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Author Visit – Monday 3rd February

Dear Parent/Carer,

Award-winning, bestselling children's writer, M G Leonard will be visiting our school for one whole day on Monday 3rd February. The event will be full of fun-packed activities carefully chosen to appeal to all year groups. Having been trained as an actor, Ms Leonard knows just how to inspire and entertain young people, and her energy and infectious enthusiasm for everything beetles will fascinate both non-fiction and fiction fans alike.

The morning will begin with an extended assembly for the whole school followed by a workshop for one year 6 class. After lunch, a second year 6 workshop will take place. The afternoon will conclude with a Meet the Author session and book signings. (Miss Shennan and Miss Fox would like to encourage as many of their pupils as possible, to obtain the first book, as it is part of their topic this term.)

If you would like to buy a copy of any of her books (at a reduced price of £6 each and recommended for 8-13 years old), please complete the order form on reverse of letter by **Friday 24th January** as books need to be ordered in advance.

***Beetle Boy, (AR Level* 4.9)** M. G. Leonard's debut, and winner of the Branford Boase Award for best debut children's novel. An exciting mystery adventure with plenty of Roald Dahl-esque humour that will appeal equally to boys and girls.*

***Beetle Queen, (AR Level* 5.1)** Published in April 2017 in the UK to critical acclaim. Fast-paced gripping plot as Darkus and his friends hurry to uncover Lucretia Cutter's evil plan. A cliff-hanger ending.*

***Battle of the Beetles, (AR Level* 5.1)** The third part of the trilogy. A great adventure story with Darkus reunited with his friends to fight crazy Lucretia Cutter and save the world.*

***The Beetle Collector's Handbook,** An informative and entertaining guide to beetles, encouraging you to get outside and explore nature.*

* Children's AR Level can be found on their reading bookmark and in their reading diary.

Anita Redit (Librarian)