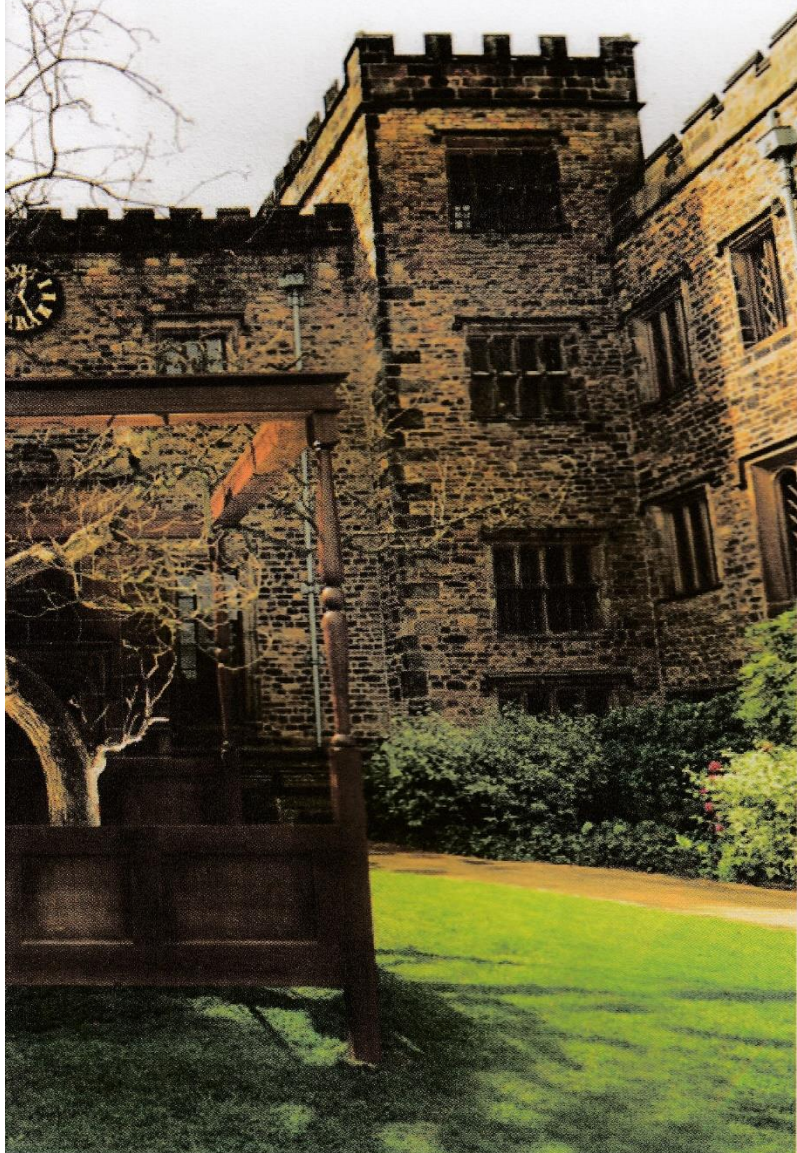
When: November 8th, 11th, 15th

Where: at Helmshore Textile Museum

Cost: £200 + vat per day includes transport.

Suitable for: KS2

Not Forgotten at Towneley Hall.
Photo by Nigel Hillier.



Illustrators



Steve Hutton

Steve is a great favourite with schools across the Northwest. Although now based on the Isle of Skye he is very happy to continue to contribute to the success of Kicking Leaves. Both the creation of storyboards to structure narrative, and the development of character through illustration are possible in these workshops.

When: October 19th, 20th, 21st

Where: in your school

Cost: £160 + vat per day

Suitable for: KS1 or KS2

Angie Thompson

Angie has brought her illustration skills to children in schools across the northwest. Before becoming a professional illustrator Angie worked as a primary school teacher so she knows what schools are about!

It was her experiences with picture books as a parent and teacher that inspired her to become an illustrator and consequently children are the main focus and audience of her work.

