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## Services for Schools Newsletter - September 2021

### Welcome to our latest Services for Schools Newsletter!

It's a new school year, with lots of exciting events and activities coming up, and our librarians are raring to go! Have a look at our new recommended fiction lists for students, and see how we can help you stock your school library. In the world of music, there's concerts, choirs and music classes on the cards, along with fun weekend activities for families.

Plus, we launch this year's Brilliant Book Awards, and announce the winners of InspiREAD 2021, as decided by young readers.

Read on to find out more!

## Education Library Service

**The Education Library Service is open for teachers to visit, subject to UK Government guidelines.** Teachers will need to book an appointment by phoning the ELS Base and provide their personal telephone number / email for NHS Test and Trace.

For ELS staff to make up collections, please continue to submit project requests on our [project order form](#) or [contact us](#).

**Call us:** 0115 804 4499

**Email:** [elsg@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:elsg@inspireculture.org.uk)

### Our Opening hours are:

Term time: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 6pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm

School Holidays: Monday - Thursday 8.30am - 5pm, Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm



## The inspiREAD 2021 winners are announced!

We hope you all enjoyed taking part in the Award this year!

Our winners, as voted for by readers, are:

**Picture Book Winner - Clem and Crab** written and illustrated by Fiona Lumbers; published by Andersen Press

**Shorter Book Winner: Willow Wildthing and the Swamp Monster** written by Gill Lewis and illustrated by Rebecca Bagley; published by Oxford University Press

**Longer Novel winner: The StrangeWorlds Travel Agency** written by L.D.Lapinski; published by Orion Children's Books

If you missed out this year and want to take part next year Summer 2022 [find out more on our website](#).



## Brilliant Book Award 2022

Candidates for this year's Brilliant Book Award have just been announced! The Award aims to promote Reading for Pleasure to Key stage 3 students. Students in participating schools read all of the shortlisted books and vote for their favourite title.

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If you want to find out more about getting your school involved in InspiREAD or the Brilliant Book Award, contact Rachel Marshall: [rachel.marshall@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:rachel.marshall@inspireculture.org.uk)



## Reading is Magic Festival 27 September - 1 October 2021

Don't miss this fabulous free festival available online, 5 days of writers, illustrators and poets taking part in events which can be beamed directly into your school or home.

A great way to share the Magic of Reading with teachers, parents, carers and of course children.

[Find out more about the Reading is Magic Festival.](#)

## Inspire Education Library Service Best Fiction Lists

Are you looking for some new recommended reads for your students? Our professional librarians review all new fiction purchased by ELS and produce recommended fiction lists every term.

We have three specific lists for different ages:

- [Picture Books](#)
- [Primary Fiction](#)
- [Secondary Fiction](#)

Back copies of these can be found on [our website](#).

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## Do you have any ELS topic books or fiction in your school not being used?

If your school borrowed books that ELS have not been able to collect due to government Covid-19 restrictions, we invite you to send back all the books you are not currently using and order new books ready for the next academic year.

Please email us at [elsg@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:elsg@inspireculture.org.uk) or phone us on **0115 804 4499** to arrange for a van to collect from your school.

To order your new books please use our [Online order form](#).

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### Book collection receipt printing

Please note that we will be phasing out sending paper receipts for book collections this academic year. We will email them to school offices as well as to individual customers where we have email addresses.



## Guaranteed Project Service - Beat the Rush!

If you give us half a terms notice, we will guarantee to send your project collections to you by the date required.

If you would like a project to be delivered for the start of Spring 1 2021 4 January, we need your project by **Friday 29 October 2021** and we will aim to deliver your project week commencing **6 December 2021**.

We will of course continue to do our best to provide teachers with collections irrespective of when the request is received.

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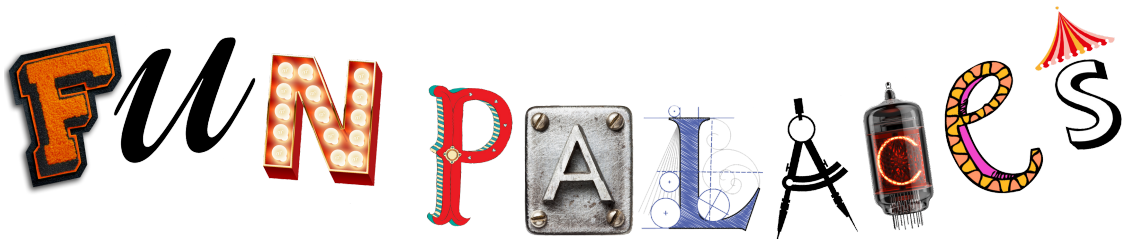

## Free Schools event - Meet the Author Aisling Fowler

Our friends at Harper Collins and Authors Aloud UK in partnership with East Midlands ASCEL, invite you to Meet the Author: Aisling Fowler to celebrate publication of her brilliant new fantasy novel *Fireborn*.

