

### Sukkot Gathering



Our Sukkot Gathering last Friday was held on a bright afternoon with the sun filtering through the roof of our Sukkah. We began with a blessing and a song, as during Sukkot Jewish people try to spend as much time as possible in the Sukkah; singing, eating, drinking, telling stories and even sleeping. We talked about the construction of our Sukkah –branches interwoven, with gaps so as to see the stars at night. Jewish people remember their ancestors wandering the desert, grateful to have been given protection by God from the harsh elements by way of palm leaves and other natural foliage.

The festival is centred on gratitude. Every child from Kindergarten to Elders thought about what they are grateful for and it was so special to hear and read all of these. We then got up to have a go at 'shaking the lulav', giving out thoughts for a good harvest, before ending with everyone tucked inside the Sukkah to share delicious challah bread baked by Kindergarten. A big thank you to Heather for all her hard work organising the gathering with such care.



### Pizza and Prosecco Social Evening and Principals' Presentation

We had a lovely evening on Wednesday and would like to thank all the families who came along. The pizza was really well received and of course the prosecco was a great treat. Mark talked about the key events of 2017-2018 and Debby gave an overview of the School Development Plan for 2018-2019. There was a slideshow of photos. Notes from the evening will be circulated shortly so that people who missed the evening feel informed.

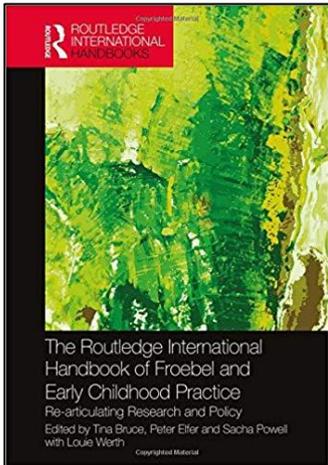
### Introduction to Mindfulness

This term the children in the junior classes have taken part in an 'Introduction to Mindfulness' course. Some parents have requested some more information about this course and mindfulness in general. Chryso, who is leading the course, has kindly agreed to hold a meeting after school next Tuesday (9th October) to give parents the opportunity to find out more and ask any questions that they may have. The meeting will be from 3:30pm to 4:15pm in Willow classroom.

If you would like to attend the meeting, then your children will be looked after in Elders until the end of the meeting. Alternatively, you can book them into after school club, so they can have a snack and do some craft activities. Please let Paula know before the meeting so we know where to send them.



## Routledge International Handbook of Froebel and Early Childhood Practice.



We are thrilled to have contributed a case study about Annan School which has been included in the brand new Routledge International Handbook of Froebel and Early Childhood Practice. The Handbook contains research and case studies as well as chapters by a range of leading educationalists. What a privilege!

The only downside is that because it is a Routledge International Handbook it retails at £135+ so is not a book we can buy lots of copies of. However, we do have a copy in the school office which we were given for contributing.

*“An essential resource for in-service and future practitioners, researchers and policy-makers involved in early childhood education, this key text will promote discussion, aid analysis and further the practical application of Froebelian principles.”* Editors Tina Bruce, Peter Elfer, Sacha Powell and Louie Werth.

### Steam Room in Action

Now our new benches and stools have arrived we are making amazing use of the new STEAM room. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths). Groups have been working in there doing large art projects and woodwork.

We are really excited that on the next Inset day on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October, Peter Moorhouse is coming up from Bristol to do a whole staff training in woodwork. This whole day training is being funded by a grant from the Froebel Trust and will be immensely helpful in upskilling everyone working at Annan. The Grant is also funding Andrea Matheis to come over from the Froebel Seminar University in Germany to work with classes on Friday and train staff in the use of Froebel Gifts on a training day on Saturday.



### Next Week's Timetable:

#### Monday

School lunch – Spaghetti  
Bolognese

#### Tuesday

School lunch-Cottage Pie and veg  
(Oak Tree Choice)  
Mindfulness meeting 3.30pm

#### Wednesday

Sycamore Class Outing

#### Thursday

Debby and Mark out at ISA  
Proprietor's Conference.  
Kindergarten dance workshop.

#### Friday

Andrea from Froebel Seminar  
College in Germany here to work  
with us on Friday and Saturday.

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

22<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 10am-12pm

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November (pm)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 4pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> or Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

Introduction to Mindfulness 3.30-4.15

Half Term

Inset Day (Woodwork Training for staff)

School Open Day

Flu vaccines (afternoon)

Whole School Open Morning 10am – 12pm

Advent Lantern Festival

Winter Festival (tbc)

Christmas Gathering

Last Day of Term

Inset Day

Inset Day

First Day of Spring Term