The launch of new children's play adaptation of "Treasure Island"

Merchiston Publishing launched a play by Lynn Brittney, "Treasure Island", yesterday. The adaptation of the classic by Robert Louis Stevenson is aimed at children between the ages of nine and twelve and contains illustrations from local primary school children. The edition also contains a foreword ■ by Education Secretary, Michael Russell MSP.

The students who run the publishing house hosted a Pirate Party for the children who contributed their artwork to the book, and there was even a real parrot waiting to greet them at the door! The event also had a range of activities such as drawing and face-painting for the young audience.

Author, Lynn Brittney, gave a short talk to the children and signed copies of her book (right).

The book will be on sale at Waterstones for £5.99 of which roughly £1.50 goes to the <u>Children's Hospice Association</u> <u>Scotland</u>.

The Edinburgh Reporter spoke to Andrew Bianchi – one of the project managers – about the creating process. <u>Talk with</u> <u>Andrew Bianchi – Project Manager</u> To read more about the book click <u>here</u>.