Register to attend this **FREE** webinar event for years 5,6,7 which will take place on zoom on **Wednesday 6 October, 10–11am**. Once you have registered, you will receive a confirmation email from Zoom with the link to join on the day.

**Please note: if more than one class will be attending, each class must register separately.**

## Inspire Libraries



**A FREE CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND COMMUNITY**  
**YOUR LOCAL FUN PALACE**

**DISCOVER - CREATE - PERFORM**

Workshop Library

**Saturday 2 October, 10am-3pm**

[inspireculture.org.uk/funpalace](https://inspireculture.org.uk/funpalace)



## Workshop Library Fun Palace Saturday 2 October 2021

The hugely successful Fun Palace returns to Workshop Library, bringing a variety of free

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Come along and be part of the Fun Palace fun as you try out different arts, science and cultural activities aimed at anyone of any age. The whole library will be taken over by fun activities, can you get around them all?

Discover your inner artist and create mini works of art or unleash your inner scientist with a range of fun science-based challenges to test your brain.

Look out for amazing activities from The Big Draw, Mr Straw's House, Aurora Wellbeing Centre, Ignite (Science busking), From the Heart Charity, and many more!



## **A Literacy Adventure with your Local Library** **A Small Tale: A teacher led adventure**

A Small Tale is a magical storytelling experience for primary school children that aims to ignite and inspire a passion for reading and writing. The class read a mysterious old picture book about two mischievous tiny people with a love of stories. But when the class returns to the book the following day the pages are all blank except for two sets of tiny footprints... Will the pupils be able to get the characters back to safety before it is too late?

Led by the teacher in the classroom, A Small Tale builds on existing imaginative teaching practices and places the teacher at the centre of the creativity.

Suitable for Years 1 – 4: November 2021

**£90 per class or year group including CPD for 1 teacher** (Subsidied by Arts Council England – usual project cost £360)

FIND OUT MORE - Watch the trailer and find out more at

[www.inspireculture.org.uk/smalltale](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/smalltale)

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Watch the trailer for A Small Tale.

**THE 2021<sup>®</sup> BIG DRAW FESTIVAL**



Join us for our Big Draw project called **FACES, PLACES** and help us create a mass portrait of the county!



Find out how to get involved at [inspireculture.org.uk/facesplaces](https://inspireculture.org.uk/facesplaces)

## Inspire Music



## FREE TERM of Whole Class Music Tuition for Spring 2022

Inspire Music are now taking accepting requests for a FREE term of Whole Class Music Teaching for the Spring term. If you are a Nottinghamshire (county) maintained or academy school, you are eligible for a free term thanks to continuing from Arts Council /DfE funding.

[Read more about our FREE Whole Class Music Tuition package](#)

**Places are going fast!** Request your free package for Spring 2022 by emailing [imt@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:imt@inspireculture.org.uk).

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## FREE *Inspirations* choir - for years 4-8



Our weekly *Inspirations* choir for pupils in years 4 to 8 meet online on Thursdays from 6-6.45PM and are led by Daniela Smith and Liz Heath.

If you know any talented singers who are ready for a fresh challenge, please [encourage them to sign up here](#).



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## Inspired Voices choir for years 9-13

Our senior choir, Inspired Voices a capella choir, are also recruiting this term.

We'd love to hear from vocalists in years 9 to 13 - get in touch for further details, or read more on [our website](#).

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**New!**

## Inspire Music Resources for Nottinghamshire County Schools

Explore our in-house music curriculum focused videos and downloadable resources for EYFS to KS4, plus tips for instrumental and vocal study.

If you are a county school or have a child at a county school, you can register for free.

