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Some Orthodontists mislead patients, saying that extractions can be avoided although the traditional methods they use leave too little room, risking severe damage to the face. It is wise to explore the internet yourself, many sites make great claims and show beautiful faces but very few show good results before and after treatment. Even the media is scared of disclosing this scandal.

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constantly looking for ways to keep my kids reading within a fun, safe environment as I do my part to try to grow

### Aladdin at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking

**BAFTA** award-winning Cheebies superstar Justin Fletcher returns to the New Victoria Theatre Woking this Christmas to star in the spectacular and magical pantomime, Aladdin, alongside pop star Ben Adams, Coronation Street favourite Steven Arnold and Britain's Got Talent's Shaheen Jafargholi. Following a sell out 2013 season and overwhelming

public demand, the presenter and actor returns as Wishee Washee Joining him will be the lead singer of 90's boyband Al Ben Adams, who has also appeared in Celebrity Big Brother as Aladdin. Take a magical carpet ride to the Far Fast in this year's

Performance Times & Ticket Information Friday 5 December 2014 - Saturday 10 January 2015 Tickets £13.90 - £32.40 plus a £2.85 transaction fee You can book tickets by calling the Box Office on 0844 871 7645 (fees apply)

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### November 2014

Peacock Theatre Broadway A perennial family favourite. Theatre The Snowman has transported Richard Blackwood is to star a generation of children as muddles in the Broadway and their families into the Theatre spectacular family wonderful wintery world of a pantomime, Snow White And boy and his magical snowman. The Seven Dwarfs As a unique friendshin is This dazzling show will melt kindled, the two embark on your heart as the beautiful a starry-skied adventure to Snow White meets her Prince the North Pole, where they Charming (Sami Lamine). meet Father Christmas and they fall in love and live narrowly escape the clutches happily ever after, but not of Jack Frost. When a young without trials and tribulations boy's snowman magically along the way thanks to the comes to life, the two set off Wicked Queen on a starry-skied adventure An extra special treat for all to the North Pole, where the family in a spine-tingling, they meet dancing penguins, foot-tapping, hand-clapping reindeer and naturally, Father Christmas cracker of a show! Christmas Watch snellbound With an action-packed, bangas the Snowman flies through up-to-date script, high energy the night sky above you, choreography set to modern before escaping the clutches of music dazzling costumes Jack Frost to return home for full of glitz and glamour. Christmas morning. magical scenery to transport audiences to pantoland, and a In its 17th hit year, this heartgood supply of laugh-out-loud warming stage show based on comedy, Snow White And The Raymond Briggs' much-loved Seven Dwarfs is the must-see book, is brought to life in a show this Christmas. magical mix of live music, Returning for another season dance beautiful costumes and of pantomime madness and wondrous sets, and features mayhem is the comedy star Howard Blake's timeless Richard Blackwood with Walking in the Air'. Amy Reader bringing beauty to the plot. "Sheer theatrical magic. Go 12th - 30th December 2014 see The Snowman and melt" Box Office The Times 020 8690 0002 www.broadwavtheatre.org uk

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TV stars top the bill of the pantomime at The Marlowe Theatre, which opens on Friday 28 November. Maslen is best known as Jack Branning from EastEnders. Before his six-year stint in the BBC soap, he played DS Phil Hunter for five years in ITV's police drama, The Bill. In 2010, he was a popular contestant in the BBC's Strictly Come Dancing The 42 year old returned to theatre last Christmas for pantomime in Bournemouth (his first). He played Abanazar, the same villainous role he will be playing in Canterbury Maslen said: "It was hard work, but a lot of fun. It was good being back on stage again after so many years on TV, and I was keen to do another pantomime, especially a character like Abanazar - so great to get your teeth into! The former model is good friends with fellow ex-The Ring). FastEnder Samantha Womack, who starred in last year's Marlowe Theatre pantomime, Jack and The Beanstalk. He said: "Sam was full of praise for the theatre and the audiences. She also enjoyed living in Canterbury for the show's run: in fact, she highly recommended it all?' Gallagher is otherwise known as Mister Make

from children's TV channel CBeebies. He is a BAFTAnominated performer and has worked in children's TV for the last 17 years as a writer, actor and presenter. Mister Maker, the ultimate arts and crafts show for pre-schoolers, has become a worldwide hit since its first transmission in 2007 and now plays in more than 100

This is the 10th pantomime for Gallagher, who comes from Gillingham and who went to Canterbury Christ Church University. This year he is Wishee Washee As well as Gallagher, Ben Roddy and Lloyd Hollett will be returning to The Marlowe for Aladdin David Albury (Aladdin), Rosa O'Reilly (Princess Jasmine). Masashi Fujimoto (Emperor of China). Bentley Kalu

(Genie Of The Lamp), and Sabrina Aloueche (Spirit Of choreography, dazzling sets Aladdin runs at The Marlowe Theatre until Sunday 11 January. For times and ticket

details, call the Box Office on 01227 787787 www.marlowetheatre.com Audio described captioned and signed, and, for the first time, there will be a relaxed performance (for customers with disabilities, including those on the autistic spectrum)

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Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs "Mirror, mirror on the wall, which is the greatest panto of them all?"

Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs, of course, this year's Christmas treat at Fairfield Halls, Crovdon, starring Pop icon and West End superstar Gareth Gates as Prince

Charming. The sensational cast also includes everyone's favourite Dame, the hilarious Ouinn Patrick who returns by popular demand for the fourth groupbooking@fairfield.co.ul year running, plus Siani Owen as the wicked Queen Morgiana, All tickets for performances Witney White as Snow Fri 5th to Fri 12th Dec & Sun 4th Jan £17. All other White and Jack Glanville as Muddles, not forgetting the performances are Adults £21 magnificent Seven Dwarfs! £26 & £30 and Children &

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Every Tues Donald Hope Every Wed Tolworth Library 020 8542 1975 5789 Classes for those wishing Storytime Every Thurs Need to learn to use the internet 37-39 The Broadway 020 8547 Heln with IT? A dedicated which runs for 6 weeks Every 6470 Rhyme & storytime for volunteer will be available to Tues Rendezvous Club for over under 5's with simple crafts.

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Dec Get back to work group heln

available for filling in online

application forms, looking

for jobs online. CV's & basic

computer skills if required, 2.15

Every Wed Tudor Hall

Kingston 020 8893 4250 Jungle

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dance, cardio & pilates inspired

Every Wed Unitarian Church

1 The Flyover 020 8726 6000

x88965 Zumba Latin inspired

dance music & rhythms, all

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Leisure Centre Middleton

Road Carshalton 020 8770 4088

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& Chessington Library 020

8547 6480 Rhymetime with

songs & rhymes followed by

half an hour of playtime, 10,30-

11 a.m. FREE Every Tues

until 16 Dec Get back to work

group with help filling in online

application forms, CV's & basic

computer skills 3-4.30 n.m.

Every Wed & Sun East Sheen

Library Sheen Lane 020 8734

3337 Storytime session, under

month Chatterbooks reading

group, 8-9vrs, 4.30pm, FREE,

<sup>1</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of month Tiny

Teddies sessions baby bounce

**Every Thurs Cheam Leisure** 

Centre Cheam 020 8770 4830

Street Dance lessons for boys &

Every Thurs Caterham Hill

uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, 10am

FREE Every Fri Storytime.

Every Thurs Twickenham

Library Garfield Road 020

8734 3340 Storytime session.

under 5's, FREE, 2nd & 4t

Thurs of month Tiny Teddies

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& rhyme, FREE.

girls 10-15yrs

2.15pm, FREE.

Library

5's. FREE, 3rd Wed of the

p.m-3.45 p.m, FREE.

moves, 7.30-8.30 p.m

abilities

10yrs.

FREE.

sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE. Every Thurs Methodist Church Hall High St New Malden Parent & toddler club 9.45-11.30am. Every Thurs Tolworth Recreation Centre Fullers Way North Tolworth 020-8391 1887 Badminton Club for intermediate/advanced level. Tel: 020 8395 9175. **Every Thurs Bentall Centre** Kingston Air,Land or Sea, Make & Take' workshops children can create their own costume or T-shirt, FREE, www.kingstonfirst.co.uk. Every Thurs Watch magic tricks & learn to do some at home held on 3rd floor. **Every Thurs Norbury Park** and Norwood Grove 0208726 6900 A circular walk through Norbury Park & Norwood Grove, 2-3 miles, meet at Norbury Train Station, 1.30pm, FREE, 21 Aug Butterfly Walk, 2 hrs around the park to learn about these insects, 07968 832508. Every Thurs Croydon Sports College Croydon High School 020 8726 6000 x88965 Circuits Low intensity for mature exercisers. Every Thurs in term time Sutton Christian Centre 020 8642 8117 Special Stars a baby & toddler group for children with disabilities or additional needs. from babies to preschoolers, siblings welcome. Every Thurs until 18 Dec New Malden Library Kingston Road 020 8547 6438 Story time for under 5 vrs. FREE, 10.30-11 a.m. Every Thurs 28 Nov-18 Dec Get back to work group with iob searching & application, CV writing, an IT drop in session for PC queries in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, 9.30-11 am & 11-12.30 nm FREE Every Fri Baby & toddler rhyme time up to 3vrs. FREE, Every Sat until 20 Dec Silver Surfers help for people wanting to gain more confidence in using the computer, alternate Saturdays,

