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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Author Visit by Gill Lewis



Backwell School Library is hosting an event for all Year 7 students on Tuesday, 13 November with award winning author Gill Lewis. Gill whose veterinary work took her to the wilds of Africa and the frozen lands of the Antarctic now writes adventure stories for young people, featuring the plight of endangered animals. She writes in her tree house in Somerset!

Gill will be talking about her early work and two of her books: **Gorilla Dawn** and her latest **Sky Dancer**. **Sky Dancer** is centered on the controversial topic of the illegal killing of hen harriers and the relationship between these birds and driven grouse shooting. Beautifully written with a fast paced plot, it is also a story of grief, new friendships and the facts behind news stories.

"Lewis's writing makes it evident that she does not intend the reader to adopt a particular view.... Rather, it will make readers feel that they can surmount huge obstacles if they stick up for what they believe. Readers will feel empowered to make a valuable contribution towards a better future."

Bookbag Review

Students can buy the book, signed by Gill, on the day. They will need to bring £5 or cheques made payable to Lighthouse Schools Partnership. The school Library also has copies of all Gill's books for students to borrow.

You can find more about Gill on her website, www.gilllewis.com and the plight of Hen Harriers at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PJtB-oTXqdA> . I hope that your son/daughter enjoys meeting a real author and that the event encourages his/her reading and writing further.

Yours Sincerely

A Gibson
Librarian

