



**Beam County Primary School**  
Oval Road North, Dagenham, Essex, RM10 9ED.

26<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you that Beam County Primary School will be taking part in a special author visit being facilitated by celebrated, published author/teacher, **Banji Alexander – as seen on Britain's Got Talent**. Children in Reception to Y6 will take part in a workshop in the afternoon.

**When?** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

**Who for?** Reception to Y6

**Book signing?** Yes – after school!

**Pre-order books?** Yes – fill in the form below and send to the office with £10 (**cash only please**) in an envelope by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024.

We are very fortunate to have Banji Alexander visit our school. Please note, the book pre-orders cover the cost of the visit, allowing all pupils to enjoy the experience, so please support!

**Banji Alexander appeared on Sky News & BBC News to discuss the schoolbook tour. Visit [www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media](http://www.banjialexander.com/banji-in-the-media) to see where else he has featured.**

**His website is [www.banjialexander.com](http://www.banjialexander.com)**

His title '**Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party**', comes highly recommended for primary aged children and has received wide acclaim from teaching professionals across the country, and MPs, including the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, and the Shadow Minister for Schools (at the time of release), Stephan Morgan MP.

**Lockdown Looms: Reggie's Birthday Party:**

- Details a child's experience during lockdown
- It was written to allay the fears of Banji's learners surrounding the pandemic
- Helps facilitate discussions around mental health and well-being
- Key themes are: Hope, Kindness, Resilience, Patience, Gratitude & Adapting to Change

This is going to be a memorable experience for your child. Thank you for your continued support.

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Headteacher: Miss T A Whittington, NPQH, BA (Hons), PGCE  
Chair of Governors: Miss S Ekmekci



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Best wishes,

**The English Team at Beam County Primary School**

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**Author visit – Banji Alexander Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

**Child's name:**

**Class:**

I want\_\_\_\_(number of copies) copies of Banji Alexander's book 'Lockdown Looms',  
I enclose £\_\_\_\_ (£10 per book).

Signed:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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