

Forthview Primary using Edinburgh authors to encourage reading

Reading events are to be held at Forthview Primary School in May with real live authors in a bid to encourage both pupils and their parents to read.

The school has been working on the development of a Reading Culture, involving school pupils, parents, the local public library and the wider community. The aim of the project is to encourage children to read for pleasure and to involve parents in the hope that they will also be encouraged to read to their children and read for their own enjoyment. This work is funded by The Scottish Government as part of The City of Edinburgh's involvement in the South-East Scotland Inter-authority Literacy Hub.

✘ Edinburgh author Lari Don has agreed to be the school's Patron of Reading. There was a day of events to launch this last week followed by author visits and library visits for every stage, as well as the setting up of a parents' book group.

Julia Donaldson, the former Children's Laureate, will also be visiting the school with her husband on 6 May and will be working with two P3 classes. Other authors confirmed so far to take part in the Scottish Book Trust Live Literature funded sessions are Simon Puttock, John Fardell (who will also work with the school's fathers' group) Joan Lennon, Barry Hutchison and Roy Gill.

Storytellers visited every class in the school in February and parents were also invited to these sessions.