Angie is an early years specialist and begins with stories and rhyme-time before developing a creative activity in 2D art. The format of the workshop will be negotiated to meet the particular needs of the children in your school.

When: Thursdays: November 4th, 11th, 18th

Where: in your school

Cost: £160 + vat per day

Suitable for: Nursery/Reception/KS1



Writers & Poets

David Webb

David is a prolific author of children's books including: the Professor Nutter stories, 'Sparky's Return', 'Eye of the Storm', & 'Beneath the Bombers' Moon'. It's a real coup to have him working with us.

David offers:

- an author talk at KS2 which lasts for an hour and is usually given to all of the junior children at once. The talk is packed with practical ideas: building a plot, characterisation, drafting, editing and illustrations
- story-writing workshops where children produce their own plans and begin to draft their stories
- Foundation and KS1 storytelling: lively, original stories supported by large colour pictures, including a follow-up pack for teachers to use with the children.

When: November 4th, 16th, 18th

Where: in your school

Cost: £160 + vat per day

Suitable for: KS1 or KS2

Terry Caffrey for West Accrington schools

(sponsored by Tesco)

The project is to support a piece of public art by the artist Stephen Charnock which has been commissioned by the new Tesco store in west Accrington. The theme for the programme will be railways because the site of the new store is on former railway land. Lines from the poems written by the children will be lasered into steel plates on the ground. They will become a permanent feature of the artwork. This is a fabulous opportunity for children and schools to be actively involved in the regeneration of their town.

When: Dates to be agreed with schools

Where: in your school

Cost: free

Suitable for: KS1 or KS2

Terry Caffrey. Photo by Nigel Hillier.





Sonia Hughes

Sonia Hughes has made her name as a writer and theatre-maker. Her work has been performed in Manchester at Contact Theatre, the Royal Exchange Studio and on Radio 4.

Sonia offers a chance for the students to uncover the stories of their everyday lives, the people they know and the places they live, through theatrical games, writing exercises and map drawing. The participants will develop, write and perform a piece about their lives.

When: by negotiation with MPA
Where: in your school
Cost: £160 + vat per day
Suitable for: KS 3 or KS4



Sophia Rashid


For Primary Yrs 5/6 this workshop allows the pupils to work together as a team of writers, creating their own drama for TV. Using visual aids and stepping stones of papers around the room, this workshop becomes a game of creating and adding layers to the world that the students want to tell stories about. Students are encouraged to consider character traits using well-known faces for inspiration and these traits are incorporated into their developing narrative. The pupils will create a world of stories that they want to talk about, characters they want to write about and dialogue which they act out after reading existing scripts. Through this process they will learn how to link each aspect to create their very own TV drama.

This workshop requires a large space. It can be adapted for two groups during a day but is more effective for a single group.



For secondary Yrs 9/10/11: The workshop focuses on 'Writing for Soap' where students explore the ten golden rules of writing for a long running series on TV. Structure, plotting and character development are covered in the session. The end result will be a short script that can then be developed in the students' own time, individually or as a team of writers.

When: November 26th, 29th, 30th
Where: in your school
Cost: £160 + vat per day
Suitable for: KS3 or KS4



Terry Caffrey, poetry for Todmorden schools

(This programme is provided by Todmorden Town Council)
Terry Caffrey has worked as a performance poet in every possible kind of educational establishment and more besides. His warm friendly personality makes him an instant hit with the children and his wicked 'scouse' sense of humour is guaranteed to break the ice at any large gathering.

Terry's poetry is from the heart and is based on many of his childhood experiences – every child can relate to his poetry whether it is about the school caretaker, their dream football team or their granddad. Terry speaks up for kids and represents their side of the story; he is passionate about every child reaching their full potential.

If children pre-order Terry's latest anthology, Terry Caffrey: 'It wasn't me Miss!' he will sign individual copies during his visit to your school. Arrangements can be made with Mid Pennine Arts.

- When: Dates available in October
and November
Where: in your school
Cost: free
Suitable for: KS1 and KS2

Saviour Pirotti meet the author

Come along and meet the author himself. Saviour has written over 100 books for children from picture books for toddlers to short novels for older children. His latest book 'Firebird' is published on 12th October 2010.

