One Book
One Community

A handbook for family reading in Knocknaheeny, Hollyhill, Churchfield and Sunday’s Well, Cork
One Book One Community is a family reading project bringing together schools, preschools, libraries, literacy groups and community groups in the Knocknaheeny, Hollyhill, Sunday’s Well and Churchfield area. Each year we pick a book and give it to families to keep. We run a variety of activities to support reading the book in schools and in the community. In 2012-2013 we chose *Sky Hawk* by Gill Lewis for the 10-13 year olds, and *Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?* by Eric Carle and Bill Martin Jr. for our preschool readers.

For full information visit our website at [www.onebookonecommunity.ie](http://www.onebookonecommunity.ie)

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See the full interview with Gill on pages 6-7.

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Sky Hawk is a book about two children in Scotland named Callum and Iona. When they become friends, Iona tells Callum a secret - there is an osprey on Callum’s farm. When the osprey’s foot gets stuck in fishing gut they had to get help. So they call the Animal Centre. A guy named Hamish comes to help. They put a transmitter on the osprey’s leg so they know where she is. They call her Iris. The friendship between Iona and Callum gets stronger and they build a hut. But then Iona gets really ill and she dies. Callum is very lonely and sad. His friends Euan and Rob go over to his house to go fishing. While fishing, Iris’s mate swoops down to the lake to catch fish but Euan and Rob see him. So Callum has to tell them about the osprey.

Iris migrates to Africa. They track her journey on Google Earth using the transmitter. But then Hamish calls with bad news, they lost Iris’s signal. Callum had promised Iona he’d look after Iris, but now he had lost her. Callum and his friends are stressed out so Callum emails a lot of people in Africa to see if they can help find Iris. It takes days for him to get a reply. But one day he checked his emails and he had one email. It was from a girl named Jeneba in Gambia.

Jeneba was in hospital. She had been run over by a truck and had two broken legs. Jeneba’s father had gone to see the marabout, a local wise man in Jeneba’s village. He told her dad that he saw Jeneba walking high above the world across an ocean of white cloud. Jeneba’s father thought this meant that Jeneba was going to die.

Jeneba’s brother found Iris in a hollow rotten tree. Iris’s transmitter was working again. Callum could see Iris on Google Earth. But suddenly Jeneba got very ill. If she did not get an operation on her legs they could have to be cut off. So Callum, his friends and his mam and dad got together to sort out a fundraiser event.
At the fundraiser, a news reporter comes and finds out about Iris. They raised over one thousand pounds but the operation is going to cost tens of thousands. As a result of the news reporter’s article, a hospital in England offered to do the surgery and with the money they raised they bought tickets for Jeneba and her nurse to travel to England and Scotland.

They flew Jeneba to England and she had her operation there. Once Jeneba had recovered she flew to meet Callum and his friends and family. Shortly before her plane landed, Iris’s signal stopped working while she was flying through an ocean storm. Jeneba arrived in Scotland and Callum threw a big party and everyone from the village went. The following day, Callum took Jeneba up the mountains. He was still worried about Iris. While they were up the mountain they spotted Iris returning to the eyrie. So Iris made it home, and it turned out that the marabout was right. Jeneba did walk above the world on an ocean of white cloud, but it was on a mountain in Scotland, and the clouds were low when she took her first steps without crutches.

by Chloe Higgins

Sky Hawk mural with book reviews by children at Scoil Padre Pio
Gill Lewis loved animals from a young age. When she grew up she became a vet. When she had children of her own, she realised how much she loved telling and writing stories, so she went to university to learn how to write books for young people. Gill lives in Somerset with her family and animals.

When we told Gill about our project, she wrote us a very special message. See this message on our website at www.onebookonecommunity.ie

Visit Gill’s website at http://www.gilllewis.com/ or her blog at http://gilllewisauthor.blogspot.ie/.

Books by Gill Lewis:

How well do you know Sky Hawk? Test yourself with these 21 questions.

