



## Angel Boy Flies High

**Latest resource release from the award winning Shoo Fly Publishing, recently awarded 'Innovation in Education' at the Spirit of Innovation Awards 2006.**

**Angel Boy flies into SETT having explored the tiny island of Easdale off the Western Coast of Argyll and drawn inspiration from the Orcadian legend of the Selchie.**

Angel Boy is the latest title in the series of award winning Connected Learning Resources created by the small (but very beautiful) Shoo Fly Publishing.

Scotland is an appropriate launch pad for Angel Boy's inaugural flight. This impressive Connected Learning Resource includes Shoo Fly's latest I-Fly Book – 'Seal Skull', a haunting short story inspired by the Orcadian legend of the Selchie. The story is supported by interactive whiteboard activities that include an exploration of the geography of the Scottish island of Easdale and original music compositions inspired by the Scottish land and seascapes.

Shoo Fly are committed to the continued involvement of young people in the development of their resources, demonstrated by travelling five hours up to Easdale Island to record teenager Jamie Melville and his family's narration of Seal Skull. Chris Corner, illustrator of Seal Skull, Angel Boy and Wade, also travelled to the Orkneys to sketch the landscape and wildlife that he later developed into his hauntingly beautiful illustrations.



Angel Boy includes three other animated short stories with a gothic theme; Angel Boy, Wade and Gothic Tale. The stories use animation, sound and music to engage children of all abilities. The themes of the stories are explored across the curriculum using 200 interactive whiteboard activities, 300 photographs and an audio disc of music, supported by the comprehensive Handbook for Teachers. Angel Boy animated short story uses music and narration to imaginatively engage young people in addressing issues around bullying. A transition project encourages year 6 and year 7 children to work together to create a shared performance that will promote friendship.

In the last year Shoo Fly has developed Connected Learning Resources that have each been nominated for prestigious education awards:

'Jack and the Beans Talk' Connected Learning Resource took on the giants to be a finalist both in the Bett Awards and ERA Awards for 2006. This software package maps the theme of beans across the curriculum.

Shoo Fly's other Connected Learning Resource, 'Moon-bud-ees Foundation' was a finalist in the ERA Early Years category. This resource explores the theme of Earth and Space across the foundation stage curriculum, physically engaging children and encouraging teachers to support their children in leading their own learning and is proving to be very popular with early years educationalists.

Since Jack and Moonbudees first came onto the market Shoo Fly has received excellent reviews from practitioners, educational journalists and most importantly children! Shoo Fly has built on the success of Jack and Moonbudees to create Angel Boy; challenging subject matter, graphics and imagery stimulate discussion amongst children to address their feelings towards, and issues surrounding bullying.

Reviews can be viewed on the company's lively and informative website – [www.shooflypublishing.co.uk](http://www.shooflypublishing.co.uk) Shoo Fly has also launched a sister website designed for education professionals who support Shoo Fly's ethos. Teachers will be able to log onto [www.shooflypie.co.uk](http://www.shooflypie.co.uk) and download free resources that support Shoo Fly software and share their practice with each other.

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