



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Authors Live with Michael Morpurgo

Authors Live is a series of events broadcast live online for children to watch in school or at home, and then available on demand afterwards. The events are a fantastic way for families to share a love of reading. Recently at school your child has watched Authors Live with Morpurgo at school. You can share in your child's experience by watching the event at home, just visit the Scottish Book Trust website: <http://www.scottishbooktrust.com/authors-live-with-michael-morpurgo>

About Michael Morpurgo

Michael Morpurgo is, in his own words, "oldish, married with three children, and a grandfather six times over." Born in 1943, he attended schools in London, Sussex and Canterbury and went on to London University to study English and French. Michael worked as a teacher in a primary school in Kent. It was there that he discovered what he wanted to do.

In 1976 Michael and his wife, Clare, started the charity Farms For City Children which aims to relieve the poverty of experience of young children from inner city and urban areas by providing them with a week in which they work actively and purposefully on farms in the heart of the countryside. They now have three farms – Nethercott in Devon, Treginnis in Wales and Wick in Gloucestershire. In the last 30 years over 50,000 children from cities and towns throughout the UK have spent a week living and working on one of the farms.

Michael has written well over fifty books including War Horse, Kensuke's Kingdom, Private Peaceful and The Butterfly Lion. He has won many awards for his work and was the third person to become Children's Laureate, holding the post between 2003 and 2005.

During his Authors Live event Michael entertained children with his dry sense of humour and shared with them his tips for writing.

Other Authors Live events for you to share at home

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We hope that you enjoy watching Michael Morpurgo with your child.

Best wishes,
Scottish Book Trust Children's Team