1. What kind of bird lived on Callum’s land?
2. What is the name of the bird’s nest?
3. Who did Iona live with?
4. What did Rob get as a birthday present from his aunt?
5. Who came to help free the osprey?
6. What did he place on the ospreys back?
7. Where did Iona and Callum sit to watch the osprey?
8. How many eggs were in the nest?
9. What colour leg ring did Iona pick for the bird?
10. Iris is the Greek Goddess of W… and S…?
11. What birthday present did Callum’s mum give to Iona?
12. What was Iona’s favourite colour?
13. What was Callum’s last promise to Iona?
14. Where was Iris heading for the winter?
15. In which countries are the Pyrenees Mountains?
16. What internet tool does Callum use to track Iris’s journey?
17. How did Jeneba get hurt?
18. By what name did Jeneba’s people know birds like Iris?
19. What did Rob give to sell at the fundraiser?
20. Who bought it?
21. What is the name of the nurse that came with Jeneba to Britain?

Answers on page 23
1. What inspired you to start writing?
As a child I loved creating stories in my head. I used to take hours to get to sleep, and I used to tell myself stories until I eventually fell asleep. I loved writing in primary school, but when I went to secondary school, English lessons became more about spelling and grammar. Because I struggled with those, I turned away from story writing. It wasn’t until I began reading to my own children that I rediscovered my love of books. So I suppose it was reading and telling stories to my own children that inspired me to write.

2. What inspired you to write Sky Hawk?
**Sky Hawk** was inspired initially by the swallows in our garden shed. I looked up at the empty nest one really cold New Year’s day and wondered where the swallows were. I wondered if children in Africa could see the same swallows my own children had seen in our summer. That led me think maybe there could be the connection between children in different countries via a wild migratory bird. My research brought me to the osprey, because ospreys can be fitted with satellite transmitters.

3. Did you base the character of Iona on anyone you knew personally?
Iona is a mix of several people I know. I think she’s part me, part other childhood friends and my own children. In my mind I see her as a character in her own right.

4. Why were the female characters chosen to die or be ill?
This is an unusual question. I’m not sure if I have a definite answer. I didn’t write the book thinking that I would have something happen to the female characters. I think because the main character is a boy, I chose the person he befriends to be a girl. In this case Iona. It would have been very different dynamics within the friendships had I chosen Iona to be a boy instead. Jeneba’s recovery balances Iona’s death and so it happened that it was the female characters who either died or were ill.

5. Why did you choose to write fiction?
Because writing fiction is so much fun. Anything can happen! With all my books I
have had to do a huge amount of research, and much of the fiction (information about ospreys etc) is based on fact.

6. Why did you choose the names you gave your characters?
I chose Iona from the island of Iona just off Mull. It’s a magical place and where I have seen bottlenose dolphins, minke whales and sea eagles. Callum, Rob and Euan just popped into my head and felt right straight away. Sometimes it takes ages to get a name right and other times it happens very quickly. I spent ages thinking of the name of the osprey. I came up with Iris, because I decided the identification numbers on her ring would be RS, which sounds like Iris if you say it quickly. Iris is also the name of a Greek Goddess of the wind and sky, and was the messenger between the gods and humans. This seemed very fitting as the osprey in Sky Hawk is a messenger between people and is of the wind and sky. Iris, is also the name of part of our eye, (from the word iridescence which comes from the Greek Goddesses name, because she is thought to have travelled through a rainbow). The eye contact between Callum and the osprey is also very important.

7. Did anyone else in your family write books?
No, but there have been lots of stories passed down through generations…which is the same really…just another way of telling stories.

8. Did you always want to be a writer?
No. I thought you had to have neat handwriting and had to be really good at spelling to be a real writer. (You don’t, by the way)

9. Do you think Sky Hawk will be made into a movie?
I hope so! It would be great if it was. It is being adapted for theatre by Clywd Theatrcymru in Mold, Wales this June and July.

10. How long did it take to write Sky Hawk?
About 9 months. 3 months planning and research, 3 months writing and 3 months rewriting and editing.

11. Will there be a Sky Hawk sequel?
I’m not sure. I’m very interested by Iona’s mother’s story…so maybe there would be a prequel?

