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CENTRE ACADEMY EAST ANGLIA

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME TO THE SPRING TERM 2012 FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL AND PRINCIPAL OF THE CENTRE ACADEMY SCHOOLS

Perhaps the most appropriate way to begin our first Newsletter of 2012 is simply to wish all of our parent community the happiest of New Years. We do hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing winter holiday, and the pupils have regaled us with tales of their own very happy Christmas celebrations.

We begin the New Year at Centre Academy East Anglia with great optimism. The school is, indeed, wonderfully healthy with the largest enrolment that we have ever enjoyed and a telephone that is constantly ringing with enquiries regarding potential students. Some of these are coming from potential Pre-Prep students and others from potential GCSE students—new programmes at the school that have been blessed by Ofsted, which has made laudatory comments about the teaching and learning within these programmes.

We have also begun planning for the current and the next term as well. There will be a variety of trips, including one now scheduled for Norwich to see J.B. Priestley's famous drama, *An Inspector Calls*, a Geography trip to study Flood Training, an excursion to the Peak District and a Fun Week in which those children not on this or that trip will spend time studying various aspects of Asia under the direction of Mrs Shaul, our Senior Teacher. There will, of course, be additional trips and visits, and we will keep you informed closer to the time.

We think you will agree that the school has made great advances over the last number of months with regard to music and drama, both of which were in evidence at the Christmas service. We recently announced to the children that this year we will also be offering the school's first musical, *Bugsy Malone*. We will be providing details farther down the road, but it is safe to say that the children are already looking forward to auditions and also to working in areas involving stage crew, lighting and costumes. Stay tuned!

You may recall that last year we hosted our first Symposium on Special Needs. It was very well attended and our various speakers were able to offer important insights regarding various aspects of SEN. We are now planning another Symposium for later in the spring, and have already started work on a speaker's list. We will have more to say about this in the next Newsletter.

Finally, a reminder: our next Coffee Morning will be on Monday, January 30th. Details to follow but we do look forward to seeing as many of our parents as possible.

With all good wishes,

Mrs Kim Salthouse
Head of School

Dr Duncan Rollo
Principal, the Centre Academy Schools

Please find below pictures from the Nativity Play which was held in the Church at the end of the Autumn Term.



DRAMA

After our successful nativity Play, this term the children have been given the opportunity to take part (either on or behind the stage) in a musical production. We will be performing **“You’ve Been Splurged”** (based on Bugsy Malone) in the Summer Term (date and venue to be confirmed) . Auditions for the lead roles took place yesterday. The children are very excited about the production and we are sure it will be a night to remember!

Rebecca Sheldon and Matthew Brown

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to Shannon Ferguson who has passed her Grade 4 Royal School of Music singing exam. Centre Academy East Anglia wishes to say “Well Done, Shannon”.

ENGLISH NEWS

This term in English J1, S3 and S2 are looking at poetry. We are learning about different types of poems and how they are written. We will be studying both historic and contemporary poets and their work. Look out for some of our own poems in the next school newsletter!

Lara Scialdo, Charles Hughes, Hugh Watson, Maria Cardy, Ellie Lacey, Hugh Baalham and Lynden Sanderson had poems printed in the December and January editions of the *Brettenham Parish Magazine*. Each pupil was given a token for free admission to the Regal cinema in Stowmarket.

Mathematics News

We are gearing up our GCSE candidates for the forthcoming 'mock' exams. They are attending extra revision lessons in preparation, which is very pleasing for me, but lots of work for them. I feel that it is a bit like getting athletes ready for the Olympics. You hope all that preparation and training will result in a Gold.

S2 are working well; one group is busy making models of the platonic solids, whilst the other group are working on the metric system.

S3 I feel are really going from strength to strength. They have really got to grips with BIDMAS and using scientific calculators.

J1 are also enjoying success in maths, finally understanding simple percentages.

On a slightly different note, we are in a way teaming up with the Art Department and forming "Bayer and Bartlett (Stage Set Design Ltd)". We will be assisting with the Drama Department's extravaganza and there will be plenty of scope for hands-on maths and problem solving. This is our first venture into this area and we are excited by the challenge ahead.

Sue Bartlett

Up-Coming Events

- Friday, 13th January - NSPCC Talk
- Monday, 16th January - S1 and S2 Geography field trip to study flooding
- Thursday, 19th January - S1 Trip to Norwich to see "*An Inspector Calls*"
- Monday, 30th January - Coffee Morning
- Tuesday, 31st January - Mock GCSE's
- Friday, 3rd February - Rainbow Trust Day
- Half- Term Friday, 10th February to Sunday, 19th February at 7.00pm
- Tuesday, 6th March - Thor, The Viking, will be visiting CAEA to meet with S3, J3, J1 and J2.
- Monday, 12th March - Friday, 16th March Residential Field trip to the Peak District . S1, S2, S3 and J1 will be going on the trip.
- Friday, 23rd March Easter Service
- Friday, 23rd March Easter Term Ends
- Sunday, 22nd April Summer Term Begins

Welcome back to Sunshine Class and our Spring Term 2012

Our topic last term was focused on Celebrations and Festivals where we learnt about Diwali, Eid and Christmas festivals. Sunshine Class examined how different regions celebrate their festivals by spending time with family and friends, and the use of lights and special food, music and dance. Sunshine Class, J3 and J2 were also very lucky to have visited The Royal Theatre in Bury St Edmunds, arranged by our Senior Teacher, Mrs Shaul, for a showing of *Dick Wittington and His Cat*. Both the children and the adults enjoyed the production, and the ice cream we had during the interval. The children were very well behaved and represented the school well.

We were all very proud when the actors commented upon how smart CAEA pupils looked in their school uniform during the performance.

At the end of last term Sunshine Class had great fun supporting the Drama Clubs 'Nativity' play as the farm animals, with the girls singing a duet of 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' in front of the whole school.

In all a good start to the academic year.

January 2012 Update

This term has seen a number of new developments in the Pre Prep Sunshine Class. Within the outside play area we have introduced mirrors, water pipes, old tyres and a canopy which are already providing much entertainment for the children during their outside play. Within the Sunshine Classroom the cloakroom has been carpeted to form a more inviting area with extra storage, and a new reading den has been created within the main classroom.

Our topic this half term is based on 'Toys' with a focus on Information Technology, Science and History. We will be continuing with our paired reading sessions with J2, as well as introducing a weekly French Lesson where we will cover greetings, numbers and colours. As the term progresses we hope to organise an Easter Craft topic morning inviting both parents and local children in for a free session.

