

Dundee Reture Book Award.

Established in 2006, the Dundee Picture Book Award is a partnership initiative between the Council's Children & Families Service and Leisure & Culture.

Approximately 800 children are exposed to the selected titles, some reading independently, others having the books read to them. After becoming familiar with the titles, pupils in primary six (10/11 year olds) read the books to children in primary one (4/5 year olds). All of the P6 class contribute to the creation of an exhibition, promoting the titles, which is displayed in their local library.

The schools involved this year are: St Clements; St Fergus; Ardler; Forthill; Mill of Mains; Craigowl; Victoria Park; Dens Road; Blackness; Eastern (2 classes); Camperdown; St Andrews; Claypotts Castle; St Ninian's; St Pius; and, Downfield (2 classes).

All of the Primary 1 and 6 pupils take part in judging the books and choosing a winner. Voting involving the infants from the P1 classes is organised by pupils from the P6 classes. The results are collected from across the city and the winner of the Dundee Picture Book Award is announced at the Award Ceremony. The prize for the winning title is £1,000 and £250 for each of the runners-up. Where the winning title has both an author and an illustrator, their prize money is split between them.

A key element of the project's success is the attendance of either the author and/or the illustrator, of each of the short-listed titles, at the Award Ceremony.