12. Will all your books be based on animals?
I think they probably will. They won’t all necessarily be about conservation, but I think they will have an animal as a way of connecting people together.

Thank you, Gill!
Sky Hawk Reviews

Seán, parent - DoubleHawk competition winner
Sky Hawk is a heart-warming story that deals with both timeless and timely ideals that make us think on humanity and what it means to be human. The most striking thing about the book is the amount of different important things about life it makes us think about. For a children’s book this is surprising and refreshing. I’d recommend it for any child as it is an accessible and wonderful book.

Mia, child - DoubleHawk competition winner
Sky Hawk is a book about two people Iona and Callum. Their friendship develops and grows stronger as you read the book. Iona shows Callum an osprey on his farm that no-one knows about.

Aishling, child
The book contains a big sadness in it as well as lots of tension so it would be a good idea to have a box of tissues ready when you start reading. I would recommend Sky Hawk to anyone who is my age or older. I think it would even appeal to grown-ups. I feel lucky to have read this book.

Breda, grand-parent
When my grand-daughter asked me to read this book I was doubtful about reading it as I felt as though I was beyond reading children’s books, but I was glad in the end to read it, as it is a very powerful book as it brings adults and children alike together.

Geraldine, parent
I love the way she captured how a beautiful wild bird could be responsible for so many friendships and how people came together when it really mattered.

Michael, child and Deirdre, parent
I liked reading Sky Hawk by Gill Lewis because it was a fantastic book and it gave me new information about ospreys and Scotland. I like birds and breed them, so the story was very interesting to me. I would recommend this book to a friend because it is an interesting story and it has a happy ending and everyone helps each other.

Anita, parent
The characters in the books were very good, especially Iona and Callum. It really opens your eyes, I couldn’t leave the book out of my hands til I read the whole lot.

Conor, child
I never used to like birds before but now I am more interested in them

Michelle, parent
I laughed and cried my way through Sky Hawk. The story was so moving and showed how kids from different walks of life can touch each other and how common interests like animals can bring them together.
Denise, parent
I found this book was very vivid in description of characters, places and objects. The story really captures your imagination and draws you in, because it was a great story of friendship, trust and loyalty.

Brian, child
Sky Hawk tells the tale of Callum, a boy who lives and works on a farm. A girl named Iona show him her secret: an osprey, a very rare bird. Callum and Iona do their best to protect Iris (the osprey) from harm, but Iona gets sick and now it’s up to Callum to protect Iris.

Agnes, parent
This book was a lovely story of friendship of a young girl, a boy, and their love for an osprey, and the lengths they go to protect her.

Racheal, child
Sky Hawk is a good book because it has a lot of detail in it. At the start there are only 4 characters, but coming up to the middle more characters come into it. There is an osprey that only Iona knows about, then she tells Callum. Every day they go up to the hills to watch the osprey.

Karen, parent
I could not put this book down, I really loved it. From beginning to end, Gill Lewis really knows how to keep you engrossed in her book.

Antanas, parent
My favourite part in that book was the moment when Iris was flying back home and Jeneba took her first steps. I felt like I was there.

Malgorzata, parent
I just finished reading the book Sky Hawk. I would recommend it to anyone who likes animals. But if you want to read Sky Hawk, make sure that you haven’t anything planned because if you read the first few pages, you won’t be able to stop.

Michael, child
Sky Hawk has brilliant characterisation and vivid descriptions. I was in my bed eager to read more.

Chloe, child
I liked Sky Hawk because I love nature and birds and the story is sad but happy at the same time.
Reader Profiles

Name: Luke Murphy
Age: 12
Hobbies: Hurling, football, soccer, playing my xbox
I like Sky Hawk because: I liked that they kept the ospreys a secret
My favourite book ever is: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows by J.K. Rowling
I also like: Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
I like books that are: funny and fictional
My favourite place for reading is: on my couch

Name: Cian McSweeney
Age: 12
Hobbies: Hurling, soccer, reading, PS3
My favourite book ever is: Dragon Rider by Cornelia Funke
I also like: Roald Dahl
I like books that are: fictional, funny, factful and imaginative
My favourite place for reading is: my bedroom

