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Sir Chris Hoy MBE launches Cardiff Children's Literature Festival 2018;

Tuesday 12th December 6.30pm

The sixth Cardiff Children's Literature Festival gets off to a flying start as Olympic cyclist Sir Chris Hoy rides into City Hall on Tuesday 12th December, to introduce his new book from his series for young readers; *Flying Fergus 7: The Wreck It Race*.

Team GB's most successful Olympic athlete Chris Hoy, along with award-winning co-author Joanna Nadin and illustrator Clare Elsom, will take you on a fantastically fun, magical cycling adventure to explore the enchanting world of Flying Fergus through teamwork, creativity and a whole lot of action.

The event marks the launch of the 2018 Cardiff Children's Literature Festival programme. The festival, spread over two weeks from 21st - 29th April, celebrates the very best in contemporary children's books, with events in both English and Welsh.

Tickets for the launch cost £5 and are now on sale from TicketLineUk. Call 029 20 230130 to book.

Flying Fergus, published on 16th November, is an action-packed series of cycling adventures featuring nine year old Fergus Hamilton and his friends as he travels back and forth to a parallel universe called Nevermore, where cycling is banned and his dad is trapped by the evil King Woebegot.

Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure, Cllr Peter Bradbury said: “Now in its sixth year, this event goes from strength to strength, captivating young readers from Cardiff and beyond.

“With a varied and exciting programme of events during the two week festival, there is something to inspire and engage children of all ages, promoting the love of books and reading. “We welcome Sir Chris to Cardiff, and I encourage people to book tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment.”

Fuel your little book worm’s imagination and love of reading this Christmas by buying tickets to see their favourite authors and illustrators as they make their words and pictures come to life. Held in iconic venues across the city centre, with amazing tales and performances featuring a cast of wonderful characters they’re ideal stocking filler’s for all those who love children’s books. Tickets for Cardiff Children’s Literature Festival 2018 will be on sale from 12th December 2017.

Notes to Editor

Tickets for the launch of Cardiff Children’s Literature Festival 2018 with Sir Chris Hoy MBE are on £5. Call TicketLineUk to book 02920 230 130.

Flying Fergus 7: The Wreck It Race is published on 16th November and copies will be available to buy on the night. *Flying Fergus* is recommended for children aged 5-8 years old but is suitable for older children, and of course big kids too!

Under 12s must be accompanied by a paying adult.

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Syr Chris Hoy MBE yn lansio Gŵyl Llên Plant Caerdydd 2018;

Dydd Mawrth 12 Rhagfyr 6.30pm

Bydd cychwyn campus i chweched Wyl Llên Plant Caerdydd pan fydd y beiciwr Olympaidd Syr Chris Hoy yn cyrraedd Neuadd y Ddinas ar gefn beic ddydd Mawrth 12 Rhagfyr i gyflwyno ei lyfr newydd o'i gyfres ar gyfer darllenwyr ifainc; *Flying Fergus 7: The Wreck It Race*.

Bydd athletwr Olympaidd mwyaf llwyddiannus tîm Prydain Fawr, Chris Hoy, ei gyd-awdur sydd wedi ennill gwobrau, Joanna Nadin, a'r darluniwr, Clare Elsom, yn mynd â chi ar antur feicio llawn hwyl a hud ym myd cyfareddol Flying Fergus drwy waith tîm, creadigrwydd a llawer o gyffro.

Bydd y digwyddiad yn nodi lansiad rhaglen Gŵyl Llên Plant Caerdydd 2018. Yn yr Wyl, sy'n ymestyn dros bythefnos rhwng 21-29 Ebrill, fe ddathlir llyfrau cyfoes gorau i blant a bydd digwyddiadau Saesneg a Chymraeg.

Mae modd prynu tocynnau ar gyfer y lansiad am £5 gan TicketLineUk. Ffoniwch 029 20 230130 i archebu.

Cafodd *Flying Fergus* ei gyhoeddi ar 16 Tachwedd ac mae'n yn gyfres llawn anturiaethau beicio Fergus Hamilton, sy'n 9 oed, a'i ffrindiau wrth iddo deithio i fydysawd paralel o'r enw Nevermore, lle mae beicio wedi'i wahardd a lle y mae brenin drygioni Woebegot wedi carcharu ei dad.

Dywedodd yr Aelod Cabinet dros Ddiwylliant a Hamdden, y Cynghorydd Peter Bradbury: "Mae'r digwyddiad hwn, a gynhelir am y chweched flwyddyn yn olynol, yn mynd o nerth i nerth gan gyfareddu darllenwyr ifainc o Gaerdydd a thu hwnt.

"Mae rhywbeth yn y rhaglen amrywiol a chyffrous o ddigwyddiadau dros bythefnos yr ŵyl i ysbrydoli plant o bob oedran ac i ennyn eu diddordeb, gan hyrwyddo cariad at lyfrau a darllen. "Rydyn ni'n croesawu Syr Chris i Gaerdydd ac rwy'n annog pobl i brynu tocynnau cyn gynted â phosibl i osgoi cael eu siomi."

Rhowch rwydd hynt i ddychymyg eich plentyn a chyfrannu at ei fwynhad o ddarllen y Nadolig hwn drwy brynu tocynnau i weld ei hoff awduron a darlunwyr wrth iddyn nhw droi geiriau a lluniau'n gig a gwaed. Caiff y rhain eu cynnal mewn lleoliadau eiconig ledled canol y ddinas ac maen nhw'n llawn straeon a pherfformiadau anhygoel a chast o gymeriadau gwych, felly pa ffordd well o lenwi hosan pawb sy'n caru llyfrau plant? Bydd modd prynu tocynnau ar gyfer Gŵyl Llên Plant Caerdydd 2018 o 12 Rhagfyr 2017 ymlaen.

Nodyn i'r Golygydd

Mae tocynnau i fynd i lansiad Gŵyl Llên Plant Caerdydd 2018 gyda Syr Chris Hoy MBE yn costio £5. Ffoniwch TicketLineUk ar 02920 230 130 i archebu rhai.

Bydd *Flying Fergus 7: The Wreck It Race* ar gael i'w brynu o 16 Tachwedd ymlaen. Bydd copïau ar gael i'w prynu ar y noson. Argymhellir *Flying Fergus* i blant rhwng 5 ac 8 oed, ond mae'n addas ar gyfer plant hŷn ac wrth gwrs plant mawr hefyd!

Bydd angen i blant dan 12 oed fod yng nghwmni oedolyn sy'n talu.

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