

June Fest – Lockdown Chats

Live through [Zoom Webinar](#) – 8.00 pm, 17 June 2020.

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Writing & Illustrating Children's Stories Calling Parents, Teachers & Young Writers

The first chat in the series, in association with CelticCon Midlands Comic Convention, will see author, **Mario Corrigan**, and illustrator, **Dave Butler**, discussing their collaboration in the publication of the *Do Fish Wear Pyjamas* series of children's books:

- How they formed the idea for the books
- Creating the characters
- Bringing the characters to life
- Designing and illustrating the publications
- Using local landscapes, folklore, & history as basis for stories
- Vagaries of self-publishing
- Workshopping ideas with children – children as co-authors

We hope our chat inspires people to write, draw, sing, dance - whatever it takes to be creative.

According to author Mario Corrigan:

In the Do Fish Wear Pyjamas series, Bebob and Gooey team up with Gonzo and Brídín, on a whirlwind adventure through ancient abbeys and secret tunnels. And their quest for the Great Book of Kildare becomes a deadly battle to save the world from a long dead Viking Lord and his Dark Army.

Chat should be of interest to **teachers (particularly primary school)**, parents, young people generally – particularly those interested in writing for children.