

Angel Road Junior Newsletter



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'Aiming High' End of Year report

This year I have worked with other children from years 3 – 6 as part of the 'Aiming High' Committee. We started by putting our names forward and explaining to our class why we would do a good job as part of this group. Each year group then had selected 1 person per class to represent them. We then met once every 2 – 3 weeks on a Thursday during Assembly time.

During the year we have talked about and helped to:

- *Support the teachers and children to improve their presentation by changing our English books to look like the Handwriting books, with extra lines added to make sure the children could form their letters correctly.*
- *Changing the pens from the Berol handwriting pens to the 'You' handwriting pens, because the old Berol pens smudged and lots of people complained about them. We looked at 2 pens: 'You' handwriting pens and 'Edding' handwriting pens, which we then tested for smudging and how nicely they wrote.*
- *We also helped to design this year's pupil survey. We looked at each of the questions that were used last year to see if we felt that they needed changing if they were too open and might confuse some of the younger classes.*
- *Once the survey had been completed, we looked at the results and talked about what changes, if any, we could help make.*
- *The main things to come out of this were; younger children wanted to know how they could improve their work and to help them to think about 'Can you tell me how?' and 'Can you tell me why?' style questions, particularly in Maths lessons.*

If I am lucky enough to be part of the Aiming High Committee again next year I am looking forward to the chance to go on 'Learning walks' with different teachers to see how other children in our school learn and improve.

Szymon
Year 5



Summer Holiday Art Workshops

If your child did Art Club at Angel Rd this year, or is interested in art, please check out the workshops taking place at *Anteros Arts Foundation* over the summer.

Sarah Collier will be running new 1.5hr sessions on the following dates:

- Friday 10th August: **Colourful Kandinsky**
- Friday 17th August: **Visual Stories**
(making collages about ourselves)
- Tuesday 21st August: **Art Detectives**
(what clues can you discover from famous paintings?)

Sessions are £5 per child.

Please call (01603) 766129 or email enquiries@anteros.co.uk to book your place.



Counselling

Mrs Roadley-Battin

is offering free counselling sessions to parents as part of her final year of training. Counselling provides a safe, impartial and confidential space in which to explore your feelings. Talking to a counsellor in a confidential setting, safe in the knowledge that what you say will be respectfully listened to.

All of us at some point in our lives will experience times when we feel that we are overwhelmed or cannot cope. These feelings often impact on other areas of our life. Feelings such as anger, grief, anxiety and loneliness can be distressing and cause anguish, especially if they have been with us for a long period of time. Counselling can help you to explore and reflect upon these feelings.

Counselling is not advice and may feel different from other types of help. It is a process where counselling can help you to explore and understand difficulties, and then help you to develop your own resources to cope with them.

Sessions will take place out of school hours. Please call 01603 425494

Have a fantastic summer holiday. See you all back in school bright-eyed & bushy-tailed on the Thursday 6th September.