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## Inspire Music Ensembles **Online**

Instrumental and vocal ensembles led by Inspire Music Teachers

FREE for Notts Music Hub area pupils - sign up  
[www.inspireculture.org.uk/musicensembles](http://www.inspireculture.org.uk/musicensembles)



## Inspire Music online ensembles - we're recruiting!

Inspire Music's popular instrumental ensembles are currently rehearsing online and are looking to recruit more young musicians. For more details, including rehearsal schedules, go to [our website](#).



## Inspired Christmas – call out for Nottinghamshire county secondary school choirs

This autumn term Nottinghamshire Music Hub have a free vocal development and performance offer for talented county based secondary school choirs. If you are a Notts County area secondary school choir leader we want to hear from you.

Notts county area school choir leaders who would like a free in-school vocal development workshop ideal for KS3-5 singers, led by professional vocal tutors from the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain artistic team. Where possible, the choirs will then perform live as part of our Inspired Christmas concert on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. It's an inspirational event for young singers so please consider joining us!

If you are interested, email [nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk)

Watch\* the 2020 Inspired Christmas concert below:

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\* Warning, this video contains Christmas content!



## NEW Hub singing collaboration with Music for Everyone

This autumn term Nottinghamshire Music Hub will be working with Music for Everyone and six primaries from the Spencer Academy Trust to put on a choir performance at the Albert Hall in Nottingham on Friday 19 November.

These lucky primaries will take part in an inspirational singing project which will create a choir of up to 300 children, who will come together to perform on the Albert Hall Nottingham stage in front of family and friends in November. Ahead of the exciting performance, each school is receiving 4 singing sessions in school over a 4-week period with the MfE choir leader Sophie Pascall.

If you are one of the lucky primary schools participating, we are really looking forward to working with you! Look out for event updates by following @nottsmusichub on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

If you would like further details, please email [nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:nottsmusichub@inspireculture.org.uk)

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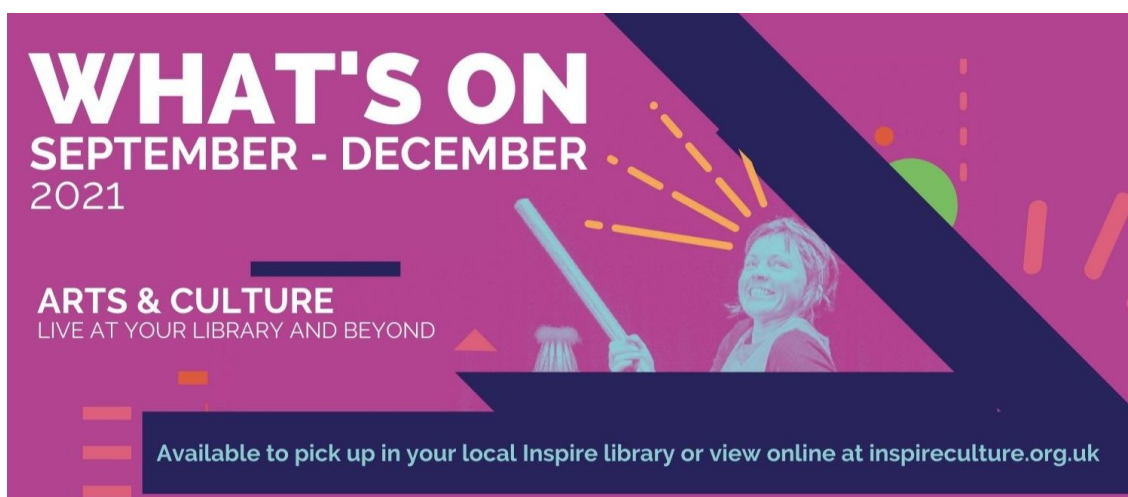

## Captivate is Nottinghamshire's cultural education partnership.

It's the creative home for children and young people, schools, teachers and cultural enablers to access high-quality arts and cultural experiences across Nottinghamshire, with a current focus on the areas of Ashfield and Mansfield.

**Schools can become a member of Captivate for free. Benefits of membership include:**

- Engagement in CPD training opportunities
- Receive Captivate's Menu of Opportunities, a free resource highlighting events, training and opportunities
- Support for schools to deliver Arts Award and Artsmark
- Take part in the Creative Schools Network
- Engage in young people's cultural enterprise projects
- Be part of the creation and delivery of cultural programmes
- Receive special offers and opportunities from our arts and cultural members

For more info and to sign up, visit the [Captivate website](#)



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