



# Annan News

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## Summer Term draws to a close

We have still got a lot to fit in next week before we close for the summer.

We have transition morning, sports day, the film premiere and the leavers gathering all to fit into four days!

This afternoon the Elders are down in Lewes for the Patina Parade and they look amazing.

Please check relevant places in the newsletter for full details of how events next week will work and watch emails on Monday morning in case the weather isn't kind to us.

As this year draws to a close we would like to thank parents who have shown us such wonderful support through a tricky year, the children who as always rise to all of life's challenges and to our fantastic staff team. They are always up for everything, adapting at the last minute to changes, ready for a challenge and always smiling. We will be losing a few members of staff this summer who are moving on to new things as well as our wonderful year 6 children.

As one of the Year 6's said, *"all good things must come to an end"*. We wish all children and staff who are leaving this year the very best of luck and remind you that you take the Annan light with you in your heart and you are always part of the Annan Community.

## Collaborative Learning

Such wonderful collaborative learning going on in the kindergarten this week; joining together for an impromptu stomp and song about roses inspired by making rose petal perfume at Forest school; working together to develop a story narrative at the water tray and in the mud kitchen and talking about the beauty of rainbows while doing some Froebelian pricking.



## Wheels on Wednesdays

It was Wheels on Wednesday for Sycamore Class this week and there was a lot of congestion on the roads, something we can all relate to at the moment!

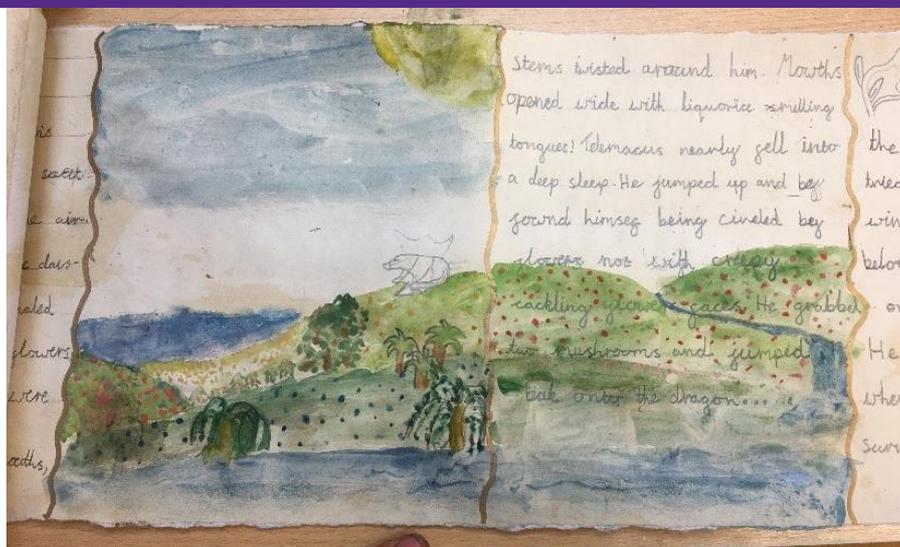
The children used mini cones as roadblocks and traffic lights and enjoyed playing a game of 'police and baddies' whilst chasing each other around the playground! Everyone was able to demonstrate skilful manoeuvring of their bikes and scooters, negotiating the space and each other with great control.



## Oak Trees' Beach School

Last week Oak Tree Class headed down to Holywell beach in Eastbourne for the day. They had a wonderful time collecting crystals, paddling, making chalk pendants, painting and exploring the beach. To mark the Summer Solstice they created a spiral with pebbles that they had decorated with coloured chalk. Everyone in turn walked into the centre of the spiral to make a wish for the world as they sang. It was magical day, we are so lucky to have these beautiful places right on our doorstep.

“ Writing in pictures and in symbols assumes an overflowing richness of life in thought and experience. This richness gives rise to writing and only in virtue of it does the child develop a real need to write. Froebel



## Willow Scrolls

In Willow class this week the children have finished their story scroll project. This was such an important body of work for the class and they have all got so much out of it. The project has helped the children develop and grow in a myriad of ways, with each child getting something different from the experience. For some their appreciation of how to construct a narrative has deepened while others have learnt how to hold their concentration for longer and developed their stamina for more involved texts.

Handwriting and art skills have improved with the children taking a lot of pride in their finished scroll. The children had to organise themselves, their time and their resources in a very mature way. Children off their own back chose to use their playtimes and choice lessons to continue this project.

The Odyssey not only inspired their writing, but also generously sparked discussions at candle time about taking risks, going on life adventures and balancing having a goal and enjoying the journey that takes you there!

## Sports Day

We are hoping to hold our Sports Day this Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. Everyone from Sycamore upwards will need PE kit in school. One parent per child can attend and must remain in the bubble of 30 they are placed in, not mixing with other parents please. (Watch for email Monday morning if weather doesn't look good).



## Film Screening at The Depot!

Our premiere of The Wizard of Oz is this Tuesday at The Depot in Lewes. Children can wear special clothes - as fancy as you like!

Everyone from Sycamore Class up to Elders will meet at The Depot at 9am. Tickets include refreshments for adults, children should bring a named water bottle. Please arrive as close to 9am as possible as we will be making speeches at 9.20 followed by a screening in all three screens. In order to fit everyone in, the children will sit with their teachers and classes in Screen Two. Parents will be spread between Screens One and Three. Adults will be asked to wear a mask inside the cinema. The film will last around 1 hour. After the film parents should take their child back to school. This can be done by car sharing. We have a small number of tickets available - if you would like one, please email the office and send in the money on Monday. Thanks.



### Menu for next week:

Monday: vegetable soup and bread

Tuesday: Tacos

Wed: Dahl, rice and bhajis

Thurs: Pizza and veggies

### Dates for your diary:

Transition Morning 5<sup>th</sup> July

Sports Day: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Film Premiere: Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 9am at the Depot

Last day of Term/Leavers Gathering: Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July

First day of Autumn Term: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September