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Angel 10+yrs 9 Nov Little

Howard & the Magic Pencil of

Life & Death with interactivive

stand up, 3D animations, songs

& laughs, 5+yrs. 16 Nov Sunday

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rket.co.uk

9.30-11.30 a.m. Every Sat Every Fri Broad Green until 13 Dec Rhymetime for Library under 5's 10.30-11 a.m. Bookstart Rhymetime 0-5yrs FREE, 1st Thurs of the month Fortnightly on Sat Rock & Chatterbooks reading group Rhyme for pre-school children. 7-11yrs, 4-5 p.m, FREE. Every Wed Arty Crafty Every Thurs until 27 Nov computers drop in sessions for Kingston Library Wheatfield under 5's, parents & carers, Way Kingston 020 8547 6438 FREE Every Fri Norbury Library Writers Group, FREE. Every 020 8726 6900 Bookstart Mon until 29 Dec Rhymetime Every for babies & toddlers FREE to Rhymetime. library members. Every Thurs Wiggle & Jiggle. Alternate until 18 Dec Storytelling Sat Rock & Rhyme followed session for 2-5yrs, term time by Storytime, Last Fri of each only, FREE. Every 1st Sat month Chatter Books reading month Chatterbooks a group for 8-12yrs, FREE. reading club for children 7-Every Fri Waddon Ponds & 9yrs with a parent or carer, Wandle Park 020 8656 5947 need to contact library to Circular walk through Waddon Ponds & Wandle Park 2-3 be placed on a waiting list. miles, meet outside Lidl, 11am, FREE. Every fortnight on a Sat Chess Club, all ages & FREE. abilities, FREE, 10-12 p.m Every Fri Thornton Heath 1st Fri of every month Leisure Centre 89-110 High Street 020 8726 6000 x88965 Bergundy & Black Café St Martins Walk Dorking Aquacise pay as you go Bumps & Babies is for mums sessions. with bumps & both parents or Every Fri morn Running Club 07936 240937 A mixed carers of non mobile babies, meet others for tea or coffee & group consisting mainly, but get your baby socialising, www. not restricted to mothers with children in school meet at nct org uk/branches/dorking/ 9.50am in the Pembroke Lodge events/bumps-and-babies 3rd Mon of every month Nappuccino car park for a run of between 3 & 4 miles. Social group of runners a natter about nappies as an alternative to disposables. with no pressure on ability, new Every Fri Sutton Library runners more than welcome 3rd & 4th Sat of the month 020 8644 9696 Job Club Norbiton Childre's Centre volunteer led support group for job seeker, all ages, FREE no Kings Oak Primary Dickerage Lane 020 8949 6065 Who Let need to book. Every Fri Sutton Life Centre the dads out Play session for 020 8644 9696 Running & under 5's 10-12 30nm Sat of every month non contact boxing, 12-18yrs, Maple Road Surbiton FREE. Farmers Market Every Fri Caterham Valley Library www.surrey.gov.uk/ surbitonfarmersma Offering a wide selection of kidstuff Rhymetime, FREE. Every Thurs Storytime, FREE fresh seasonal produce. Every Fri Dorking Library Every Sat Electric Theatre Onslow Street Guildford 01483 www.surrey.gov.uk/kidstuff Rhymetime, FREE. 444789 Little Sparks in the Café Every Fri Redhill Library Bar with music, games, songs, www.surrev.gov.uk/kidstuff stories & puppets & Sparkles Rhymetime, FREE. Dance drop in classes for 5-Every Fri Warlingham 9vrs Every Mon & Tues after school The Man in The Moon Library www.surrey.gov.uk/ kidstuff Storytime, FREE. Weekly drama workshops, Every Fri Teddington 6-14yrs. Every Wed All Star Library Choir, 8-14vrs, Every Sat Heathfield Library Walgrave Road 020 8734 3304/5 Storytime session under 020 8734 3356 Storytime 5's FREE Every 2nd Wed of session under 5's FREE the month Chatterbooks reading Last Tues of each month Tiny group, 8-9yrs, 4.20pm, FREE. Teddies sessions baby bounce Thurs of month Tiny Teddies sessions baby bounce & rhyme, FREE

