






# MARIE BASTING

Author and Creative Practitioner

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## ENDORSEMENTS

*"It was brilliant and I would highly recommend it to all schools. Marie is fabulous!"*

**Tami Wylie, Teacher, Holy Cross Primary School, Oldham**

*"Marie, Thank you so much for today's virtual assembly. We LOVED it! The inspirational advice, breathtaking videos, fun quiz...the list goes on. We are all going to try and #BeMoreBMX"*

**Faye Cooper, Teacher, Adlington Primary School!**

*"Completely bonkers but a consummate professional, not a bad mix in my book."*

**Kaye Tew Director of the Manchester Children's Book**

## AUTHOR VISITS WITH MARIE BASTING

Marie Basting writes funny fiction for children. Her debut novel, *Princess BMX*, was listed by the Guardian and BookTrust in their best new books category and was praised by Gender Collect as one of the best books out there for smashing stereotypes. A former Associate Lecturer at Manchester Met University, Marie has taught creative writing from foundation through to MFA level and has extensive experience of creative schools outreach delivery. Her #BeMoreBMX school and festival events have inspired thousands of children to smash stereotypes and defy expectations.

### Are You Ready To Be More BMX?

Interactive author talks and creative writing workshops with an extreme sporting twist designed to build resilience and confidence:

#### #BEMORE BMX ASSEMBLY

With themes of resilience, smashing stereotypes and developing a positive attitude, Marie's assembly presentation will leave children rearing to defy the limits others place on them and #BeMoreBMX. A fun interactive event that includes insights into Marie's writing journey, awe inspiring BMX video clips and lots of laughs!

#### PRINCESS BMX CHARACTER MASH

With reference to Princess BMX, and using a Top Trumps style format, children will create their own unique stereotype busting characters. After illustrating their character, they'll highlight their unique traits and qualities and give them a problem – the key driver for any character led story – before sending them off on their own adventure. Can be adapted to also cover story arc and plotting.

#### THROUGH THE PORTAL

With an emphasis on descriptive writing, children will be invited to travel through the portal and create their own fantasy story. Through fun exercises, Marie will equip them with the tools to ensure their stories have all the ingredients of a classic portal adventure. Includes additional plotting and editing resources.

#### BOOKING and FEES

Marie's visits are competitively priced and she frequently offers discounts to local schools. All visits include a free book signing. E-mail [riewriting@gmail.com](mailto:riewriting@gmail.com) or use the contact form on Marie's website to make a booking enquiry: <https://mariebasting.com/get-in-touch/>

Events listed here are ideally suited to KS2 but Marie offers events KS1 to adult. Marie