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Dear Parent/Carers

Wells Festival of Literature: Wednesday October 23rd 2024

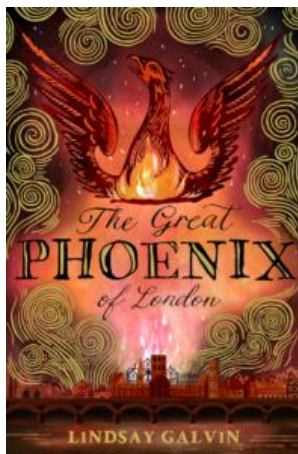
Organisers of the Wells Festival of Literature have invited Year 6 to hear the author, Lindsay Galvin, talk about her work and her new book *The Great Phoenix of London*.

This event will take place on Wednesday October 23rd at Cedars Hall, Wells. Children will depart after the register and be back at school for lunch. We are very grateful to Wells Festival of Literature for fully funding the transport and the event. There will be no cost to parents.

During the morning there will be an opportunity to meet the author and to buy signed copies of Lindsay Galvin's books. There will be four titles for the children to choose from including the author's new book, *The Great Phoenix of London*. All the books are available to buy at the much-reduced price of £2 (RRP £7.99). The Literature Festival are only able to sell books at these prices by significantly subsidising the cost, for which we are very grateful.

The book titles and a description of the stories are on a document attached to this email. Please ensure your child has the money for any book purchases with them on the day in a secure purse or wallet. The Education Team at Wells Festival of Literature organise all the books sales and whilst they endeavour to have all the titles available on the day this may not always be possible. However, they are able to order more copies and deliver them to school within a few days. Please rest assured that there is no pressure to make a purchase.

Lindsay Galvin Books for Sale





The Great Phoenix of London

1666. When fire breaks out, eleven-year-old Gil is separated from his family in the chaos. One of his few remaining possessions is a mysterious ball of rock that fell from the sky. As he races to beat the inferno spreading across the city, neither he, nor his new friend Jennet, has any idea that the stone in his satchel is an unhatched bird of myth and fire. And that there are some who will stop at nothing to get their hands on a legendary phoenix . . .

Call of the Titanic

Young cabin steward, Sid, is proud to be working on the Titanic, the greatest ship ever built. Clara dreams of adventure too, but she's a stowaway in the hold of a much smaller boat, Carpathia. Here she meets the biggest, best dog she's ever known: Rigel, who is on his way to be reunited with his owner. None of them could have imagined how they would need each other one ice-cold terrible night. Or that an even more extraordinary creature might also answer their call ...

Darwin's Dragons

1835. Cabin boy Syms Covington is on the voyage of a lifetime to the Galapagos Islands with the world-famous scientist Charles Darwin. But when Syms falls overboard during a huge storm, he washes up on an unexplored island. Stranded there, he makes a discovery that could change the world ... Now it's not just his own survival at stake – the future of an undiscovered species is in his hands.

My Friend the Octopus

England, 1893, and aquarium fever is at its height. Twelve-year-old Vinnie Fyfe works in the tea-shop at Brighton aquarium, and waits for her milliner mother to return from Paris. The arrival of a giant octopus changes her life for ever. Discovering a talent for art, Vinnie begins to draw the extraordinary beast. She soon realises she can communicate with the octopus through colour and – as a gripping mystery begins to unfold – discovers what true courage really means ...

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Yours sincerely,

Brookside Academy