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inspiring readers and writers



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Creating a reading culture

At Scottish Book Trust, we want to support you in creating a vibrant reading culture in your classroom and across your school.

A vibrant reading culture is proven to help improve attainment across the curriculum, as well as pupils' creativity, health and wellbeing.

This booklet highlights the variety of programmes we offer that will help you inspire a lifelong love of reading in your pupils. From initiatives like Reading Schools and the First Minister's Reading Challenge, which put reading for pleasure at the heart of Scottish education, to our Authors Live broadcasts which stream author events directly to your pupils, there are lots of programmes, funding opportunities and resources available to support you.






Stay in the loop about upcoming events, opportunities and CLPL sessions by signing up to our schools and libraries newsletter at scottishbooktrust.com/newsletters.

We'd love to hear from you about how you are using our programmes, and to answer any queries you might have. Get in touch with us at schools@scottishbooktrust.com.

Look out for:

-  **Author events**
-  **Free resources**
-  **Funding**
-  **Parental involvement**
-  **Get pupils writing**
-  **Encourage pupil voice**

Age category

-  **Early Years**
-  **Lower Primary**
-  **Upper Primary**
-  **Secondary**
-  **ASN**

Reading Schools is a flexible, step-by-step programme that supports schools across Scotland as they embed the magic of reading into school life.

All schools in Scotland are now eligible to take part.

Reading Schools offers:

- > An accreditation for your school at one of our three levels – core, silver and gold – with the option to advance through the levels
- > An improvement framework mapped to HGIOS4
- > Professional development opportunities for staff
- > A way to champion pupil voice
- > Opportunities for collaboration within and between schools
- > Pathways to engage families and the wider community
- > Resources, training and support from Scottish Book Trust

Funding

Schools that have submitted an action plan will be able to apply for funding to help them achieve their accreditation. Funding can be used to buy books and create appealing reading spaces.

