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Spookily popular illustrator to tour Argyll & Bute

The popular children's book illustrator Chris Mould is to visit schools and libraries in Argyll & Bute as part of the Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour.

Chris, the author of the Something Wickedly Weird series of spooky books, will be hoping to inspire youngsters during his visit from October 6 – 9, when he will be talking about reading, writing and illustration, as well as showing the pupils some of his newest work.

The Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour is run by Scottish Book Trust, Scotland's leading agency for the promotion of literature, reading and writing. The tour aims to promote a love of reading across Scotland and bring literature to children, particularly in rural and remote areas. The touring programme has visited all 32 Scottish local authorities in the last three years.

Calum Bennie, marketing manager at the tour sponsors Scottish Friendly, said: "This programme provides a unique opportunity for children to meet some of Britain's most inspiring authors and illustrators. We are sure young people in Argyll & Bute will look forward to seeing and hearing from Chris during the tour."

Jasmine Fassel of the Scottish Book Trust added: "The children of Argyll & Bute are in for an enthralling visit from Chris. His audiences will leave with a newfound love of books and armed with top tips on how to write and illustrate like a professional."

Chris Mould has been a freelance illustrator since graduating from Leeds Polytechnic in 1991. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Chris Mould timetable:

Monday 6 October	10:30am Hermitage Primary, East Argyll Street, Helensburgh	1:30pm Arrochar Primary, Tarbet
Tuesday 7 October	10.30am Dalmally Primary, Glenview, Dalmally	1.30pm Lochnell Primary, Ledaig
Wednesday 8 October	10.30am Rockfield Primary, Lower, Soroba, Oban	