Check out www.spirotta.com where you can download his stories for free!

This opportunity is provided by Lancashire County Council Library & Information service.

- When: Wed 27 October at 10-30 a.m.
Where: Rawtenstall Library
Cost: Free



Photo by Nigel Hillier.

Writing with the Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts

Towneley Hall's house and grounds are the setting for an exciting series of contemporary art installations, 'Not Forgotten', by Geraldine Pilgrim. This is the first of an ambitious programme that offers the rare chance to view major works of art outside a city environment by artists of national and international standing.

Ten Pennine Lancashire schools have already committed themselves to the programme for Children and the Arts.

Story-maker Gordon MacLellan will be creating stories with children in response to the artwork as they visit the installations and return to work in school.

Writer Alison White will be leading children to respond to their experiences of the artworks through poetry.

- When: November
Where: Towneley Hall and in your school



Theatre

At Burnley Youth Theatre

'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens

A great opportunity to see high quality theatre made by young people! Dickens' Christmas favourite story is brought to life by Burnley's own exciting youth theatre. Don't miss it!

Tickets: Schools' performances: £3.95
(accompanying teachers free)
Public performances: £6
£4 concessions.
Box Office: 01282 427767
e-mail: byt4@aol.com

At the Burnley Mechanics

'Romeo & Juliet' with Proper Job Theatre Company

A unique & dynamic adaptation set in the heart of southern Europe. This is a fresh and exciting interpretation of Shakespeare's classic text. It incorporates flamenco, song and music.

A pre-matinee workshop is available to schools which can be delivered in your school suitable for both KS3 and KS4.

Bookings & information from Naomi Whiteman:
Naomi@properjob.org.uk, tel: 01484 514687.

October 6th 7.30pm, 2pm school matinee

Tickets: £10 discounts £6
from the Burnley Mechanics box
office 01282 664400

'How the Koala Learnt To Hug' with the People's Theatre Company

A magical show for parents to enjoy with their children this is a charming tale about the magic of the family and, of course, the importance of a nice warm hug!

Great stories, sing along songs, games and first class hugging!!

November 8th at 1.45 p.m.

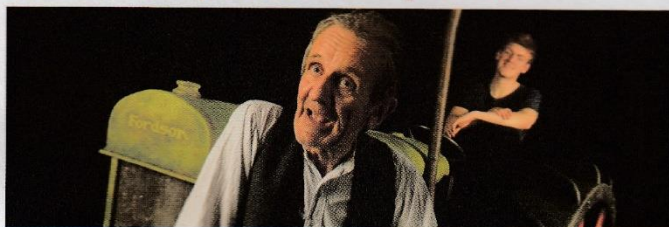
Running time:

1 hour 10 mins with an interval
Suitable for children 4-12 yrs
and their grown ups

Tickets: £5 from the Burnley
Mechanics Box Office 01282 664400



'Farm Boy' from New Perspectives & Scamp Theatre



By Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo's compelling sequel to his much-loved, War Horse has now been brought to life in a delightful family show combining drama, storytelling and original music.

November 2nd 7.30pm

Suitable for ages 7+

Tickets: £8 concessions £6 from the Burnley
Mechanics Box Office 01282 664400

A Christmas Carol Chapterhouse Theatre Company

By Charles Dickens

Adapted by Laura Turner

Charles Dickens' classic ghost story is brought alive in this most traditional of productions, complete with beautiful period costume, song, dance and a magnificent, original musical score.

December 2nd 7.30pm

Tickets: £12 concessions £8

from the Burnley Mechanics Box Office
01282 664400



Kicking Leaves is a children's literature festival for schools in Pennine Lancashire devised and managed by Mid Pennine Arts.

It was conceived ten years ago at the request of the local teachers who were looking for ways of stimulating their pupils' engagement in literacy. If your school would like to make the most of our experience in developing partnerships between the arts and education please contact our creative learning team:

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