

Arts Week 2010

Dear Parents,

Arts Week 2010 is almost upon us and this year we have another hugely exciting and stimulating week planned for the children. Here is a guide to what is happening for the children:

- As part of Arts Week 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes will be taking a trip to the **Ark Theatre in Dublin** to see the wonderful “The Girl Who Forgot to Sing Badly”, this fantastic play has already been enjoyed by several of the children in Cecelia and Elaine’s classes.
- 4th and 5th Class will be taking part in the **Fighting Words workshop**. This great workshop allows the children to work together to produce their own book, with wonderful illustrations.
- We have a wonderful **Juggler** coming in to work with every class, teaching juggling and balloon modeling. He will also give a performance of his skills to the whole school.
- After its success last year, we are pleased to tell you that **Dance for Fun** are returning to the school this year to work with all of the children. This workshop combines healthy exercise and coordination enhancing dances which the children love!
- **An illustrator** will be visiting the school to work with 4th and 5th class to teach them some of the skills and techniques needed to draw their own cartoons.
- Children in 1st and 2nd class will get to enjoy learning about the environment in a fun, **interactive play** called “**Juggling the Three Rs**”. This will enhance the children’s understanding of the work we already do to promote environmental awareness.
- To coincide with Arts Week, the school’s choirs will be taking part in the **Corfeile Choral Competition**. We wish them every success.
- 1st and 2nd classes will be enjoying **African Story Telling** workshops where they will listen to traditional African Stories and will respond to these stories with the Teller.
- 4th Class will take part in a **printmaking workshop** in the Draiocht Theatre. They will learn how to make prints and will bring home their works of Art!
- Junior Infants, Senior Infants and First Class will enjoy **face painting**. This is a firm favourite which the children have really enjoyed in previous years.
- Junior and Senior Infants will take part in **Music Making workshops** which are aimed specifically at children of this age group. Each child will have the opportunity to learn new songs and to play an instrument of their own.

Other activities planned include **song and drama** based upon traditional tales such as Little Red Riding hood, The Billy Goats Gruff and more. Junior and Senior infants will be making **fantastic sock puppets**, 1st class will be designing and **creating their very own stylish T-shirts**, 2nd class will be making **amazing puppets**, 3rd class will be trying their hands at being milliners when they **make their own hats**, 4th and 5th class will be exploring the wonderful world of recycled fashions through the **Form and Fusion project**.

In addition to all of this class teachers will be undertaking many other arts based activities through out the week!