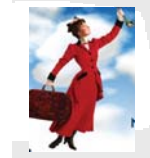




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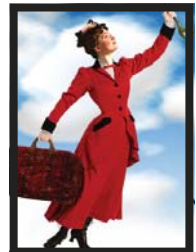
It was great to see many of you at our 'Extravaganza' last Friday. The Mayor and Lady Mayoress Fraser started proceedings with the official opening of our 'Eco Garden' in memory of Mrs Ross. The sun shone on us as we had such fun (unless you were in the stocks) and raised £825 to add to the £4000 raised by the staff on the Crocus work for 'Breakthrough for Breast Cancer'. Thanks to Mr Jervis for all his organisation and to you and our students for your support.



Mary Poppins



The Bankfield School staged a highly praised version of the P.L.Travers story "Mary Poppins" last week between Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th July 2009. The school also staged a matinee on Monday afternoon for our feeder primary schools. The play shows how the magical nanny Mary Poppins with a little help from Bert transforms the Banks family into a loving, caring household. All the famous songs were there "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", "Let's all fly a kite", "A spoonful of sugar", "Practically perfect", "Chim chim cheree etc" with a great set by Miss Arnold and the art students, amazing costumes by Mrs S O'Brien, great direction from Messrs Kennedy and Coleman, musical accompaniment from Miss Lynch and Miss Dickenson, and most of all to the fantastic performances given by our students (see cast list overleaf). Bravo to everyone! I'm already looking forward to the musical 'Carousel' next year.



Stem Week

Our curriculum focus week on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths has gone with a bang in more ways than one over the past few days! Students have engaged brilliantly with a whole variety of different enterprising learning opportunities organised by every department.



BSF/Sorrel Foundation

Well done to the students who presented the top three issues which they wish to be resolved in the design of our new school, to an audience at 'The Brindley' last Thursday night. These ideas will be incorporated into the plans drawn up by the architects of our new school next year.

Students involved: Antonia Donegan, Daniel Amson, Sean Banner, Natascha Veale, Chris Edwards and Fay Brady



Science at Work

Kayleigh Thompson 7 EW attended the 'Science at Work' week at the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre between the 16 & 20 June. Whilst in attendance Kayleigh entered a competition which was run as part of the launch of Scipod—the new educational science website for Halton. I am happy to report that Kayleigh was one of the competition winner, many congratulations.



End of Year Arrangements

It is hard to believe that yet another school year has come to an end. Tomorrow (**Tuesday 21st July**) school will close to students at **1pm**. Lunch for all year groups will be from **12.30pm** and students do not have to return from home afterwards.

As always we will be saying farewell to a number of staff as they move on to another post.

Mrs Blackburn (Art)
Mr Coleman (Drama/English)
Miss Derbyshire (Maths)
Mr Head (Assistant Head)
Miss Lackenby (Learning Support)
Mr McDowell (PE)
Mrs O'Brien (Senco)
Mr Roper (Year Tutor)
Mrs Turner (Subject Leader RE)
Miss Wood (DT)

We thank them for all their work which has contributed to the success of our school.

Our final farewell is to Mrs Risvold who has decided to 'hang up her boots' after 25 Years of loyal service to our school. She has made a massive contribution over the years both to the English Department and to the many teams of form tutors she was responsible for. She is very fondly remembered by many former students who remember the care, guidance, support she gave them during their time at school. Her commitment to Bankfield has always been 100% I would like to thank her on behalf of Governors, Staff and students both, present and past, for all her work and wish her a long and happy retirement.

Other staff news involves five weddings and two births! Our very best wishes go to Miss Barry, Mr Coleman, Miss Dickenson, Miss Hargreaves and Miss Welsby for their forthcoming marriages and also Miss Gordon and Mrs Lightfoot as they go on maternity leave.

I will provide details of all new staff joining us in September. In the meantime I wish everyone an enjoyable summer holiday (hopefully sunny) and look forward to working with you again next year. School reopens to students on **Thursday 3rd September** as follows:

8.50am	Year 7
9.30am	Year 8 & 9
10.00am	Year 10 & 11

Carole Owen

Headteacher

Mary Poppins



Cast

Mary Poppins	Chantelle Muneri / Hannah Oldfield
Bert	Tommy Washington
Mr George W Banks	Joseph Miri
Mrs Winifred Banks	Katie Burke / Rebekah Dewhurst
Jane Banks	Molly O'Toole
Constable Jones	Daniel Sweeting
Miss Lark	Hannah Oldfield / Katie Burke
Mrs Corry	Rebekah Dewhurst / Chantelle Muneri
Katie Nanna	Meghan McErlean
Admiral Boom	Adam Jones
Pirate Binnacle	Jessica Robinson
Ellen, the maid	Georgia Dunbar
Mrs Brill, the cook	Lydia Matthews / Lauren Hegarty
Mr Dawes snr.	Ned K. Yenlapu
Mr Dawes jnr.	Nathan Crank
Old Woman	Rebecca Myers
The Bird Woman	Chloe Millington
Voice of the umbrella	Nel Jeensy

Suffragettes Amy Cartwright, Courtney Dutton, Daisy Hogarth, Rosie Hogarth, Hattie Jones, Katie O'Connor, Katherine Plumb, Kelsey Rowlands, Amy Leigh Willis

Nannys Leanne Bowles, Emily Davies, Rebecca Laws, Suzanne Mason, Rebecca Myers, Courtney Reynolds

Chimney Sweeps Fay Brady, Jade Cannon, Sarah Jones, Ashleigh Lunt, Hannah Mooney, Jessica Parker, Tara Stanley, Katie Turton

Bankers and Clients Joshua Appleton, Graham Drew, Tom Hargreaves, Michael Lake, Jack Pickles, Daniel Sweeting, Jamie Twist

