



Annan News

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Our Chestnut Class teacher is here!

We are so pleased to have been able to welcome our new teacher for Chestnut Class, Melissa Aldinger, to Annan this week. As many of you know there were considerable delays in her being given a visa to live and work in the UK since we appointed her in early June, and this meant she had to speak to the class and do Inset training online until this week. She is now in the UK to stay and we are really happy she has joined us. Welcome to Annan Melissa!

Teddies in school

Sycamore Class have enjoyed sharing their cuddly toys this week! The children have also spent time observing our classroom Teddy and creating pictures of it, using charcoal. They considered its fur and what techniques they could use to give this effect on paper. The children also thought of words to describe the bear and created a class poem.

Primitive Art and Tepees in Oak Trees

Oak Trees have been busy exploring primitive art techniques using charcoal. They were then set the challenge of building a tepee from willow sticks in the classroom and moved on to building a giant tepee in half acre. The problem solving and team working skills needed for these projects was considerable!



Willows make natural paints

Willows have also been exploring different art skills to make a family tree of paintings to put up in the classroom. They looked at cave art, and made a simulated cave by taping art paper to the underside of their desks, and then lying on their backs drew animals with charcoal sticks in torchlight. They had a go at making natural paints by crushing rocks and charcoal and then mixing the powder with oil in a shell. They then painted their tribal art using feathers and sticks on textured paper.





To learn a thing in life and through doing is much more developing, cultivating, and strengthening than to learn it merely through the verbal communication of ideas.

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Chestnuts go to Amberley

Last Friday Chestnuts enjoyed their adventure to Amberley Museum. The children were treated to a ride on a narrow-gauge train and a vintage bus. Sitting on the top deck was a highlight, although it was a bumpy ride! They learnt the main parts of a wheel, including the hub, spokes and felly; then were challenged to create their own wheel. The children were wowed by the size of the machines and signs in the roadmaking exhibition and loved using their maths skills to purchase souvenirs in the gift shop.



Storytelling in kindergarten

Inspired by Raphael telling everyone last week that his favourite story is The Gruffalo, this week the Kindergarten children have been focusing on Story telling. At the start of the week Amanda set out a Gruffalo scene with animal puppets in the Tuff Spot that encouraged the children to re-tell the story in our own words. This led on to making a collaborative, woodland inspired collage. The story telling has continued throughout the week with some of the children using props to act out a story, while others have been characters in their very own tale.

Coincidentally, several prominent Froebelians were awarded the "Best professional book" title this week at the 'Nursery World Awards' for their book "Putting storytelling at the heart of Early Childhood Practice". Congratulations to Tina, Lynn and Jane.



Menu for next week:

- Monday: Pasta and veggies
- Tuesday: Baked potatoes, beans, hummus, cheese
- Wed: Pizza with veggies
- Thurs: Dahl, rice and onion bhajji
- Friday: Packed Lunch

Dates for next week:

- Monday: Parent Consultations
- Tuesday: Open Classroom - Sycamores (Year 1)
Open Classroom - Chestnuts
- Thursday: Open Classroom - Oak Tree
- Friday: Sycamore outing to Brighton Toy Museum