Every Fri Kew Library

Storvtime session, under 5's,

Every Fri Christ Church

Coombe Road 020 8241 9423

Toddler Group for under 5's

Every Fri New Malden Baptist

Church Kingston Road New

Malden 8942 6912 Tadpoles

Every Fri Bradmore Green

Library Old Coulsdon 020

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Rhymetime for babies &

toddlers, Wiggle & Jiggle, 2-

4yrs. Every Mon Storytime 2

1/2+vrs & Chatterbooks reading

group for 8-11vrs. Fortnightly

Every Sat Rhymetime, FREE.

parent & toddler group.

FREE.

9 45-11 15am

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Every Sat morn Canbury Storytelling; Maisy's Band, 3-020 8726 6900 Gardens Lower Ham Road 5vrs. 21 Nov- 14 Feb Peter Pan Kingston 020 8547 6422 Low with nunnetry, 6+yrs, Until 8 impact outdoor cardio exercise Feb Grandad, Me ... and Teddy for all with power walking, Too, 2-5yrs, www.polkatheatre. jogging & stretching, 10-11am, com. Nov Fairfield Halls 020 8688 9791 Remember When At First Sat of every month New

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8 Nov Concert Hall Fairfield Worcester Park 020 8547 6719 Officer for forest school inspired activities around the 020 8688 9291 Dawn French Christmas Fair a fun filled event camp fire. Make a wreath or 30 Million Minutes. 9 Nov for all the family with a wide stick star in time for the festive Remembrance Sunday Service. range of activities, with festive season or making the tallest FREE event, 10 Nov The Circus stalls tombola raffle plus twig tower ever families 5+yrs of Horrors, The Night of the children will be able to meet Zombie show 13 Nov 5-4-3-2-Santa & have their photo taken 6-8 Nov Mill Studio Millbrook 1 It's The Manfreds in Concert. with him in his grotto, 11-2 p.m, children entrance FREE. 01483 4400 00 Sikes & Nancy, 17 Nov Shane Filan You & Me

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children to explore and learn about nature. The self-led trails will encourage children to search for animal tracks create Gruffalo and animal footprints. pretend to grow tall like trees. build animal homes and find materials that animals can use to keep warm in winter. The activity trails have been devised to support Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 curriculums, with links to knowledge of the world, language development, sensory learning and numeracy The Gruffalo's Child trails are the latest initiative organised by Forestry Commission England in conjunction with Magic Light Pictures to celebrate the nationwide 10th anniversary celebrations of the book's publication. Ian Gambles, Director of Forestry Commission England commented:

"The Gruffalo activity trails this summer were an



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Join the Gruffalo's Child on her winter forest adventure Forest activity trails and an app outstanding success and we encourage children to learn welcomed an unprecedented number of children and about nature This winter families are invited families to forests across the to go on a forest adventure country - many for their first with Mouse as the Gruffalo's time. Child activity trails come to "We are looking forward to 24 forests and woods across providing new reasons for England families to get outdoors and explore our woods and forests

November 2014

The Gruffalo's Child will leave with Gruffalo's Child activities her comfortable cave and go this winter into the deep dark wood until "The trails will be an amazing adventure, encouraging visitors February 2015 to inspire to make the most of the winter season and learn about our beautiful forests alongside one of the all-time favourite book characters "

> The Gruffalo's Child activity trails follow on from The Gruffalo trails that took place during the spring and summer, which saw hundreds of thousands of children following The Gruffalo and his friends through woods and forests across the country. Visitors will also be able to purchase an activity pack for f2 which includes a foraging bag for collecting woodland materials, a fun-packed Gruffalo's Child activity leaflet which is closely linked to the activity trail, a special Gruffalo's Child sticker and a colouring-in sheet. These special packs will encourage children to learn even more about the behaviour of animals in winter.



design, the app enables inspections), accompanying children to take pictures using four exclusive Gruffalo online resources, as well as frames. Photos can then be your own personal online personalised using character management dashboard. The dashboard allows you to make stickers, phrases and artwork from the iconic picture book. online course bookings, record and track progress of staff and The app also includes a map and directions to all of the 24 create reports to show staff Gruffalo's Child trail locations development. Full membership

across England. Gruffalo: Photo comes hot on the heels of Gruffalo: Games. the No.1 Kids and Education app on iPad, which saw over 250,000 plays in the first three weeks

> Developed by Magic Light Pictures with Limepark Studios, Gruffalo: Photo is available to download exclusively via the AppStore for iPhone iPod Touch iPad and iPad Mini, priced at £1.49

Visit www.forestry.gov.uk/gruffalo for details of Gruffalo's Child activity and trails and to sign up to the newsletter.