People in the park

"All the fun of the fair" Pavement Scene Samantha Filkins, Abigail Sadler, Charlotte Veregan, Emma Wylie

"A Day at the circus" Pavement Scene Laura Atkinson, Emily Davies, Katie Hanley, Lauren Hegarty, Michael Lake, Phoebe Millington, Robert Oaks

Orchestra

Pianist: Megan Rimmer **Violinist:** Beth Dickinson
Flute: Andrea Lynch **Drums:** Tim Jackson



Directed by Mr P Kennedy
Musical Direction by Miss A Lynch
Technical Direction by Mr S J Coleman
"Step in Time" choreography by Miss S M Hands
Costume Design by Mrs S O'Brien
Set Design by Miss W Arnold
Make Up by Stephanie Codd, Jennie Duckett, Danielle Longstaffe and Natalie Woodward
Stage Management by Henry Douglas, Kieran Henry, Natasha Reynolds and Perry Keeley
Sound and Lighting by James Ashworth, Leon Hunter, and David Priestley

Data Information Sheets

It is vital that we have current information for your child in case of emergency or if there was to be any action needed in case of a flu epidemic. If you have not already returned your child's data form, I would be grateful if you could do so immediately. Please contact the school office if you need a replacement Tel: 0151 424 5038



TERMS DATES SEPTEMBER 09 – JULY 10

July							July Events & Important Dates						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S	1st Summer Concert (Rearranged from 3rd June)						
	1	2	3	4	5	13-15th Mary Poppins Drama Production							
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3rd Y7/Y8 Annual Report To Parents						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	6th-10th Celebration Assemblies						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	7th Y6 Induction Day						
27	28	29	30	31	10th Y9/Y10 Annual Report To Parents								
							21st School Closes						
School re-opens Thursday 3rd September 2009													

Thursday 3 September 2009
Friday 23 October
Tuesday 3 November
Friday 18 December

Term starts
Close for Half Term
School re-opens
Close for Christmas

Monday 4 January 2010
Thursday 11 February
Monday 22 February

Term starts
Close for half term
School re-opens

Friday 26 March
Monday 12 April
Monday 3 May

Close for Easter
School re-opens
Closed for May Day

Friday 28 May
Monday 7 June
Wednesday 21 July

Close for half term
School re-opens
Close for Summer

Inset days:
Wednesday 2nd September 2009
Monday 2 November 2009
Friday 12 February 2010
Friday 30 April 2010
Friday 25 June 2010

Name the Teddy Bear and Guess the number of sweets



The Maths Department would like to thank all the local businesses who supported the Maths stall during the Bankfield Extravaganza to raise money for cancer research.

Toys'R' Us—Teddy Bear, Wilkinsons—Sweets
Morrison's—Chocolates

Sam McCarthy guessed the Teddy Bear name correct and Luke Oldfield estimated number of sweets correct, so congratulations to both.



Maths Challenge

On the 9th and 10th July Year 7 and 8 participated in a Maths Challenge. There were some excellent results from both Year groups.

Highest achieving:

Year 7 Rebecca Stokes 7a
Jacob Towns 7e

Year 8 Megan Sutch & Rebecca Laws 8a
Evan Morris 8e

The Maths Department would like to say well done to all pupils who participated.





SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN



Saturday Art Club

On the first Saturday of the month:

6 June, 4 July, 1 August, 5 September—10am—12 noon Cost £3 per session.

Visual art club for children and families, get stuck into collage, sculpture, drawing and all kinds of fun. Suitable for children aged 5—11. Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult as they may need assistance with the activities.

Summer Art Make & Take

Friday 31 July & Monday 17 August—10am—12 noon and 1—3pm £3 per session.

Join artist Natalie McGahan and have fun and make arty things based on a summer garden theme. Suitable for children aged 5—11. Children under 7 should be accompanied by an adult as they may need assistance with the activities.



Bitesize Dance and Art

Monday 24—Friday 28 August

Bitesize returns for the 4th year running—with a new twist!

Dance : Creative dance classes for children who love to move and perform in their own way. Led by dance artist Alexis Butterworth, children will work with props from arty materials and become a living sculpture each day.

Dance for ages 5 / 7, 10am -12pm in the Studio

Art for ages 5 / 7, 12.45pm - 2.45pm in the Education Room

Dance for ages 8 /11, 12.45pm - 2.45pm in the Studio

Art for ages 8 /11, 10am - 12pm in the Education Room

Art 15 places available per session—book in advance £25 per week

Dance : 20 places available per session—book in advance £25 per week or drop in £5 per session. Book both £40 per week for dance and art.



Street Dance & Hip Hop

Summer School—age 11 – 17

Monday 27 July—Friday 31 July 10am—4pm (45 mins lunch break) £50 for the week (payable in 2 instalments upon request)

Following the success from 2008, Liz Le Louet, the Brindley's resident artist known as Liz Cawley, will be leading the summer school in collaboration with guest Hip Hop artist Chika Ekeoma. Those taking part will gravitate their skills to a final performance on Friday 31 July in The Studio Theatre.



SUMMER WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS



Making yourself Friends— creative workshop with Terri Dixon

Saturday 25 July 10am—3pm £20 including materials

Join artist Terri Dixon to create unique characters out of wood, paint, found metal objects and/or textiles. Materials and equipment provided, but if you find/have any odd bits of wood, found metal objects and textile/thread/wood pieces please bring them with you. Also extra hammers would be useful.

Places for all these courses can be booked through the Brindley box office on Tel: 0151 907 8360

The Brindley has classes in Drama, Dance, Music, Visual Arts and Writing. There are still some places left on our Spring programme of classes and workshops, which run until July '09. Please see our website for details and contact the box office for availability.



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