



Monday 2nd October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

This letter is to inform you that our school will be taking part in a special author visit being facilitated by celebrated, published author/teacher, **Banji Alexander – as seen on Britain’s Got Talent**. Children in Reception to Y6 will take part in a workshop in the afternoon.

When? Friday 17th November 2023

Who for? Reception - Year 6

Book signing? Yes – after school!

Pre-order books? Yes – Fill in the slip below and return to the school office with **£10** in a labelled envelope with your child’s name and class on (*cash only please*) by **Thursday 16th November**. *If you do not have access to a printer at home, please feel free to come to the office for a copy of this letter.*

We are very fortunate to have Banji Alexander visit our school. Please note, the book pre-orders cover the cost of the visit, allowing all pupils to enjoy the experience, so please support!

Banji Alexander appeared on Sky News to discuss the schoolbook tour. Visit www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media to see where else he has featured.

His website is www.banjialexander.com

His title '**Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party**', comes highly recommended for primary aged children and has received wide acclaim from teaching professionals across the country, and MPs, including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Shadow Minister for Schools, Stephan Morgan MP.

Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party:

- Details a child's experience during lockdown
- It was written to allay the fears of Banji's learners surrounding the pandemic
- Helps facilitate discussions around mental health and well-being
- Key themes are: Hope, Kindness, Resilience, Patience, Gratitude & Adapting to Change

This is going to be a memorable experience for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Your sincerely

William Byrd Primary Academy

Author visit – Banji Alexander Friday 17th November 2023

*Please return completed slip to your child’s class teacher by **Thursday 16th November**: -*

Child’s name: _____

Class: _____

I want _____ (number of copies) copies of Banji Alexander’s book ‘Lockdown Looms’, I enclose £____ (€10 per book).

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carers) Date: _____