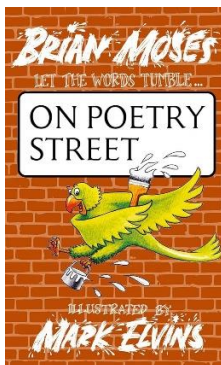
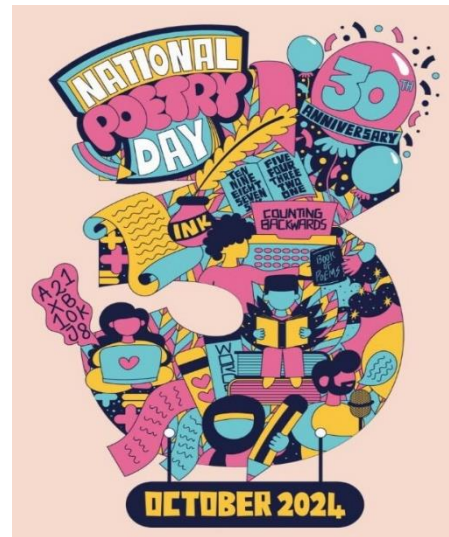




### Malvern's Reading for Pleasure Newsletter – October 2024

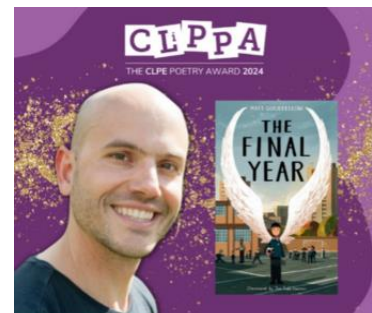
**Welcome to a Poetry Special !** National Poetry Day takes place each year on the first Thursday in October. To mark the day's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the theme this year is 'counting' – and here at Malvern, we are having a week of enjoying and sharing poems. As if by magic, a Poetry Corner appeared in the staff room, thus enabling teachers to explore an array of books by a wide range of poets. Once explored, teachers have been dashing back to their classrooms to enthuse, share, declaim and discuss.

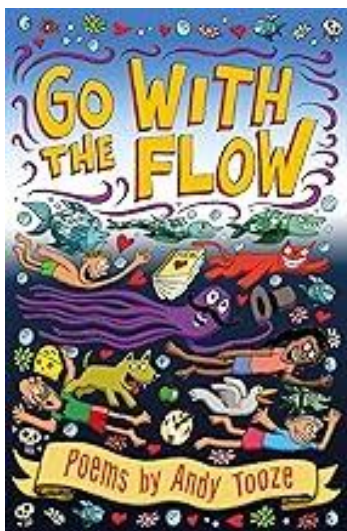


**On Poetry Street by Brian Moses:** *'See me walking down Poetry Street, / watch the way I tap my feet, / keeping time to an intricate beat / on Poetry Street.'* With illustrations by Mark Elvins, this fantastic new book has 52 new poems from one of Britain's favourite children's poets. Several of the poems have fab titles. Here is the start of *'A Difficult Poem to Read Unless You've Swallowed a Dictionary'.....*

Regalia, Westphalia, satumalia, paraphernalia.  
Potato, tomato, tornado, lumbago.  
Technology, tautology, chronology, archaelology.....

**The CLPE Poetry Award 2024:** The Centre for Literacy in Primary Education gave its prestigious 2024 Poetry Award to Matt Goodfellow for his verse novel *'The Final Year'*. It details Nate's time in Y6 - his family, his ill brother and the support he receives from his Y6 teacher – Mr Joshua. Matt Goodfellow is a former primary teacher. *'The Final Year'* (illustrated by Joe Todd-Stanton) is fantastic, as is Matt's recent collection of poems called *'Let's Chase Stars Together'*.

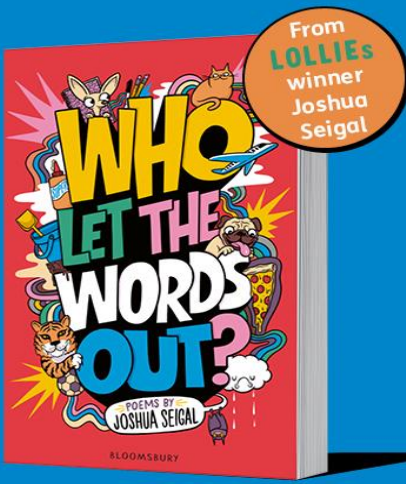




The Poet from the Peaks: We're very much looking forward to welcoming poet Andy Tooze to Malvern. Andy is from Buxton and is a former primary school teacher. He will be spending the day with us on November 14<sup>th</sup> and will be working with children across school. Here's a poem from Andy's 'Go With the Flow' – it's called 'Not Yet'.....

If there's something you can't get,  
 Like the ball in the net,  
 Or getting dry if you're wet,  
 Or a puppy for a pet,  
 Then please don't forget  
 That hopeful little phrase,  
 Not yet!

From instructions on how to cuddle a **TIGER** to what to do if your **TEACHER** is ever turned into a **CHICKEN**...this poetry collection will have you **LAUGHING OUT LOUD.**



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Joshua Seigal: All of Joshua Seigal's books are highly recommended. 'Who Let the Words Out' is his most recent collection of poems. Here is the title poem:

I know a thing that might make you laugh: a coffee cup holder is called a 'zarf'.  
 Here's something else that I deem rather fine: the prong on a fork is called a 'tine'.  
 When it comes to odd words there are plenty of cases: an 'aglet' is tubing attached to your laces;  
 when pieces of paper are what you desire, the sensible thing is to order a 'quire';  
 and how about this, it's pretty spectacular: eating your breakfast is rather 'jentacular'.  
 Words can be 'sterling' and words can be 'antic';  
 When words are let loose they can be 'corybantic'  
 So next time you learn of a word such as 'ruddled'  
 You'd best look it up so you don't get 'befuddled'.

! Happy National Poetry Day !

'Books crowbar the world open for you.' (From 'Rooftoppers' by Katherine Rundell)

Paul Kynaston : Assistant Head Teacher : Reading Advocate : Malvern Primary School : Liverpool : October 2024

I'm reading **The Book of Stolen Dreams** by David Farr.

The Malvern Community Book Club's current book is **The Crow Road** by Iain Banks.