

Free Books for all Primary 1 pupils in Shetland.

During November 2012, in the lead up to Book Week Scotland (26th Nov -2nd Dec), Shetland Library staff will be out and about gifting the Bookbug Primary 1 Family Pack to every Primary 1 pupil in Shetland and donating a free set of books to every school library. The project is wholly funded by Scottish Book Trust.

The 3 picture books contained in the packs have all been shortlisted for the Scottish Children's Book Awards 2012. Pupils will be asked to tell their parents which book they liked best, and the parent will then fill in the voting slip on the back of the Activity Book and return it to the school before the closing date of 8th February 2013. The winning book will be announced on the 25th of June 2013.

The Activity Book gives children the chance to write about and illustrate ideas which they have gleaned from the books. The Family Pack also contains a small booklet by Matthew Fitt called Jordan's New Jaiket, which is written in Scots and which translates easily into Shetland dialect.

Children starting school should have already received three free packs of books from Scottish Booktrust at 6 weeks, 18 months and 3 years, and will therefore be familiar with the Bookbug programme, of which this is an extension.

Additional teacher resources can be found on Scottish Book Trust's website
www.scottishbooktrust.com/p1pack

For further information on the distribution of packs and the return of voting forms, or for information on Shetland Bookbug, please contact Morag Nicolson at Shetland Library.

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