



Capture the Story!

This week we have been capturing stories all around the school. There have been authors coming into all the classes to talk about their work, how to capture a story and the story writing process.

We started on Tuesday when Jon Mason (storyteller) and Simon Russell (illustrator and artist) came in to talk to Willow and Elder class about their recent collaboration to create a comic book retelling of a Norse Myth. Jon took a story idea from one of the children, Daniel, and turned it into a comic book script that Simon then illustrated. Their work has really inspired the Willow class to work on their own story boards for a graphic art story.

On Wednesday Dawn Casey came in to talk to Elder Class about how she puts her stories together. She then went into kindergarten to do a puppet show and to Sycamore and Oak Tree Classes to tell them stories and talk about her work. The faces on the children during the talks show how enthralled they were with the experience.

Today, Polly Toynbee is visiting Elder Class, talking about her work as a journalist, capturing different sorts of stories.

These opportunities to talk to 'real life' writers are so important, as Froebelians, we like to work from real-life experiences and these visits really bring the story writing process to life.

Creative Clay afternoons

This term we have introduced Creative Clay workshops in the STEAM room as part of the Friday afternoon occupations afternoon programme. The children have been experiencing three kinds of clay working in groups collaboratively. The workshop was inspired by the Training with the Froebel Travelling Tutor who came on the last Inset day.

Children's comments included *"It's so therapeutic!"* *"I wish we could do this for hours, I don't want to go home!"* *"It feels so good!"*



Elders Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight

Next week the Elder Class will be setting off to 'Little Canada' on the Isle of Wight for three days. It is an exciting time for everyone, and sets off all kinds of emotions and feelings, not just for the children. For many of the children this will be their first time away from home apart from an occasional sleepover. Parents may not have had several days away from their children. We understand all these emotions and know that they are different for everyone. However, the huge leap in confidence and self esteem the children gain from the experience is so important. After the summer the year 6's will be setting off on a new adventure into Senior school and these kinds of experiences are so valuable to prepare them for this journey.



Family BBQ and Barn Dance – Sunday 19th May 3pm-6pm

Next weekend is the Friend's BBQ and Barn Dance. We are hoping the weather will be good enough to hold the event outside and there will be a caller and live band to dance along with. Don your barn dance outfits, dig out your hats and buy your tickets from the office on Monday. As well as a professional band & caller, there will family games, a delicious Veggie BBQ and ice creams. £10 for adults, £5 for children & a family of four for £25. The price includes the Barn Dance and your first drink. We hope this will be a great community event, so please do invite your friends, family & neighbours to come too.



Sponsored Family Fun Run - Wednesday 22nd May 3.30pm

The annual Fun Run is almost upon us. Fill up your sponsor forms and get running! This year we are opening the event to any parents who would like to take part. Every child has had a form issued to them and there are more forms in the office for any parents who want to take part. We will start the race straight after school and will run through the woods along a marshalled route.

Long Hair

Please remember that hair longer than a shoulder length bob must be tied back in a hair band at all times in school to avoid the transfer of head lice and for safety purposes.

Next School Open Day – Saturday 8th June

Remember to tell your friends about our next Open Day on 8th June. We are taking applications for children from 2 years. We will have some space in most classes in September except Elders.

Timetable for w/c 13.05.19

Monday:

Lunch: Enchiladas + salad

Tuesday:

Lunch: Pizza + veg

Kinderplay 10.00-11.30am

Wednesday:

Elders - Isle of Wight Residential Trip

Thursday:

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Friday:

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Sunday:

Friends of Annan: BBQ & Barn Dance

Future dates:

Weds 15th to Friday 17th May

Sunday 19th May

Wednesday 22nd May

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Saturday, 8th June

Monday, 17th June

Sunday, 23rd June

Friday, 28th June

Friday 5th July

Saturday, 6th July

Monday 8th July

Thursday 11th July

Elders Residential to IOW

Family BBQ & Barn Dance

3pm-6pm

Sponsored Fun Run 3.30pm

Transition to Secondary School -

Year 5 Parents Meeting 3.30pm

Half Term Week

Open Morning 10-12pm

Sports Day 2pm

Annan Dog Show 1.30pm

Strawberry Tea 3.30pm

Patina Parade – PM

Uckfield Big Day Out Parade

Music Concert 2pm

Last day of Summer term/

Leavers' Picnic 3.30pm