

Dear Parents and Carers,

Author Mitch Johnson will be visiting Langham on **18<sup>th</sup> September** to talk to Quartz and Jet Class about his work. The event will be a fun, interactive opportunity for children to learn about the themes in his books, including human rights and environmental issues.

*Kick* tells the story of twelve-year-old Budi, an Indonesian boy who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. The novel is endorsed by Amnesty International UK for its portrayal of children's rights, and received the 2018 Branford Boase Award.

Mitch's second novel, *Pop!*, is about a girl called Queenie who finds the secret recipe to the world's most popular fizzy drink. *Pop!* is an action-packed adventure with a strong environmental message about plastic pollution, and was nominated for the 2022 CILIP Carnegie Medal.

*Spark* is set in a world that has been devastated by climate change. When the water in Last Village dries up, Ash must embark on a dangerous journey to find answers and a rumoured land to the north where life still flourishes. *Spark* was longlisted for the 2022 Wainwright Prize and won the 2022 Mal Peet Children's Award.

*Toxic* is set in the Amazon rainforest and features a billionaire beauty mogul who will stop at nothing to obtain the toxin of an incredibly rare and valuable frog. Only Jessica and her friends have any chance of stopping her, but the rainforest is a dangerous place ...

Signed copies of Mitch's books will be available for children to pre-order/buy on the day. Copies will be available at the reduced price of £6.00 each. Please send any money in a labelled envelope with your child on the day.

Many thanks  
Langham Village School

