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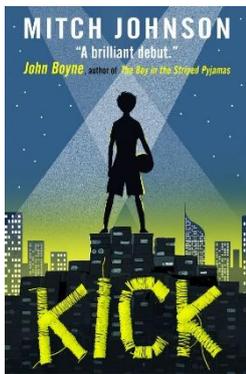Telephone: (01604) 768392 Fax (01604) 675900

Dear Parents/Carers,

<u>RE: Author Visit</u>

As you know, at Briar Hill we pride ourselves on celebrating the importance and the enjoyment of reading for pleasure. In order to promote this further, on Wednesday 15th November, the children in years 4, 5 and 6 will have an exciting opportunity to meet the talented author of *Kick*, Mitch Johnson.

Mitch has been invited into Briar Hill to share his exciting new book, which was published on 1st September 2017. *Kick* is about a 12-year-old Indonesian boy named Budi who works in a sweatshop and dreams of becoming a footballer. It's about hopes and heroes, friendship and football, inequality and injustice. But ultimately, *Kick* is a story about a boy who dreams of a better life.

In addition to sharing this highly acclaimed book, he will share his experiences as a writer and hold a creative writing workshop with the children. Furthermore, he will discuss the challenging and thought-provoking themes found in his book which include: human rights, fast fashion and global citizenship.

Whilst Mitch is at Briar Hill, there will be an opportunity for the children to purchase their own copy of *Kick* and have it signed. The book will cost £6.99 and children can bring their money into school in a named and sealed envelope, ready for the book signing session.

Here are just a few reviews of this incredible book!

'It's a book that shows you how universal football is, but how the wealth and glamour of the game is definitely not universal. A must read for fans of Mal Peet."
 - Tom Palmer, author of Football Academy

"A dazzling story of family, fate and football and one game-changing friendship."
- Peter Bunzl, author of Cogheart

"Kick is a brilliant debut. Mitch Johnson writes of ambition, poverty and friendship with great skill and wit. I was cheering on Budi to the final whistle."
 - John Boyne, author of The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Thank you all for your continued support, it really is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Katie Dalziel, Reading Lead