

Year 5/6 pupils – Write Your Own Adventure

Date of course	Times	Venue	Cost	Max. places	Subject
Thursday 25 th April 2024	9.30am – 3.30pm	Braeside Education Centre	£60	16	Literacy AGAT

Course details

This creative, practical day will explore how real life can inspire the most fantastical of stories. Starting from situations and locations familiar to the young writers, we will add a dollop of magic and adventure. If an everyday wardrobe can lead to Narnia, where will the objects in their own lives take the students?

Pupils will have the opportunity to work with, learn from and be given advice on their writing by an experienced author.

Guidance criteria for identifying participants:

- Pupils should be able to sustain their focus on writing.
- Pupils should enjoy using their imagination.
- Pupils should have an interest in writing for fun.

Course tutor

Dr Elen Caldecott is a successful, award-winning author for children and young people who has published over forty titles with publishers such as Oxford Uni Press and Bloomsbury. Her novel *Operation Eiffel Tower* was inspired by her own childhood experiences, plus a little wish-fulfilment. As well as writing drama, she writes detective fiction and fantasy fiction. She is a Lecturer in Creative Writing at Lancaster University. She enjoys reading and walking her dog along the South West's beaches.

As a result of coming on the course you will have:

- Practised fantasy writing: creating fantastical worlds
- Had an opportunity to write and edit a brand new piece of work
- Shared that piece with an audience of peers
- Practised life writing: observing and reflecting on their own environment
- Been given advice on their writing by an experienced author
- Had fun!

Further reading

There are many books that blend real life and fantasy. You may enjoy some of these:

- *Tom's Midnight Garden* by Philippa Pearce
- *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* by J.K. Rowling
- *The Many Worlds of Albie Bright* by Christopher Edge

Students should bring:

- A notebook or notepad
- Pen/Pencil
- Water bottle
- Clothing suitable for outdoor break times.

Lunch and refreshments are provided.

School uniform is not required. No mobile phones.