Oddysea
12 of our students were lucky enough to be involved in a Multisensory Theatre Experience with the Sensorium Theatre Group. They travelled to Gladys Newton on Thursday 6th March for two workshops which introduced them to the story characters and engaged them in a range of sensory and craft activities. These workshops were then followed up by a fantastic interactive theatre performance on Wednesday. All of the students were captivated by the sights, sounds, smells and tastes of the story and participated in acting it out. The parents and staff were amazed by the creativity of the performers and the variety of experiences they provided for our children. The programme was definitely a huge success.

*Brandyn helps warm up the group, ready for their big adventure.*

*Brock and Dhruv hide in the sand hills to escape the big wave.*

*Joseph tastes the salty water in the rock pool.*

*What treasures will Jasmine find in the rock pool?*

*Melissa flees the big crab*
Aidan digs through the seaweed to find a sea urchin.

Tim is entranced by the turtle’s song and getting up close to a school of fish.

Jayme was delighted by every aspect.

“No Crab, Kathryn isn’t ticklish!”

Christen meets a luminous jellyfish at the bottom of the sea.
Term 1, Important Dates
Monday 17th March (9:30 am) – Parent Network gathering
Monday 31st March (7pm) – School Council Meeting
Friday 11th April – Last day of Term
Tuesday 29th April – Students return for Term 2

Free Kidsflix Movie Tickets
The Arthritis Foundation has again offered the families of Creaney ESC, free tickets to their annual Kidsflix event. This will take place on Saturday 10th May at Grand Cinemas, Warwick. The morning consists of an hour of children’s entertainment from 9:00 – 10:00 am (face painting, balloon twisting etc), followed by a screening of the movie “Mr Peabody and Sherman” at 10:00 am. If you would like tickets to this event, contact Gaye in our front office before Friday 28th March. (Please let Gaye know how many tickets your family requires.)

Room 1 Hospital Ward
The students in Room 1 have been learning about the Community and as part of that topic have been taking on the role of Important People in the Community. Last week they transformed their classroom into a busy hospital ward. It was wonderful to see the students all dressed up and concentrating on their different jobs. They were all very nurturing of their ‘patients’.

Poor Jada is clearly suffering! Thank goodness Rachel is being so gentle.

Michael was obviously the busy consultant – constantly being paged to attend new patients!

Ned wheels a bandaged Hayden back to outpatients.

Mitchell checks Ned’s vital signs before making a definitive diagnosis of ‘broken’.

We can’t wait to sneak into class next week when they become firemen!

School Council Representative
We are still looking for a parent interested in joining our School Council. Currently, we have equal numbers of staff and parents and it is an important part of the Constitution that parents outnumber staff. The commitment is only small (a couple of hours, 1 evening a term) and you may find it an interesting way to contribute to your child’s school and have some input. Please call me on 9409 6344 if you are interested, or would like further information.
Shopping in C2
The C2 class has got the best little shop set up in their room. It is a fantastic way for the students to practise a range of social and speaking skills as well as generalising their money knowledge in context.

*Isaia calculates Ella’s change. She was obviously as impressed by the reasonable prices as I was.*

Science Activities
All of the classes have been carrying out an intriguing range of Science activities. Alaister is clearly fascinated by the ‘lava lamp’ that he created during one of his class sessions. After following a 5 step printed instruction sheet the students thoroughly enjoyed completing the ‘observation’ part of the investigation.

Bike Project
Parents will have noticed that the Bike Shed has finally been completed. The bikes are now on order and we are hoping to begin the program in the next couple of weeks. Thank you to those of you who have already returned completed Bike Surveys. These will be useful for us to determine what skills your child already has and to measure the impact of the program at the end of the year. If you have not already done so, could you please return your surveys as soon as possible.

Parent Network
Please remember that this **Monday 17th March** is the first meeting of our Parent Network. This is a very informal group of parents who meet each term to catch up, share ideas and issues and generally support each other. There is no agenda for this time – the room is yours to use as you will. If parents would like to invite speakers to future meetings I am more than happy to organise this. Members of staff are also willing to attend meetings if you are interested in finding out more about any particular program we are running etc.

I hope many of our ‘continuing’ (not old!) parents will also be able to attend to help welcome all our new faces. Although we have scheduled the start time as 9:30am to cater for those parents who have other children to drop off, those of you who are ready once the bell goes are more than welcome to go into Room 5 and make yourself a cuppa while you wait for everyone else. (I am sure you will not be alone!)

I look forward to seeing many of you on Monday morning.

Kind Regards,

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