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Exciting news - Not one but two visiting authors are coming to Risdene

Dear Parents/carers,

We all love stories, whether they are adventure stories, fantasy stories or a comedy to make us laugh. Settling down to a good book can be a magical moment, allowing the reader to be transported to another world and be a great form of relaxation.

I am very excited to announce that we have two authors who will be visiting Risdene Academy in the next couple of weeks. Not only will they be sharing their love of books, and reading extracts from the stories that they have written, but they will also be leading workshops with each of the different classes across the school.

Gillian Overitt is a fantasy writer, who will be working primarily with Years 1 - 4, leading a workshop for each of the classes. The children will see different characters come to life and discover imaginary worlds. Gillian will also be holding a Q & A session with the Year 5/6 classes exploring what it is like to be a writer. I'm sure the Year 5/6s will have some great questions to ask her.

Matt Oldfield is a football fanatic and has written the **Ultimate Football Heroes: From the Playground to the Pitch**. This is a series of biographies telling the life-stories of the biggest and best footballers in the world and their incredible journeys from childhood fan to super-star professional player. He will be leading workshops with the Year 5/6 classes looking at the core values of teamwork and setting goals, encouraging the children to be writers themselves, as they will be encouraged to describe settings and emotions.

Both authors will be holding book signing sessions after school on the day of their visit. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to be able to purchase a signed copy of a book, in time for Christmas.

Matt Oldfield will be visiting the school on **Wednesday 29th November**

Gillian Overitt will be visiting the school on **Friday 1st December**

This is an excellent opportunity, not only for the children to be able to meet a real writer, but a fantastic opportunity to celebrate reading and encourage a further love of books.

I'm sure that all of the children will have an amazing experience and will be able to share with you in all that they have been doing. Examples of the books, which will be available to purchase, and their prices are attached.

Kind regards,

Mrs Helen Moody

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