Key dates

8 September 2022

CLPL: Starting your Reading Schools journey

20 September 2022

CLPL: Leadership of learning

25 October 2022

CLPL: Creating family and community partnerships

17 November 2022

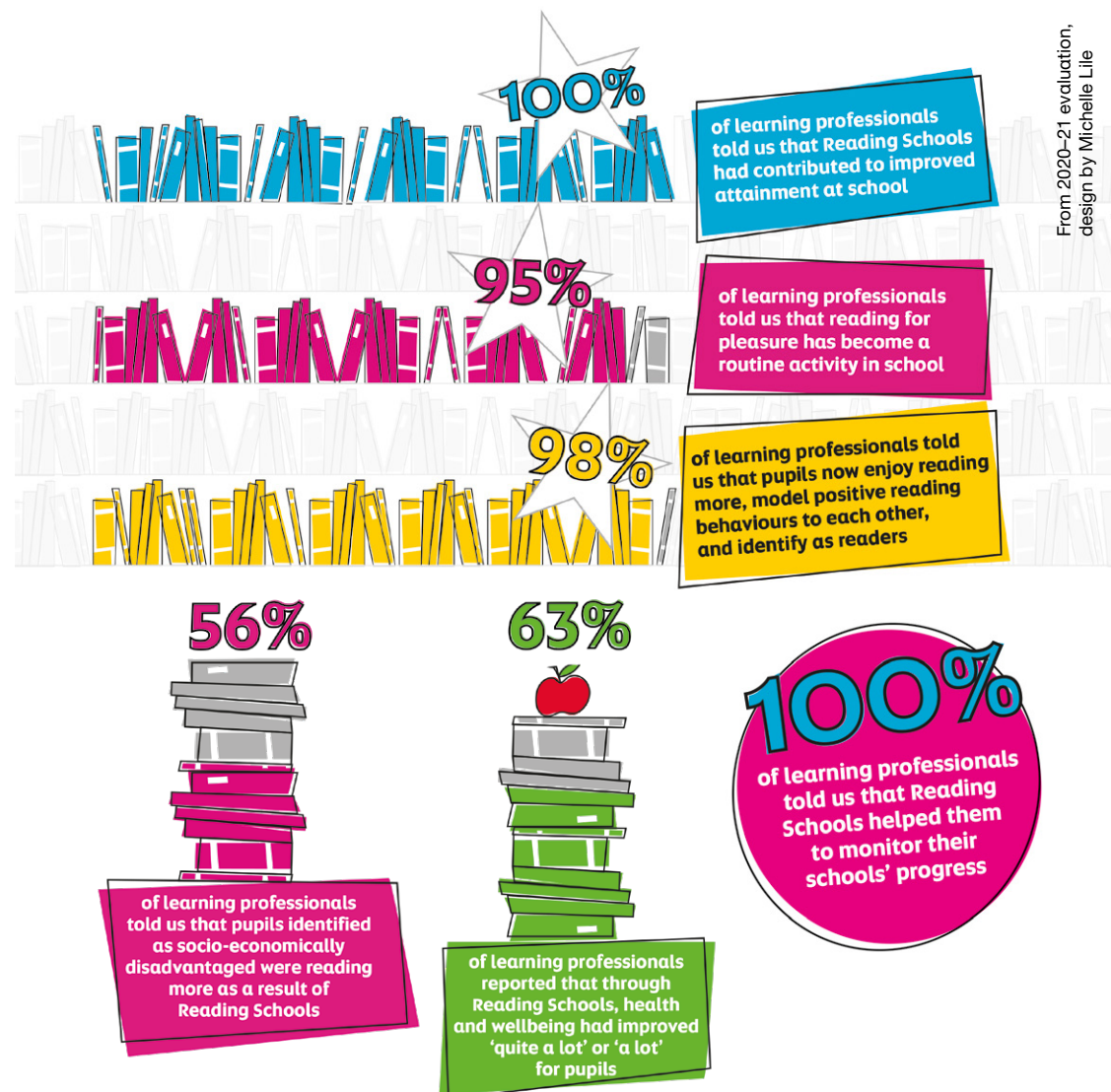
Funding applications deadline

7 December 2022

CLPL: Shared practice event

'I can say with absolute certainty that the huge strides we have made in building our reading culture this year have been due to the focus we have on Reading Schools'

Principal teacher, secondary school



From 2020–21 evaluation,
design by Michelle Lile

Find out more
readingschools.scot

First Minister's Reading Challenge



The First Minister's Reading Challenge is back for another year, with a focus on building a reading culture in your classroom.

Challenges

We have a range of challenges to enter, recognising the reading journeys of individual pupils, groups and classes. We'll celebrate these reading journeys and the winners in June with a week-long online festival of author events and activities.

Classroom resources

Access brilliant CfE-linked resources for free, including digital and printed versions of our Reading Passports.

Funding opportunities

Registered schools, community groups and libraries can apply for funding to hold an event with an author or creative practitioner, either in person or remotely.

Key dates

12 September 2022

Registration and funding applications open

8 September 2022

CLPL: Get inspired with the First Minister's Reading Challenge

17 November 2022

Workshop funding application deadline

27 April 2023

Submissions deadline

June 2023

Celebration event



Find out more

readingchallenge.scot

Read, Write, Count



The Read, Write, Count bags are filled with books, maths games and writing materials, and are gifted to all P2 and P3 pupils in Scotland. They are gifted by Scottish Book Trust and are part of the Scottish Government's commitment to addressing the attainment gap.

Read, Write, Count provides a great opportunity to build relationships with parents and strengthen links between home and school learning.

Learning resources

Visit our website to download CfE-linked resources for each item in the bags, which have been created with Education Scotland.

You'll also find activities, videos and lesson plans to help make the most of the bags at school and at home.

Bag gifting

Hold a celebration event and gift your bags during Book Week Scotland, and join one of our CLPL events for more ideas.

Key dates

From September 2022

Bags for P2 and P3 pupils will arrive at your school

15 September 2022

CLPL: Gifting Bookbug P1 Family Bags and Read, Write, Count bags

27 September 2022

CLPL: Using Read, Write, Count to support outdoor learning

4 October 2022

CLPL: Supporting STEM with Read, Write, Count

14–18 November 2022

Hold your celebration event and gift your bags during Book Week Scotland



'I think Read, Write, Count is a great initiative. Many families cannot afford to buy new books and number games for their children so receiving this lovely gift is very exciting for the children.'

Teacher at Gilmerton Primary School

Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/readwritecount

Authors Live brings world-class author and illustrator events directly to your classroom, library or home for free, in partnership with BBC Scotland.

Register to watch the live broadcasts with your pupils, and catch up with previous events through our On Demand library. To help you embed reading for pleasure in the classroom, there are also free CfE-linked activities to support each broadcast.

Watch on demand

Visit the Authors Live On Demand library to explore over 90 author and illustrator events. Highlights from the last year include events with Patience Agbabi, Brian Conaghan and Mark Bradley.



