

MAGICAL MATHEMATICIAN TO BRING WONDERS OF NUMBERS TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

Acclaimed children's author and entertainer, Kjartan Poskitt, will inspire primary school children from Perth and Kinross to Stirling in the forthcoming Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour.

Throughout the tour, which will take place from 15-17 June, Yorkshire-born Poskitt will bring the wonders of numbers to more than 900 local school children. He will show pupils how exciting, useful and entertaining maths can be in a series of highly energetic and fun-packed workshops, designed to inspire children to enjoy maths and reading.

Kjartan has penned more than 50 titles since 1989, translated into 25 languages, including the highly acclaimed *Murderous Maths* series, *Urgum the Axeman* and his brand new book *The Murderous Maths of Everything*. He is well known for his entertaining work on children's TV and is an ambassador for World Non-Fiction Day.

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 give children across Scotland, even those in the most rural and remote areas, access to the best UK children's authors. A dedicated Facebook page has been set up to keep fans up to date with the latest authors' news and tours at www.facebook.com/Meet-Our-Authors.

The Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour has visited all 32 Scottish local authorities in the last three years, bringing the best children's authors directly to their readers.

Calum Bennie, marketing manager at Scottish Friendly, which has supported the touring programme for more than 11 years, said: "This tour provides an exclusive platform for children across Scotland to meet some of the most inspiring authors of our time. Scottish Friendly remains devoted to nurturing literacy and numeracy in Scotland's young people and this latest tour with Kjartan Poskitt is guaranteed to get children in Perth, Kinross and Stirling fired up about reading and arithmetic."

Jasmine Fassel of the Scottish Book Trust added: “Kjartan Poskitt is brilliant at making maths fun. Our mission is to inspire children across the country through reading, writing and imagery and Kjartan’s work creates a whole new dimension to engaging children in the wonders of reading and mathematics. It’s a great way to introduce children to some of his most popular and fun work.”

Ends.

Date/Time	School/Venue
Tuesday 15 th June 2010 Session time: 09.30-10.30am	Strathblane Primary School Southview Rd, Blanefield,,Glasgow, G63 9JQ
Tuesday 15 th Session time: 2.15-3.15pm	Beaconhurst School 52 Kenilworth Road, Bridge Of Allan Stirling FK9 4RR
Wednesday 16 th June 2010 Session time: 09.45-10.45am	Breadalbane Academy PH15 2DU Schools attending: Glenlyon Primary
Wednesday 16 th June 2010 Session time: 2.00-3.00pm	Blairgowrie Community Campus Elm Drive Blairgowrie, PH10 6UZ Schools attending: St Stephen Primary & Newhill Primary
Thursday 17 th June 2010 Session time: 10.00-11.00am	Glenearn Community Campus, Glenearn Road,Perth, PH2 0BE
Thursday 17 th June 2010 Session time: 2.00-3.00pm	Abernethy Primary 78 Main Street, Abernethy, Perth, PH2 9IA



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Notes to Editors:

- The Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour, organised by Scottish Book Trust, has been running since 1998. It tours throughout Scotland's urban, rural and remote communities and has already visited every single Scottish local authority.
- The Scottish Friendly Children's Book tour recently launched the digital project *Meet Our Authors* in March 2010, which will allow children, parents and teachers across the world to get up close and personal with some of the world's leading children's authors via quality digital footage of them and their work, including a series of live events filmed and broadcast over the internet. More than 500,000 children will be involved over two years and participating authors include household names such as **Michael Rosen, Julia Donaldson, Eoin Colfer, Philip Pullman** and **Jacqueline Wilson**.
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