Name: Erin Bourke
Age: 11
Hobbies: reading
I like Sky Hawk because: It’s very interesting and there’s lots of adventures and activities
My favourite book ever is: Sky Hawk and Vampire Diaries
I like books that are: about vampires, witches, wolves, hunters, bats and hybrids
My favourite place for reading is: my bedroom, my garden and my nan’s house

Name: Christopher Lawlor
Age: 11
Hobbies: Singing, soccer, acting
I like Sky Hawk because: There are good describing words and the author really put emotion and lots of detail into this story
My favourite book ever is: Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy and the Harry Potters
I like books that are: scary and full of facts
My favourite place for reading is: somewhere peaceful like the library or my room
Name: Chloe Leahy  
Age: 11  
Hobbies: Dancing, acting, playing piano and reading  
I like **Sky Hawk** because: I love nature and the story is sad but happy at the same time  
My favourite book ever is: **Queenie** by Jacqueline Wilson  
I also like the **Tracy Beaker** trilogy, **Hetty Feather**, **Sapphire Battersea** and **Emerald Star** by Jacqueline Wilson  
I like books that are: based in the old time  
My favourite place for reading is: my room because I can relax on my bed and the room is always quiet

Name: Noelle Herlihy  
Age: 11  
Hobbies: Playing soccer and reading  
I like **Sky Hawk** because: It was very interesting because it had some exciting storylines and some sad storylines.  
I also like these books / authors: **Puddle The Naughtiest Puppy** by Hayley Daze. It was funny and interesting.

Name: Anthony Twomey  
Age: 11  
Hobbies: Soccer, gaming, swimming  
I like **Sky Hawk** because: it is interesting  
My favourite book ever is: **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** by Jeff Kinney  
I like books that are: funny  
My favourite place for reading is: my house

Name: Jake O’Rourke  
Age: 12  
Hobbies: Swimming, watching dvds, walking  
I like **Sky Hawk** because: It is a good book and it is fun to read, and it has a happy ending. I am getting another book by Gill Lewis, it is called **White Dolphin**.  
My favourite book ever is: **Sky Hawk**  
I also like: **Washed Away** by Dawn McMillan, **Butterfly Notes** by Dianne Wolfer, **Bowled Over** by Sharon Greenaway  
I like books that are: funny and full of adventure  
My favourite place for reading is: the library and in my bedroom
Sky Hawk Poetry

Sky Hawk by Michael Dorgan
Out by the loch
Seen very rarely
Preys on fish
Raising its young
Eating fish
Young ospreys are so cute

Osprey by Ian Leahy
On the first chapter I was amazed
Some of them at Iris gazed
Panic not, don’t raise an alarm
Real life osprey on the farm
You need to keep them from harm
Along adventures you will see
Sky Hawk holds a key
Kick the ball down the valley
You go on your bike down a rally
How that book was so good
And I’ll read it again yes I would
Wow what a book!
Know this, my heart it took.

Sky Hawk by Chloe L
Iona only knows there’s
Ospreys on the farm
Now she has told Callum
And can they keep them from harm?

Sky Hawk by Chloe Higgins
Secret
Kept between friends
You will never know
How had it got there?
And
Where it came from?
Keep the secret, save the bird

Sky Hawk by Mia Wallace
Sky Hawk is a great book
Kept me interested on every page
You should read it too
How hard it is to keep a secret
A challenge for both of them
When the secret is out
Keep it away from the wrong ears.

Sky Hawk by Megan Collins
Sky Hawk, what a wonderful book
Kept me interested on every single page
You should really read it, trust me
How hard it was to keep a secret
All ended but never forgotten
What an adventure about two best friends
Keep reading, don’t stop. Trust me!
Sky Hawk poem by Valerija

My friend found a bird  
You never seen before  
She eats fish and flies so high  
That bird is an osprey  
Even mum gasped when I told her  
Rumour came that osprey died  
You will know what happened next.

