



TOWERS AND TALES

CHILDREN'S BOOK FESTIVAL

BOOK GIFTING 2024

Applications are now invited from interested primary schools in Waterford for The Towers & Tales Bookbag Project 2024.

Bookbag is a children's book gifting initiative established by picturebook maker and creator of the Henry Hugglemonster series, **Niamh Sharkey**, during her term as Laureate na nÓg (2012–2014).

Aimed at schools which may not have the necessary resources to fund books for a school library, the Bookbag project builds a buzz around reading and encourages a whole-school reading culture, which should be sustainable beyond the duration of the project.

Bookbag ensures that every child in the school has access to a selection of books in their school library. The books gifted are chosen carefully: they are visually striking, entertaining, funny and engaging; the type of book that we hope will draw in a child who does not already think of themselves as a reader.

To apply for the **Towers & Tales Bookbag Project 2024**, please fill in the application form, telling us why you think your school should be chosen for this project, and identifying any particular needs that your school may have in relation to books and reading.

CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 26th APRIL

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BOOKBAG

2024 APPLICATION FORM

Primary contact for Bookbag application

Title

School name

School Address

Telephone Number

Email Address

Is your school a DEIS school? (All schools will be considered, this question is for information purposes only)

Number of students in your school

Are there any particular needs or obstacles your school has in relation to reading and books? (In previous Bookbag schools, identified needs included Big Books for reading with infants, new stock of class sets for the school library, and a library of positive or diverse books which allow teachers to talk to young students about difficult issues.) cont.....

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In no more than 300 words, tell us why your school would benefit from participating in the Bookbag programme.

NOTE HERE ABOUT MEDIA. Print Media Bodies (local & national) may be present to record photographs and/or video taken at the prize giving event, to be used for publicity purposes, including social media.

We will ensure that any personnel entering the school are Garda vetted, informed of best practice in terms of child protection and will follow all COVID safety requirements.

Please tick that photography and videography (with parental consent) will be allowed in the school; and that you agree to this stipulation.

Please return to nbaldwin@waterfordcouncil.ie