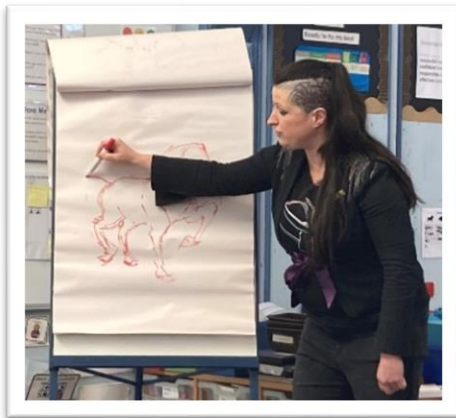




Our fourth annual Stockbridge Primary BookFest in March 2023 explored 'Togetherness'. Hugely popular guest visits brought children together with some of their favourite authors, illustrators, storytellers and comic makers...

Tanya Roberts

We were delighted to welcome A-list comic-book illustrator and artist Tanya Roberts back to BookFest, after her brilliant event with our older children last year!



Tanya is a comic creator and illustrator who has created and drawn characters and layouts for clients including Disney, Dreamworks and Netflix, among many others. Tanya is a regular at Comic Cons and loves to share her passion for drawing.

This year Tanya joined us to lead rapid-fire live drawing sessions for P1 to P3. If our children could imagine it then Tanya could draw it!

It was amazing to see how Tanya creates a recognisable character with just a few quick lines – and with no time to research or prepare! Tanya explained that shapes are the key to drawing recognisable characters: "It's all about the shapes!" The children squirrelled away these useful tips for their own future artwork.



Audience

requests ranged from Bluey to Spiderman to a mountain goat, but for Tanya, the most unexpected suggestion was Mary, Queen of Scots! She said this was "a request that I've never drawn and I'll probably never draw again!" The P1, P2 and P3 children certainly kept her on her toes but Tanya drew anything and everything they wanted to see!

Some children joined in with Tanya's drawings, while many of the others were inspired to have a go at drawing their favourite characters alongside Tanya – or even inventing their own.



Thank you, Tanya, for such a whirlwind blast of inspiration and creativity!



Thank You...

... to Tanya Roberts

... to everyone who supported BookFest's 'Bakes into Books' fundraising bake sale

... to Mrs Ashbrook and the P1 to P3 teachers

... to the BookFest volunteer organising team of Meredith and Hazel, and to Jenny

Stockbridge Primary School

Stockbridge Primary School is a City of Edinburgh non-denominational local authority school and nursery, with approximately 275 pupils aged 3 to 12 years. Stockbridge Primary's Parent Council works in partnership with staff both to fundraise for the school and to deliver events and resources that enrich pupils' experience and the school environment. BookFest is organised by members of the Stockbridge Primary teaching staff, parent volunteers and members of the Parent Council.