

Angel Road Junior Newsletter



27th April 2018

MUSIC NEWS

Year group Music Workshops

We have a variety of exciting activities planned for this term. Following on from last term's Year 4's Indian Dance and Year 5's Anglo Saxon/Viking Dance workshops, this term Year 3 will be having an Ancient Greek Music and Dance Day and Year 6 will be releasing their post SATs energy in a junk re-cycle drumming workshop day. Year 6 pupils may well be asking for donations of unwanted biscuit tins, baking trays, large plastic tubs and other items that would make interesting percussive sounds. (Details to follow nearer the date)

Lord Mayor's Procession 2018

The Lord Mayor's procession will be held on Saturday 7th July with our Year 6 and senior steel bands performing on the float and our percussion bands following the lorry and performing on foot. The theme of the whole procession this year is **THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN**.

Please consider this as an invitation to join us in costume for the procession.

It's always a fantastic atmosphere and a chance for children, parents, teachers and members of our Federation to come together in one of Norwich's largest annual celebrations. I am preparing a hand-out with pictures and suggestions for costumes, which I hope to have ready in a couple of weeks.

Assist Trust Open Day

Our Steel Bands will also be performing at the Assist Trust Open Day on Saturday 9th June at the lovely site near the allotments off Sprowston Road. The Assist Trust provide training and support for young adults with learning difficulties and we are pleased to be helping to raise funds for and to publicise the amazing work of the Trust.

Learning to Play an Instrument - Guitars, Drums, Percussion, Recorders and Keyboard

Our instrumental teaching continues to flourish with lessons available in kit drumming and percussion group with Mr Winn, and guitar and ukulele lessons available with Mr McKay. Our children make amazing progress and details are available at the school office. I run a keyboard club for years 3 and 4 on Monday lunchtimes and for years 5 and 6 on Wednesdays, and Mrs Knight will be starting a small recorder group for Year 3 during lunchtime on Tuesdays.

*Hoping to see you all at the Lord Mayor's procession,
Sue Graham*

Alice in Wonderland

Thank you for all your kind comments following last week's performance of Alice in Wonderland by Year 5. The children performed superbly and put on a fantastic show. We appreciate the efforts of staff in organising and supporting the production. Well done Y5!

Counselling

Mrs Roadley-Battin is offering free counselling sessions to parents as part of her final year of training. Everyone experiences difficulties in their lives at one time or another. She will offer you a safe, non-judgemental, confidential space for you to heal at your own pace. All sessions will take place out-of-school hours. Please call 01603 425494, the school's telephone number, to make an appointment to see her.

Year 5 Match Report

"This Monday, Angel Road played a friendly fixture against Firside Junior School. The first half was uneventful and when the referee blew for half time it was still 0 – 0. But when we kicked off for the second half, things began to change, Romeo and Liam were cheering us on from the goal and before I knew it, Bobby had passed to me and I crossed it into the box. Surprisingly, it curled into the top corner! This filled us with inspiration, and suddenly George was on the attack. He shot; the keeper saved with his leg, only for me to tap it in. 2 – 0 Angel Road."

Match report written by Connor Tock

Pupil Survey

At the end of last term, Mr Thompson and the School Council Committees organised our annual pupil survey. This has produced some very pleasing headlines:

- 92% enjoy school
- 89% improve a lot within their learning
- 89% feel adults care about them
- 92% feel adults explain how to improve children's work
- 90% know what to do if they are worried
- 97% know how to stay safe on the internet
- 95% know what to do about bullying
- 98% understand the school's behaviour rules

The purpose of the survey is to find areas for us to work on to improve and the lower scoring responses included:

- 13% did not feel that the school encourages them to be healthy
- 9% did not feel safe in school
- 16% do not think that behaviour is good
- 15% did not know how well they are doing in school
- 16% did not feel confident talking to someone in school about their worries

Some of these areas (including behaviour) showed an improvement on last year. Many of the comments about safety referred to the height of the fence around the playground; work has been carried out over the Easter holiday to increase the height of the boundary fencing. Nevertheless, there are the areas that our staff and school council groups will be thinking about this term and will try to introduce ideas in response to the views of the children.

Friends of Angel Road

The Friends have a meeting Monday 30th April at 9 am in the Infant Dining Hall

All welcome



This week's reasoning activity

How many ways can you make £5.53?

What is the least amount of coins you can use?

Explain how you know you've got every possible way?

Give your solutions and responses to Mr Dowgill to gain some extra house points!

If you find a way that nobody else suggests, you might get a 'shout out' in assembly!