Sky Hawk by Filip Gajda

Secrets in the trees  
Kilograms of birds  
Young children can discover  
High above the ground  
A bird is flying too  
Weak ones fly too  
Knowledge you will discover by reading Sky Hawk

Sky Hawk by Darragh Cotter

Super hawk soars right through  
Kids think he’s super cool  
You will see him in Scotland  

Happy hawk hunts for food,  
And lays eggs in her nest  
Waiting to hear a slight crack,  
Knowing that she won’t regret, the little chicks she has fed

Iona by Tara Galgney

Intelligent girl is Iona  
Only tells the truth  
Never will tell about osprey  
And now she has shared it.
Hollyhill/Knocknaheeny Family Centre Preschool

We coloured the Brown Bear characters, and decorated the Brown Bear with crepe paper. We made props of all the animals with lollipop sticks and cut out cardboard pictures of the animals. The children each had an animal and would hold it up when reading the story. We sang the Brown Bear song.

We had Brown Bear Bingo – the children each had a card and the counters were pictures of the animals. The children enjoyed this especially as they could see all the animals with their individual colour. We also made the animal sounds as we read the book. We made a farm with all the animals, we used our blocks to make fences and placed the animals into the field on the farm.

The children came up with the farm idea themselves which worked very well. The children were full of excitement the day of the book launch. We went to Terence McSwiney Secondary School and listened contently as the story of the Brown Bear was read by storyteller Niall de Burca.

Early Start Scoil Padre Pio

Brown Bear was loved by all Early Start children. Each child was able to engage with the story on his or her own level. They loved the animals, the rhythm and the illustrations. The children enjoyed listening to the story being read to them at school. Each child chose an animal to call his or her own for his or her chair, coat hook and activity bowl. The children drew and coloured pictures, sang songs and talked about the story with great affection.

Early Start St Mary’s On The Hill

Children at Early Start St Mary’s On The Hill loved Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? They read it over and over in class, and did many art projects based on Brown Bear and the different characters. They also participated in the Brown Bear Colouring Competition, and Mea Twomey was a winner! Well done, Mea!
Páistí @ No.3

The children made their own Brown Bear book by colouring single page sheets of each animal and then stapling them into a book which they used at storytime. They also made bookmarks and masks. The website www.onebookonecommunity.ie proved very useful.

Write Together made a Story Sack based on the Brown Bear book with each animal and bird character made using coloured card, felt, feathers, fur, which created lovely different textures. We mounted them on sticks so the children could hold them and tell the story with them.

For the day of the launch each child’s face was painted as a brown bear and some of these appeared on the Evening Echo.

Barnardos Brighter Futures

The children and their parents all engaged in a variety of activities and events that were held to celebrate One Book One Community. Every child in the project received their own copy of Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Parents read the book with their child and it has become a firm family favourite. Parents spoke of how their children knew the book off by heart!

To engage the children’s imagination further, we did a variety of activities inspired by Brown Bear. Some of the activities that the children participated in were: making bear cookies, games that encouraged children to act out the movements and sounds of their favourite animal in the book. They decorated large cut out animal shapes from the story, decorated a life size cut out of Brown Bear himself, they made animals from play dough and enjoyed playing sequencing games about what animal came next in the story. Our parent and baby group who also loved the story, delighted in sponge painting their favourite animals from the book.

On the 20th of March we had a big family art workshop based on the book. All our children and families were invited to make their own Brown Bear hats, Brown Bear cookies, colour their own Brown Bear and get their Brown Bear stickers. It was a fantastic celebration and fun event to mark the success of Brown Bear and was enjoyed by all. The mark of success to us regarding the book was the request from the children to read more stories from this wonderful author, we of course obliged and our preschoolers are presently enjoying further stories from Bill Martin and Eric Carle, though the favourite continues to be Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Artwork on these pages by Write Together
Encouraging Family Reading

Tips from the One Book One Community committee

Read aloud - tell a bedtime story.

Have books in the house. Be a reading role model. Let your children see you enjoying reading.

It doesn’t have to be just books - comics, magazines, graphic novels are ok too.

Join the library, membership is free for children. As well as thousands of books to choose, there are reading events such as author visits, storytime and crafts.

Don’t forget joke books, poetry books, funny books, quiz books. Even the most reluctant reader loves a Where’s Wally book.