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/authorslive

Key dates

20 September 2022

Sue Cheung shares her laugh-out-loud series *Maddy Yip's Guide to Life* (P4–7)

4 October 2022

Rachel Bright, author of *The Lion Inside*, shares her melodic, heartwarming picture books illustrated by Jim Field (P1–3)

25 October 2022

Phil Earle discusses his award-winning novel *When the Sky Falls* and his new novel *While the Storm Rages* (P5–S2)

22 November 2022

Keith Gray discusses his new dyslexia-friendly novel *The Climbers*, a moving story about competition and friendship (S1–6)

Keep an eye on our website and schools and libraries newsletter for further dates as they are announced.

Whether a pupil always has their nose in a book or hasn't picked one up for a while, our Bookzilla app is here to help them find their next great read.

Developed by young people for young people, Bookzilla helps upper primary and lower secondary pupils to:

- > keep track of what they've read, and what they'd like to read next
- > find tailored recommendations based on the genres they like
- > see how books have been rated by other users of the app
- > take on reading dares
- > set themselves reading challenges
- > find their nearest bookshops and libraries

The app was developed to help children and teens broaden their reading horizons and to spark a love of reading.

We also have a resource on our website on using Bookzilla in your school, as well as a downloadable poster and bookmark.

Bookzilla is free to use, and doesn't collect any personal data.

'It helps me find books I haven't seen before then I'll read them.'

Pupil



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/bookzilla

Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour



The Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour brings the best authors and illustrators to schools across Scotland for fully-funded events. Previous authors on the tour have included Jessica Townsend, Cressida Cowell, Malorie Blackman and Patrick Ness.

Giving your pupils the opportunity to meet brilliant authors and illustrators can inspire a life-changing love of reading, writing and illustration.

We're now back on the road delivering tours in schools, but we'll continue to run virtual events too.

You'll find information about tours and events on our website and in our schools and libraries newsletter as they are announced throughout the year.

'To see the engagement on the faces of those who can often be reluctant to learn is fantastic and for them to ask for a book to read after is priceless.'

Teacher after a tour visit to their school



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/booktour

The Bookbug Picture Book Prize



The Bookbug Picture Book Prize celebrates Scottish picture books, and the winner of the prize is voted for entirely by children across Scotland.

All P1 pupils receive the three shortlisted books in their Bookbug P1 Family Bag. Lots of schools vote as a class (or even a whole school!), and families can also vote from home. Children don't have to be in P1 to take part – we encourage children of all ages to get involved and cast their votes.

We work with CALL Scotland to produce symbol resources and digital versions of all the shortlisted books.



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/bpbp

Key dates

7 September 2022

Shortlist announced

15 September 2022

CLPL: Gifting Bookbug P1 Family Bags and Read, Write, Count bags

October/November 2022

Bookbug P1 Family Bags will arrive at your school

14–18 November 2022

Hold a celebration event and gift your bags during Book Week Scotland



27 January 2023

Voting deadline

2 March 2023

Winner announcement



Live Literature



Live Literature helps to fund and support author events in communities and schools across Scotland.

Meeting authors, illustrators, poets and storytellers face-to-face can inspire pupils with their own writing and reading.

You can apply for part-funded visits with the authors, storytellers and other creative practitioners on our author directory. You pay just £75 plus VAT per session, and we cover the rest of the visitor's fee and all travel expenses. All Live Literature events and residencies can take place remotely or in person.

School residencies

Fully-funded residencies give you the chance to work with an author, storyteller or creative practitioner over a school year on a creative project you devise together.

ASN school residencies

Work with an author-in-residence on an extended project for pupils with additional support needs.

Key dates

23 September 2022

Deadline for applications for ASN residencies

21 November 2022

Deadline for applications for events taking place before 31 March 2023

Early 2023

Applications open for events taking place from April 2023 to March 2024

'I noticed that so many pupils were reluctant to start writing as they thought they can't be good writers if they struggle with spelling words or grammar. I think it was very important that the author residency encouraged them to write anyway and don't focus on mistakes, and showing them that anyone can be a writer.'

Teacher after taking part in a Live Literature School Residency

Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/live-literature

Book Week Scotland



Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading, which will take place on **14–20 November** this year.

The theme is Scotland's Stories, as part of Scotland's Year of Stories.

There are lots of ways to get involved:

- > Host an event to gift your Bookbug P1 Family Bags and Read, Write, Count bags to get your pupils and their families excited to use them
- > Enjoy events from the Authors Live on Demand library
- > Use the resources on our website to create a school-wide celebration of books and reading, with fun activity ideas and printable display materials

There will also be ways to take part online, and events taking place in communities across Scotland. Keep an eye on our social media channels and website for details on these as they're announced.



Find out more

bookweekscotland.com

Sharing Sensory Stories



Sharing Sensory Stories brings the magic of author visits, books and sensory storytelling to pupils with additional support needs.

