



Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour with Mara Menzies

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been invited to attend an event with **Mara Menzies** during school hours on **Monday 24 June**.

Mara is one of the foremost storytellers on the global stage, one who takes this ancient art form and makes it relevant for the 21st Century. Mara's storytelling explores her dual heritage, sharing stories to enthral, delight and light up the eyes! Mara will encourage children to find inspiration for stories in their own lives and heritage as well as delving into their own imaginations through the magic of storytelling.



What is the Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour?

For the past 20 years, the **Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour** has been bringing the very best authors, illustrators, poets and storytellers directly into classrooms to meet children from all over the UK.

Book Sales and Signing

Following the event Mara will sign copies of her books. If your child already owns copies please get them to bring them along to be signed. Copies of Mara's books can also be purchased on the day at the following prices:

Title	Price
Koko The Crocodile: A Kenyan folktale of a poorly crocodile who needs a monkey's liver to get better. The clever monkey manages to trick the crocodile and save his own skin. This is a story of trust, deception and exploring the power of knowledge.	£5
Starbird: A hunter goes to magical forest where the Starbird resides and steals all her children. Only by working together, with all the chicks in the world can they all fly free. This story explores themes of injustice and cooperation.	£5

Pupils are under no obligation to buy books but if you would like them to we are able to accept cash and cheques (please make them out to Scottish Book Trust).

We are very excited that your child will have the opportunity to meet Mara Menzies!



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Scottish Friendly is proud to support children's literacy

Dear parents and guardians,

As a parent of two primary school children it is a great source of pride that my employer, Scottish Friendly, has supported the children's book tour with Scottish Book Trust for over 20 years.

As you may already know, the award-winning Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour brings bestselling children's authors to schools and communities across the UK. As a team, we truly believe in the power of author events to inspire children from all walks of life to engage with reading and writing.

Since 1862, Scottish Friendly has been one of the UK's leading financial mutuals. We have deep roots as an organisation with a strong community culture.

As well as firing up the imaginations of young people, we want to help their parents and guardians plan for their future. It is why we offer products like our Junior ISA.

You can find more information about our children's investment options on our website scottishfriendly.co.uk alongside exciting news, competitions and updates from the Scottish Friendly Children's Book Tour.

We hope your child has a fantastic time at their book tour event and promise to be back soon.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Brown

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