Try factual books like books about their favourite hobby, Guinness World Records, sports skills, dancing, animals, dinosaurs.

Let them choose – a child will soon discover if a book is too hard or too easy, and they may even surprise you!

Ask around, find out what other children are reading. Jump on the bandwagon – books from the latest tv craze or by a celebrity might kickstart the reading habit!

Keep trying! Not everyone will choose reading as a hobby, but it’s important to give children every chance to become a reader.

If relatives ask what to buy for christmas and birthdays, ask for gift cards for bookshops.

Give plenty praise and encouragement.

Tell family tales - Children love to hear stories about their family. Talk about a funny thing that happened when you were young.

Let your child see you use a dictionary. Say, “Hmm, I’m not sure what that word means...I think I’ll look it up.”

Teach your child some “mind tricks”. Show your child how to summarise a story in a few sentences or how to make predictions about what might happen next. Both strategies help a child comprehend and remember.

Artwork on these pages by children of Early Start Scoil Padre Pio
Your child likes a book.. now what?

- Are there more books by the same author?
- Ask your librarian, or check the web for similar types of books
- Visit the author’s website
- Look for colouring or art ideas online. Many publisher or author sites have colouring pages, games, and other activities.
- Make your own book - use colouring pages, make up rhymes, and bind it with staples or ribbons.

Getting used to talking about books

While you are reading ask yourself:

- What type of book is it? For example, is it full of action and adventure? Is it an animal tale? Is it true to life, or is it about fantasy and magic?
- Summarise the plot in one or two sentences
- Who are the main characters? What happens to them, and how does that make the reader feel?
- If you liked the book, or didn’t like it, try to identify one or two reasons why
- See what other people thought of the book - the websites www.amazon.co.uk and www.goodreads.com are two websites that have reader reviews. Do you agree with the reviews?
- If you are reading for a book club, try taking notes or using post-its to mark different parts, but only if it helps you - it is not school, and no-one will test you.
- It’s ok if you don’t like a book, there are millions of books out there, and every reader has different tastes
**Talking About Sky Hawk**

*Sky Hawk* raises many themes and issues. Here are some points for you to discuss with your children or in your book club.

- *Sky Hawk* is a book that brings out strong emotions, for example, sadness, joy, compassion, anger. What characters make you feel these emotions? What parts of the story make you feel these emotions?

- Would you say it was a happy book overall?

- What was your favourite part?

- Who was your favourite character?

- What lessons did the characters learn?

- Talk about friendship.

  Was Callum a true friend to Iona? How did Callum’s friendship with Rob and Euan change in the story? Callum and Jeneba become friends through modern technology. Talk about technology and online friends. Callum’s mum used to be friends with Iona’s mum when they were children.

- Talk about fitting in at school. Talk about bullying because of poverty or because someone is different.

- Talk about caring for birds, animals and for the environment.

- *Sky Hawk* makes us think about community, not just our local community, but the global community. We are all part of a bigger picture.

- Talk about journeys - actual journeys like Iris to Africa and Jeneba to Scotland, as well as journeys of friendship, or our journey through tough times.

*Artwork by Colouring Competition winners Emma O’Gorman and Kyra Cummins*
If you liked **Sky Hawk**, try these books available in Hollyhill Library

- **White Dolphin**  
  Gill Lewis

- **Dustbin Cat**  
  Ingrid Lee

- **Shadow**  
  Michael Morpurgo

- **Lionboy**  
  Zizou Corder

- **Meerkat Madness**  
  Ian Whybrow

- **My Dad’s Got An Alligator**  
  Jeremy Strong

- **The Merman**  
  Dick King-Smith

- **The Great Rabbit Rescue**  
  Katie Davies

- **The Secret Hen House Theatre**  
  Helen Peters

- **Fox**  
  Matthew Sweeney

If you liked **Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?** try these books available in Hollyhill Library

- **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**  
  Eric Carle

- **Giraffes Can’t Dance**  
  Giles Andreae

- **Noah’s Ark**  
  Lucy Cousins

- **Walking Through The Jungle**  
  Julie Lacome

- **Never Shake A Rattlesnake**  
  Michaela Morgan

- **Dear Zoo**  
  Rod Campbell

- **Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You Hear?**  
  Bill Martin Jr and Eric Carle

- **We’re Going on a Bear Hunt**  
  Michael Rosen
Ospreys: Did You Know?

