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## Author visit – Banji Alexander

Dear Parents/Carers,



We are delighted to share that we have a special author visit happening on **Tuesday 9th June**. The published author and teacher Banji Alexander will be visiting Abbotswood for an assembly. Banji has also been on Britain's Got Talent! He appeared on Sky News and BBC News to discuss his school book tour. Visit [www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media](http://www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media) to see where else he has featured. If you would like to know more about him, his website is [www.banjialexander.com](http://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 different MPs including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and Stephan Morgan MP.

His book 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party' looks at a child's experience during lockdown. It was written to help discussions about fear, mental health and well-being. The key themes are hope, kindness, resilience, patience, gratitude and adapting to change.

We are very fortunate to have Banji visit Abbotswood and share his passion for reading and books. There is also an opportunity to pre-order his book 'Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party'. The book pre-orders cover the cost of the visit which allows all pupils to enjoy the experience, so please support if you can. If you would like to pre-order his book, please use Arbor to order and pay. The cost is **£10.15**. Please order and pay on Arbor by **Friday 5th June** so that we can ensure we have the correct number of books on the day. We cannot accept any cash on the day.

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

Yours sincerely,

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