



# **SLS** eBook Launch for Primary and Special Schools

Hampshire School Library Service are delighted to announce that we are rolling out our eBook offer to our subscribing Primary and Special Schools. We are holding three launch events in May, June and September. The aim of these events is to give school staff an introduction to eBooks, a demonstration of the Wheelers ePlatform, tips on managing an online collection and advice for Leadership Teams regarding usage. James Richmond from Wheelers UK and the SLS Digital team will be on hand to help you with setting up your school's bespoke site and to answer any queries. Access to the ePlatform and attendance at the events is included in your SLS subscription.

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These events will be at Winchester Discovery Centre running from 09:00 -12:30 Ref: SLIB0174

- Tuesday 22nd May
- Tuesday 26th June
- Tuesday 25th September

To book your place on one of our free events, please click <u>here</u> or visit the training area of our Moodle <u>here</u>.

Further information about our eBook Platform can be found on our Moodle <u>here</u>.

# And the Winner Is....

Every year, during the Spring Term, we run two of our Annual Book Awards, the Hampshire Information Book Awards (HInBA), aimed at Year 4 and the Hampshire Picture Book Award (HPBA), aimed at Year I This year we had over 8,000 pupils from 147 School participate in the Picture Book Award and almost 5,000 pupils from 99 Schools voted for the Information Book Award.

Hampshire Information Book Award Winner 2018 Oceans and Seas by Steve Parker



Hampshire Picture Book Award Winner 2018 Danny McGee Drinks the Sea by Andy Stanton, Illustrated by Neal Layton



### **Upcoming Events...**

- Pupil Librarian Award 2018
  Winner Announced 20th June
- eBook Launch for Primary and Special Schools
  22nd May, 26th June, 25th September
- Transition Book Lists Available
  Please contact your local base
- Support Group Forums
  Taking place between 22nd May and 14th June 2018
- Creative Displays Course (SLIB0182) 19th June, Fareham Library
- Hampshire Illustrated Book Award Deadline for Applications 15th June Launch: September 2018

For further information about our awards please contact: sls.events@hants.gov.uk To book your place on one of our courses please click here or visit the training area of our <u>Moodle</u>:



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## The Bluchers enchant Year 6 at Park View Primary

"... The pupils have been immersing themselves in their class text, Boy in the Tower, by Polly Ho-Yen. This book has proven to be a great stimulus for writing and capturing the imagination of all pupils. Within the early chapters it talks of a 'Blucher Plant', yet doesn't reveal its true identity. This aspect hooked in our students; it got them questioning what it was, what it looked like and how it conducted itself. The inference and prediction work prompted them to want to create their own Blucher Plants, which was enhanced by their own imagination. The children decided that the RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) would be the audience for their writing. Before they put pen to paper, they looked at a range of plant classifications from the RHS. This allowed them to gather and understand the meaning of this new scientific vocabulary, so that they could use it purposefully to describe their own creations. I would most definitely recommend this rich text to any year 6 teacher; it has a wealth of creative reading and writing opportunities which the children thrive from.' By Natalie Russell, Year Six Class Teacher, Park View Primary School Full article is available here.

Boy in the Tower is available from Hampshire SLS as a Group Set, more information about this and the others titles we offer can be found here.

#### The Power of Storytelling: Harnessing the power of stories to build empathy

'Our children are growing up in a society with a worrying, and growing, empathy deficit, marked by a rise in hate crimes, cyberbullying and an increasingly divisive public discourse. Our pressurised education system emphasises individual success, not the common good.

How can we break through this to a better future? EmpathyLab believes that the rising generation is our greatest hope, and that helping every single child develop fantastic empathy skills would be a powerful long term antidote to hatred and division. Empathy Day, on 12 June 2018, offers an important new platform for debate and action, with its focus on using books to help us all understand and connect to each other better. ' Full article available here.

By Tina Daniel, Executive Head, The Oaks CE Learning Federation, who spoke at the Primary Library Conference in January



# Hampshire Illustrated Book Award 2017 Shortlisted Author Richard O'Neill visits Hale **Primary School**

'....I looked up Richard O'Neill on the internet, on the hunt for more titles, and discovered a treasure trove. Not only does he write books, he is also a storyteller and philosopher. I asked our Headteacher if we could arrange a visit for Book Week and was given the go-ahead.'



By Sue Sims, HLTA, Hale Primary School. Full article is available in the eNews section of our Moodle here

## **Reminder: GDPR - Coming into** Effect May 2018

The new General Data Protection Regulations come into effect May 25th 2018, as a result data handling practices will change. There is more information and advice around cloud based services and the changes to current legislation available in the IT section on our Moodle here.

# Update: LMS Suppliers Showcase

The next LMS Suppliers Showcase will be held Wednesday 31st October 09:00-12:30, Ashburton Hall, Ell Court, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ . Ref: SLIB0183-18AB Please book via the Learning Zone here.

The event is free to our subscribing schools but booking is essential and priority will be given to those who did not attend the March event.

## For more information, please contact Hampshire School Library Service:

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