• The Latin name for osprey is Pandion haliaetus.

• Ospreys are different to other birds because they have a reversible outer talon which is used in catching and gripping slippery fish.

• Ospreys can close their nostrils, which helps them dive into water to catch fish.

• While ospreys mostly eat fish, they have been known to prey upon rabbits, hares and rodents.

• Female ospreys are bigger than males.

Find out more about ospreys in your library, or on the web at http://www.ospreys.org.uk

Hawk Display, Inter-Schools Quiz Winners, and artwork from Write Together Story Sacks
The Parents' Book Club was set up to help parents to find out more about children’s books, and to provide a place to discuss children’s books. The book club members were: Ann, Sheila, Creiona, Helen, Agnes and Geraldine.

During the One Book One Community project the book club read:

**Sky Hawk** by Gill Lewis

**The Legend of the Worst Boy in the World** by Eoin Colfer

**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe** by C.S. Lewis

**Goodnight Mister Tom** by Michelle Magorian

**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** by Rachel Joyce

If you are interested in joining the Parents’ Book Club for the 2013 - 2014 project, call Ann in Hollyhill Library at 021 4924928
DoubleHawk Writing Competition winners Mia Wallace and dad, Seán pictured with Munster Rugby star Peter O’Mahony

One Book One Community books from previous years

2011-2012
Dog Lost by Ingrid Lee
Bad Dog Marley by John Grogan

2010-2011
The Firework-Maker’s Daughter by Philip Pullman
Elmer by David McKee

2009-2010
The Butterfly Lion by Michael Morpurgo

2008-2009
Ice Man by Michael Smith
Tom Crean’s Rabbit by Meredith Hooper
List of Activities

During 2013 we carried out these activities and projects inspired by Sky Hawk and Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?

Storytelling
  Colouring Competitions
Hawk murals and wall art
  Write Reviews
Write Poetry
  Essay Competition
Facepainting
  Launch and storytelling with Niall de Burca
Brown Bear Story Sacks
  Make osprey and Brown Bear masks
Make Sky Hawk bookbags
  Make Sky Hawk and Brown Bear bookmarks
Cut-out animal shapes
  Giant Brown Bear cut-out
Make Brown Bear hats
  Decorate Brown Bear cookies
Decorate Brown Bear with crepe paper
  Make Brown Bear stickers
Make Brown Bear animal lollipop props
  Singing the Brown Bear song
Animal songs and games
  Make animals from playdough
Sponge Painting
  Brown Bear Bingo
Make a farm of Brown Bear characters
  Make your own Brown Bear book
Learn to Draw Animals Cartoon Workshop
  Reader profiles
Hawk Display and Bird Talk
  Visit from Maxi Zoo
Animals Quiz
  Sky Hawk Table Quiz
Sky Hawk Inter-schools Quiz
  DoubleHawk Writing Competition
emails to Gill Lewis
eReaders in homes
Family Day with workshops and displays
  Book Swop
Parents’ Book Club
  Certificates of Participation
Sky Hawk ceiling model
  Papier Mache hawk model
One Book handbook
  One Book One Community website and...
  .... reading the books at home, in school, in the car, on the bus, in the library, at storytime, at the beach, on holidays.....

How many did you get right?

21. Mama Binta
20. Iona’s grandmother, Mr McNair
19. His new bike
18. Kulanjango’s brother
17. She was hit by a truck
16. Google Earth
15. Between France and Spain
14. Africa
13. That he would keep Iris safe
12. Pink
11. Boots
10. Wind and sky
  Yellow
  Wind
  Car
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  7. In a tree house
  6. A black box (transmitter)
  5. Hamish
  4. A new bike
  3. Grandad (Mr McNair)
  2. Syre
  1. Osprey

Answers to quiz questions on page 5

Children make Sky Hawk book bags in Hollyhill Library