Multi-sensory storytelling is a great way to empower children with a range of needs to express their thoughts and ideas.

The programme is open to special schools, ASN settings and pupils with additional support needs in mainstream education. The offer includes:

- > Author residencies and events (online and in person)
- > CLPL for staff
- > Funding for books and resources
- > An Inclusive Stories Festival, with authors and practitioners exploring sensory stories and lived experiences of neurodiversity and disability

Key dates

1 December 2022

Deadline for funding applications

‘The highlight of my year (career!) has been our ASN Storyteller residency. Everyone felt like this was for them. There has been a real change in the group dynamic, and I think that’s fed into their confidence in other areas of the curriculum as well.’

School librarian



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/asn

Creative writing



We have a new hub on our website to support teachers with creative writing lessons and projects, which features a mix of learning resources, top tips and fun activities.

Encouraging pupils to write creatively can improve their writing across the curriculum, as well as boost:

- > emotional resilience and regulation
- > creative problem-solving skills
- > social, communication and critical-thinking skills
- > confidence and pupil voice
- > engagement with the wider curriculum



Highlights from the hub include:

- > Creative writing toolkit linked to HGIOS4
- > Top tips for getting started with creative writing
- > Research on the benefits of creating a writing culture in your school
- > Resources on creative writing in Scots
- > Phil Earle's writing masterclass
- > Fun writing activities, including using poetry stones, story cubes and story sticks
- > Printable display materials, including our Why Write? poster, an interactive journal and a template for making story cubes

Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/creative-writing-for-schools

Learning resources



To help you to build a reading culture in your school we have a library of fantastic free CfE-linked learning resources on our website. The resources offer guidance and support as you embed reading for pleasure in your classroom.

Highlights include:

- > General activities to be used with any book – there are versions of this for early years, primary schools, secondary schools and ASN settings
- > Resource packs and activities for pupils with additional support needs
- > Activities and resources to support our Authors Live broadcasts
- > Resources to help you explore a topic or plan a project
- > Resources to support pupils through the transition from nursery to primary and primary to secondary
- > Resources on using Scots and writing in Scots

- > Resources for gifting the Bookbug and Read, Write, Count bags, including mind maps, lesson plans and videos
- > Book Discovery Guides – issues #1–4 are available now, with more to come!
- > A resource on understanding and challenging racism, written with Show Racism the Red Card Scotland
- > Fun activities, like how to make a mini book
- > Book lists on lots of different themes with recommendations for all ages



Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/learning-resources

CLPL

We deliver a huge range of CLPL and training online and in person each year. Our sessions cover topics such as:

- > Creating a reading culture in your classroom and across your school, and working towards your Reading Schools accreditation
- > Gifting the Bookbug P1 Family Bag and Read, Write, Count bags
- > Boosting staff knowledge of contemporary books
- > Using books to support outdoor learning, STEM and sustainable development



CLPL sessions will help you to engage with our programmes and ensure they have a deep and lasting impact on your pupils. You will gain practical ideas to implement in your school, as well as the opportunity to share ideas and experience with professionals in your area and across Scotland.

This year, we will also have a new offer of pre-recorded CLPL webinars that you will be able to watch on demand.

We also offer bespoke training on request. If you are interested in attending or arranging a CLPL session, please get in touch.

‘The webinars are wonderful. Unpretentious and inclusive and jam-packed with information and ideas. It’s so great to hear from colleagues across Scotland!’

Class teacher after attending a CLPL webinar

Find out more

scottishbooktrust.com/clpl

The impact of Reading Schools

'We are a rural community and do not have local access to a library or book shop. Many families have to travel by public transport to our nearest library and shops. There is not much spare money in families to purchase books and they are not seen as an essential item. Many of our children do not own a book.

By promoting reading in school and providing the children with a wide variety of texts to choose from we have noticed their interest in reading has grown.

One family in particular have four children in school and had no access to books at home. We noticed that they were becoming interested in reading different types of books in school either through recommendations from friends or book tasting sessions facilitated by class teachers. Their parents attended our book reading lunch which was a first for them to become involved. We also noticed an increase in their attainment in reading and writing.'

Principal teacher

Scottish Book Trust would like to thank:



Scottish Book Trust is a national charity that believes everyone living in Scotland should have equal access to books. Our work provides opportunities to improve life chances through books and the fundamental skills of reading and writing.

Access to books and a love of books bring many important benefits from family bonding and advancing children's learning, to unlocking creativity, helping employability and improving mental health and wellbeing. Scottish Book Trust aims to support all communities across Scotland, with particular focus on those who are vulnerable and under-represented.

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