The Beeline Storytelling Festival for Children is organised by the University of Worcester. Now in its ninth year, the festival has grown and is now one of the largest children’s events in the region. The Beeline Festival is a celebration of stories and storytelling which we believe to be one of the central elements to children’s learning, creativity and fun.

During last year’s festival we worked with over 3000 children from schools across Herefordshire and Worcestershire, who worked with some of the UK’s finest authors, illustrators, storytellers, puppeteers and performers.

As in previous years, the majority of Beeline Festival events are aimed at schools (a full list of school events can be seen on our website). However, following the successes of previous years ‘family programme’ at The Hive, we have increased the number of public events including four days of activities during half term. We very much hope that you enjoy this year’s Festival.
Birmingham Play House Presents Foreign Fields
Thursday 2 October, 6pm at The Hive. Tickets £4 from The Hive (suitable for ages 8 upwards).

Created by the Play House Theatre in Education Company to mark the centenary of World War 1, Foreign Fields will use research by the Archives and Heritage Service at the Library of Birmingham to explore how the war in Europe affected the lives of people at home.

Stories on the Island, The Hive Storytelling Island
Free event, no tickets required.

Cat Weatherill, Saturday 4 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-12 years)
Peter Chand, Saturday 11 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-12 years)
Ben Haggerty, Saturday 18 October, 10.30am (5-7 years) 11.30am (8-12 years)

Join us on our specially designed storytelling island (weather permitting). On Saturdays throughout the festival, we will be joined by professional storytellers who will tell stories from around the world. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Clive Chandler Presents The Dragon of Krakow
Thursday 9 October, 6pm at The Hive. (Suitable for ages 6 upwards).

Positively Pleasant Pirates is a rhyming picture book which tells the story of a swashbuckling pirate and his crew. The story is a famous Polish legend - The Dragon of Krakow.

Greg Dobbins Book launch and signing of The Positively Pleasant Pirates
Tuesday 14 October, 6pm at The Hive. (Suitable for ages 6 upwards). Tickets £4 from The Hive.

This show involves light and shadows along with object manipulation. The story is a famous Polish legend - The Dragon of Krakow.

Adam & Charlotte Guillain - George's Amazing Adventures
Saturday 25 October, 11am & 1pm at The Hive. (Suitable for ages 4+)
Tickets £2.50 from The Hive.

Come and meet Adam and Charlotte Guillain, authors of the Roald Dahl Funny Prize-shortlisted series, George’s Amazing Adventures! Now in his latest adventure, George will venture back in time to find a dragon in Doughnuts for a Dragon. For more on the authors and their books www.tinnedspaghetti.co.uk

Eek Batik Presents Children’s Batik workshop
Tuesday 28 October, 10am-12pm and 1-3pm at The Hive. (Max 15 children per session plus parents/guardians). Tickets £2.50 from The Hive.

Come and enjoy creating your own work of art to take home and also add to a huge frieze that will evolve over the day. We will be using oil pastels and vibrant textile dyes so wear old clothes and bring an apron if you can.

Hear Jamie tell you where he gets his ideas from and find out about his brand new series, The Wrong Side of the Galaxy! The event will conclude with a book signing.

Jamie Thomson The Wrong Side of the Galaxy
Wednesday 15 October, 6pm at The Hive. (Suitable for ages 7 upwards). Tickets £2.50 from The Hive.

Come along and meet author Jamie Thomson – winner of the 2012 Roald Dahl Funny Prize for Dark Lord: The Teenage years.

Sally Tonge Storyteller
Wednesday 29 October, 10am (suitable for ages 4 – 7), 11.30am, 1pm and 2pm (suitable for ages 8 – 12) at The Hive. Each session lasts 45 minutes. Tickets £1 from The Hive.

Sally is an experienced storyteller who specialises in Early Years work where she adds music, puppets and story sacks to breathe new life into old stories.

Indigo Moon Present Alice and the White Rabbit
Thursday 30 October, 2pm at The Hive. Tickets £4 from The Hive.

Indigo Moon’s shows and educational work are inspired by both traditional and contemporary techniques. Whenever possible they aspire to making seamless shows which allow the audience to enter another world and leave this one behind for the duration of the performance.

Storyhunter Theatre - Shadow Puppet Workshop
Friday 31 October, 10.30am – 12pm (ages 5-7), 1pm - 3pm (ages 8 -12) at The Hive. Tickets £2.50 from The Hive.

Storyhunter Theatre will be providing two sessions of making shadow puppets, with a ‘showing’ at the end of each session.

Jane McGee & Marisa Lewis Present Cobweb Capers
Friday 31 October, 11am – 12pm (ages 4-7), at The Hive. No tickets required.

What do you think of when you hear the word ‘spider’ scary, spooky, creepy? Why not come along and see a few tricks and plenty of treats at this Halloween themed spider reading and drawing workshop with author Jane McGee and illustrator Marisa Lewis.

FOR TICKETS AND FURTHER DETAILS
Tickets for the events at The Hive are available to purchase in person from the Level 1 information pod in the atrium and from the Explore the Past desk on Level 2.

For further details, please visit our website: www.worcester.ac.uk/beeline

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