

### A Froebelian approach to Creativity

We have talked about Creativity in the newsletter before quite recently. Last Saturday was a busy day at Annan. We opened our doors for a teachers' CPD event about Creativity in a Froebelian context. Over 40 teachers came and loved everything they saw. The group included 10 Froebel Certificate students from Roehampton University and their tutors. Mark opened with a talk on our approach to creativity and why it is important.



Heather then gave a presentation on Creative Story Writing and Alastair took the attendees through the creative problem-solving process involved in an animation project in Willow Class.

We then gave tours of the school and after lunch ran some practical sessions. Attendees chose from outdoor learning and cooking with Emily, Froebelian occupations with Debbie L and Alastair, Creative Woodwork with Mark, Sewing and weaving with Heather or Creative Clay with Debby.

Here is some of the feedback we received:

- ✚ *Lots of inspiring practice and loads of great ideas to take away!*
- ✚ *Exceptional experience. All child-centred – Freedom to explore and learn at own pace. Staff members totally dedicated and loving what they do which is transferred to the children.*
- ✚ *Fantastic school – you should be very proud. Can see the enormous benefits for children.*
- ✚ *Children learning exploring and growing in this environment are obviously going to grow up to be mentally healthy individuals. So much to take away and so many new ideas to try.*
- ✚ *A school I'd want my own children to go to.*

It was a lot of work to organise but so great to feel that others can learn from us and share good practice.

### Netball Success

Our netball team played their first match last week against Blackboys Primary School and won 10-5. Well done to you all. They were thrilled to have a special 'masterclass' on Tuesday with Maria who is grandmother of Arthur and Aggie Thompson. She came in to give them some more tips and practice. They hope to do well against their next opponents, Iford and Kingston Primary, next week.



### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – History Open Classrooms 2.30pm

We warmly invite parents to come into school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April so we can 'Communicate' the end of our term's History topic 'Time Tapestry'. Each class will be putting on something, either a museum exhibition, a Tapestry extravaganza, a medieval dance and banquet, and you are invited to come at 2.30pm to give you time to look around all the classrooms.

### Last Day of Term – Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April

We will finish at the normal time of 3.30pm or 4.30pm if doing clubs. Summer term starts on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We have a Froebel Travelling Tutor running a session on Creative Clay for staff on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> as part of our Inset programme on Froebelian occupations.

### Timetable for w/c 01.04.19

#### Monday:

Lunch: tacos with rice, beans, cheese and salsa

#### Tuesday:

Lunch: Pizza  
Kinderplay 10.00-11.30am

**Wednesday:** History Open Classrooms - 2.30pm

**Thursday:** Storyteller in Kindergarten – 9.30am  
Last day of term

**Friday:** Inset Day