

Hello and Welcome! Last week's newsletter talked of the success of Hannah Gold's *The Last Bear* – being the overall winner of the Waterstone's Children's Book Prize. This fantastic book has also won the 'Best Story' category of the 2022 Blue Peter Book Awards.

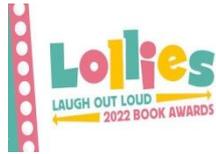


The Last Bear is a moving tale which brilliantly mixes an adventure in the Arctic Circle (full of danger and excitement), with a touching exploration of lonely April's relationship with her father (the researcher whose job is the reason they are on Bear Island). It is also a thought-provoking exploration of climate change and in particular the effect on polar bears. April's determination to save Bear shows what a difference just one person can make. An enthralling read – and beautifully illustrated by Levi Pinfold.

The 'Best Book with Facts' category was won by Christiane Dorion & Gosia Herba's *Invented by Animals*. This is an extremely accessible and enticing book, using humour and lively attractive illustrations to engage the reader. It explores how animal anatomy, behaviour and skills have influenced the development of a range of human inventions and has the animals talking in first person about how their physical traits and habits have influenced man's creations. Packed full of interesting information, it not only highlights the remarkable capabilities of many creatures, but also shows how these qualities have been incorporated into the design of various objects and technologies.



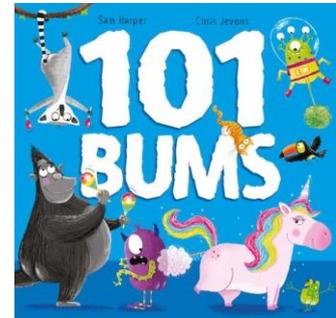
Get Involved: If you have any recommendations, book news, photos, thoughts, comments or ideas, please get in touch. All contributions welcomed and encouraged. Thank you.



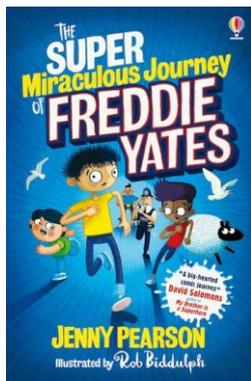
Finding the
funniest
books!
#Lollies2022

The Laugh Out Loud Book Awards 2022 (the Lollies) celebrates the best and funniest children's books in the UK and Ireland – voted for by children.

Best Laugh Out Loud Picture Book: '101 Bums' by Sam Harper and Chris Jevons. This laugh-out-loud rhyming picture book features 101 different animal bums! *Bums in the jungle, bums in the town. Bums in the treetops, hanging upside down. Bums in the farmyard, bums in the park. Lots of teeny-tiny bums, glowing in the dark!*



Featuring an array of animal bums – from little to large, and everything in between – this brilliantly silly picture book is sure to get children giggling. Follow the bouncy read-aloud rhyme and get ready to join in with the jiggy-wiggly dance finale!



Best Laugh Out Loud Book for 9-13-year-olds: 'The Super Miraculous Journey of Freddie Yates' by Jenny Pearson and Rob Biddulph. This is the super funny, heart-warming adventure of three boys, one summer holiday, and a few miracles along the way. Written by breakout talent Jenny Pearson and illustrated by the award-winning Rob Biddulph. Freddie Yates likes facts. Just not the one staring him in the face – that his secret plan is not, in fact, secret. Because Freddie's journey wasn't meant to involve Big Trev and the onion-eating competition – or the loo-exploding pear-and-potato turnovers. And Freddie definitely didn't expect to end up, with his two best friends, on national television in a supergirl costume. But journeys never take you where you think they will. And for Freddie, that fact might just have to be enough...



Research Fact: Reading for pleasure is more important for children's cognitive development than their parents' level of education and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than socio-economic background.

(Sullivan & Brown (2013) – Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading.)

Please read aloud to the children each day. Happy Reading.....Paul (2/5/22)

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At home I'm reading **Great Circle** by Maggie Shipstead.
In class I'm reading **The Enigma Game** by Elizabeth Wein.
I'm reading **Monster Slayer** by Brian Patten to 4PK.

The Malvern Community Book Club's November book is **An Ordinary Life** by Amanda Prowse.