### November 2014

their children.

mission!'

### Get Kids Reading

Stephen Hawking has joined a Professor Hawking has written government-backed campaign four children's books with to improve child literacy and daughter Lucy, who took encourage parents to read with part in The Sun's bus tour of primary schools across the country that gave away 6,700 A specially adapted tenbooks to youngsters.

minute extract of Professo Lucy Hawking said: "I'm Hawking and daughter Lucy's latest book, George and the honoured to be part of the Unbreakable Code, will campaign. It's a great idea to be published in Saturday's get authors to schools and talk edition of The Sun as part about books. I'm passionate of the newspaper's Get Kids about books - both reading and Reading initiative. writing - and I want to pass on

that excitement to kids." The physicist joins author and A Save The Children-led report comedian David Walliams. Deputy PM Nick Clegg, reveals that Britain currently Education Secretary Nicky has one of the biggest literacy Morgan and former children's problems in Europe with one in laureate Michael Morpurgo in six adults not being able to read backing the initiative, which is to the standard set for 11-year part of the wider Read On. Get olds. The cost of illiteracy to On campaign with Save the the economy is currently an Children that aims to ensure estimated £18billion a year. By every child in the UK is a 2025 that could well have risen confident reader by age 11. to an annual £43billion.

Stephen Hawking said: "I'm The report revealed that pleased to be part of The Sun's reading with kids for just ten Get Kids Reading campaign. minutes a day can make a huge I love the challenge of turning difference and help improve cutting edge science into literacy levels. rollercoaster adventure stories www.savethechildren.org. for my young readers. I hope uk/reading

that by entertaining them with PARENTS NEWS gripping and sometimes scary. stories, I can also teach them **On-line** along the way. That's my www.

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### Home-Start

New report shows a quarter of Contrastingly, children are parents never ask what their much more optimistic about kids want to do when they their future than their parents are, with 93% of children grow up 28% of parents think their believing they would earn the children will have less career same or more than their parents opportunities than they did and 71% saying they want to Children are more interested in do 'a job that they love'. fame and fortune, more so than Children also believe they their parents expect

Home-Start, a national charity that supports children and families in times of fame than their parents expect difficulty, have released a report. EARNING MONEY: Children's aspirations and their views on work and wages, which compares children's views of their future career opportunities and aspirations with their parents' views.

good and bad, influencing Key findings from the report, children's behaviour and developed in partnership choices, help with opening with Lloyds Banking Group's up communications channels Money for Life programme, between parents and children suggests that despite a greater (and children's wider pressure on children to influencers) is crucial. perform well at school and As part of the report, Homeseek aspirational careers, there is still a large number of Start has set out its views on parents (26%) not talking to supporting families in this area their children about 'what they want to be when they grow up

- pointing to a communication In addition, many parents feel apprehensive about their children's future, 28% believe their children may have less

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can achieve fame and fortune

and are more interested in

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which, again, points to a

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# Education

### NSPCC teams up with Santa to make Christmas wishes come true llustrated letters include the istmas is an exciting time

gender, and a few other details

which only Santa could know.

Santa has even written a special

poem to celebrate baby's first

Christmas too – a keepsake to

treasure for years to come.

of year but for some children

it can be an incredibly difficult

and lonely time. By requesting

a Letter from Santa for a

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the NSPCC can be there for

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they need advice and support.

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this Christmas and beyond.

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either online or by phone.

whenever a child seeks help

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one primary school child

how they can stay safe

The ChildLine Schools

across Kent

family of four.

from now at

or by calling

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about abuse, improving their

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the school also secured

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Mrs Anne Farnish

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Children's charity the NSPCC teams up with Santa to make child's (or big kid's) name, age, children's Christmas wishes come true by sending them a personalised Letter from Santa, sent direct from the North Pole via Rudolph Mail The colourful, beautifully





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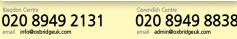
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and Commended awards. Girls were issued with their The Ursuline Prep School certificates at The Bookfest will be holding it's next Onen Prize Giving on Tuesday 7th Saturday on 8th November October in "The Big Tent" by from 10am to 12 noon, and celebrated children's author a full open week from 10th November to 14th November from 9:30am to 11am daily. Appointments are unnecessary Headmistress of The Ursuline Visit them - you will be sure of

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> > Charitv Foreword by Claudia

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