

We've been busy building!

Much has been happening around school over the half term break. You will have noticed that a groundwork team came in to put in four new parking spaces. There are 3 new spaces just before the exit to the car park on the right and one at the start of the staff bays. These are for anyone to use. The cost of installing the four spaces was £2500.



Paul our builder also came in over the half term to begin work on putting in a new back door from the house into the infant garden. Because there had been extensive water damage to the area around the current door, he needed to replace a large section of roof and tiles as well as rebuild the door frame. Now this has been done we will be fitting a new larger glass panel door for the Infant classes to use to access the garden. This will be done in the next few weeks. The work on the doorway has cost £2000 so far and the door and fitting will be £1500.

You will also shortly see a new outdoor cover erected outside the kindergarten to cover their waterpumps and some of the outdoor equipment making a nice transition into the garden. This is partly funded from the Healthy Eating, Physical Activity grant we were awarded by East Sussex last term. The rest is being covered by the school. This is costing around £950 to buy plus around £500 for fitting.

In case you weren't aware there has been a new kitchen fitted in the Infant House which means that cooking is much easier to organise and is happening regularly. Again a small percentage of the cost came out of the HEPA grant from ESCC the rest of the £3500 came from school budget.



When the Keilhau classes saw the lovely new cooker in the Infant House they insisted we replace the one they had in their shared space. They now have a brand new electric oven. Unfortunately the electrical supply to the oven needed upgrading as we previously used a gas oven, and this added to the cost meaning that the total installation cost around £950.

New Reading books for KS2

We have just agreed to buy a box of books which feature titles reflecting themes of Diversity, Empathy and Inclusion. The 30+ books were sent to us on approval and who better to decide if we wanted them than the children in Willow and Elder Classes. Over a couple of reading sessions they took a look at the books and made comments about whether the books looked interesting/what age group they would suit/whether they would like to read them. They overwhelmingly loved the titles so they are now available for children to take home in book bags. Watch out for them.



Annan Open Day

Please remind your friends about our Open Day on 10th November.

All the teachers will be in school to talk to prospective parents.

Now is a good time for new parents to book a place as we are waiving registration fees for anyone who registers their child between 1st and 30th November.

If you can come along to serve refreshments and chat to parents new to the school do let us know.



Annan
The Froebel School

Open Day

Saturday 10th November
10am - 12pm 01825 841410
annanschool.co.uk

30hrs
funding
available



We've been busy training!

Following on from our brilliant training with Andrea from Germany on Froebel Gifts we have now spent a fantastic day with the amazing Pete Moorhouse www.irresistable-learning.co.uk. The theme of the Inset Training day was Creative Woodwork. We spent the first part of the morning talking about how woodwork supports creativity and critical thinking and the rest of the morning and the afternoon doing practical sessions. A bit of background from Pete's website:

"Woodwork provides a unique learning experience for young children. It is rich in so many areas of learning and development and it is an activity which children really enjoy doing, being absorbed for extended periods of time. It encompasses creative thinking, maths skills, scientific investigation, physical development and coordination, developing language and vocabulary, and much more.

It is wonderful for building self-esteem and confidence. This is for a combination of reasons; through being empowered to use real tools, by being given responsibility, accomplishing tasks that they initially feel to be challenging, gaining new skills and finally taking pride in their creations.

Woodwork allows the introduction of new layers of learning as new tools and skills are introduced once the children feel confident – starting with hammers, screwdrivers, and a saw, then moving on to introduce drills, clamps, wrenches, pliers, spanners and so on. Children develop through their own learning at their own pace and find their own challenges.

As the children explore the tools and their possibilities their imagination, creative thinking and problem solving really begin to emerge."

Pete was aware that all our staff have different skill levels when it comes to woodwork, but he ensured that everyone was fully engaged all day. After the "theory" we got down to practical tasks, thinking about how woodwork is first introduced in kindergarten to ideas for taking projects through to year 6. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and we have put in a big order for new woodwork equipment to enable all children to enjoy woodwork throughout the school using appropriate tools and materials.

Help from parents: If you work with wood and have any offcuts of soft woods, balsa or pine we would love to take them off your hands. If you use MDF and/or have a fine saw and are happy to cut out shapes (see photos) or have any left-over beads, buttons, stiff fabric or bottle tops do let us know.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 10 th November 10am –12pm	School Open Morning
Friday 30 th November 4pm	Advent Lantern Festival
Sunday 9 th December 12pm-3pm	Winter Festival
Monday 10 th December 2.30pm	Christmas Piano Recital
Wednesday 12 th December 3pm	Christmas Nativity (<i>details soon</i>)
Thursday 13 th December	Last Day of Term
Friday 14 th December	Inset Day
Monday 7 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th January	First Day of Spring Term

Timetable for w/c 05.11.18

Monday

School Lunch: sushi rolls + stir fried vegetable noodles (chosen by Willows).

Tuesday

School lunch: Winter Veg Soup with Crusty bread
Kinderplay 10.00-11.30am

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

PM: Flu Vaccinations

Saturday

Open Morning 10-12pm