



School Production

We are all getting very excited about the school Production on 20th and 21st March. We have been time challenged by the snow closures and are working really hard to get everything ready in time.

The Friends have been really supportive and have given £3000 towards the cost of the stage. Our new stage will be arriving shortly. We have also ordered in some stage curtains and rails. We will be hoping to cover much of the cost over the £3000 from ticket sales. We were going to hire lighting but after being quoted £500, we asked around to see if we could borrow any and Toby from Hawthbush Farm has come to the rescue with some lights they use for weddings.

We estimate we can fit around 50-60 seats in the hall for each performance. We will allocate up to 4 tickets per family over the 2 days. If you want more, let Paula know and she will put you on a waiting list for any unsold tickets.

There will be a bar before and food after each performance (see letter). If you can help serving any of the food and drinks that would be fantastic.

We desperately need food servers! Email Helen at friends@annanschool.co.uk or helen@kudocommunications.com.uk with offers of help.

See Paula as soon as possible to order your tickets.

New Hours from September

Following on from the questionnaires parents kindly filled in about the hours at Annan we are pleased to let you know that we will be offering an extended day option for all age groups from September. We will be writing to parents early next week with full details. We will be offering before school early drop-off from 8am and an after school extended day until 5pm. We have had some nursery parents asking if we could start the early drop off from Easter so do let us know if you might be interested. Our letter will also give details of how to claim help with child-care costs out of school hours. We will also include the fees costs from September 2018 so that everyone has that this term. We are pleased that the new consultation system is helping us to consider parents' feedback when making decisions.

Child Well-being Talks

Our talks on Child Well-being got off to a good start despite having to reschedule Stephanie's talk on resilient children due to the snow. Next Tuesday we will be hearing from Fiona Snyder. Stephanie's talk on resilient children will now be on Tuesday 24th April.

The second talk will be 'Raising awareness of childhood anxiety' by Fiona Snyder on Tuesday 13th March. **This is likely to be a popular talk so please arrive by 3.25pm ready to start at 3.30pm.**

Open Day – spaces for September

We had a great Open Day last Saturday. We had a brilliant turn-out which was really impressive considering the snow we had experienced all week. We have had people registering this week and more families coming to look round over the next week or so. One child has done a day in Oak Trees and others are booked for next week in other classes, as well as the busiest kinderplay we have seen in a long time. We will have space in the Infant House in September for children aged from 2 to 7 and some space in other classes. Do ask friends to get in touch with us if they would like to apply for a space. We are hoping that our extended hours offer will help those parents who need to get off to work after dropping off as well as offering the 30 hours entitlement (for under 5's) to be used in the afternoons and for extended day provision.

Netball Match against Blackboys School

On Thursday Jeannette took a netball team up to Blackboys school to play against their team. After being defeated last year they were determined to win and fielded a strong mixed team. Our team played really well winning the last quarter and losing 19-9 overall. Well done netball team.

Developing Concentration and Finding your Flow

There are just so many examples around school every day of children who are deeply engrossed in their learning. They are not only developing skills but really concentrating on what they want to achieve. This runs through all areas of the curriculum. Having time to get "into the state of flow" in what you are doing is so important. Too often we are rushed along or told we have to finish before we are ready. It is such a joy when children can truly "wallow" in what they are doing and this quality time produces quality results.

This brings to mind the writing of Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi who wrote about finding your Flow.

The happiest people spend much time in a state of flow – the state in which people are so involved in an activity that nothing else seems to matter; the experience itself is so enjoyable that people will do it even at great cost, for the sheer sake of doing it.

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi



Leo deep in concentration using a glue gun to make his structure.



Artie concentrating really hard to develop his hand eye co-ordination.

Children often find their flow in the Forest.



Lily really concentrated to make a strong structure out of sticks in science.

Week: 12th – 16th March

Monday

Lunch: Dahl and rice
Staff Meeting

Tuesday

Lunch: Build a baguette/bap with quinoa + salad (Willows choice)
3.30pm Parent Talk (all parents)
Netball

Wednesday

Thursday

Kinderplay 1.30-3.00pm
After School Clubs 3.30-4.30pm
Friends Committee Meeting 3.15pm

Friday

Extreme Reading Competition

Well done for all the fantastic entries. Winners were Willoughby for the Junior Classes and Rowan for the Infant House.

Easter Forest School Playscheme

We are pleased to let you know that in response to parents' feedback in the questionnaires, Annan has joined up with Talking Trees to offer an Easter Holiday Playscheme on Tuesday 10th to Thursday 12th April at Annan. It will be for children aged 5-11 and will be based in the woods around the school. Details attached and full info & booking forms in school office.