

ARTICULATE!

Welcome to The Courtyard's education newsletter: **ARTICULATE!**
In this newsletter you'll find information on our forthcoming productions and a review of Herefordshire's first Roald Dahl Week!

BOOK WEEK 2010 WIND IN THE WILLOWS



When Mole plucks up the courage to explore the Riverbank with his friend Ratty, nothing can prepare him for the adventure that awaits. Along with Badger and the irrepressible Mr. Toad, the foursome career from one exploit to the next culminating in a battle not only to save Toad Hall, but their very way of life.

Performance times are as follows:

<i>Tuesday 8th June</i>	<i>10:00am & 1:30pm</i>
<i>Wednesday 9th June</i>	<i>10:00am & 1:30pm</i>
<i>Thursday 10th June</i>	<i>10:00am & 1:30pm</i>
<i>Friday 11th June</i>	<i>1:30pm</i>

Tickets for schools are £8.50 per pupil and we are able to offer 1 free teacher ticket per 10 pupil tickets. We are also offering creative literacy workshops on this classic tale where we will be able to explore the larger-than-life characters in the story. Workshops can be tailored to suit your needs, as each one is bespoke. We recommend a minimum of 2 hours at a cost of just £40 per hour. We have been able to secure funding for our practitioners travelling expenses so this will not be passed onto schools for 2010/11!

For more information please contact Kate Ganderton on 01432 346526 or to book tickets call our Box Office on **01432 340555**.

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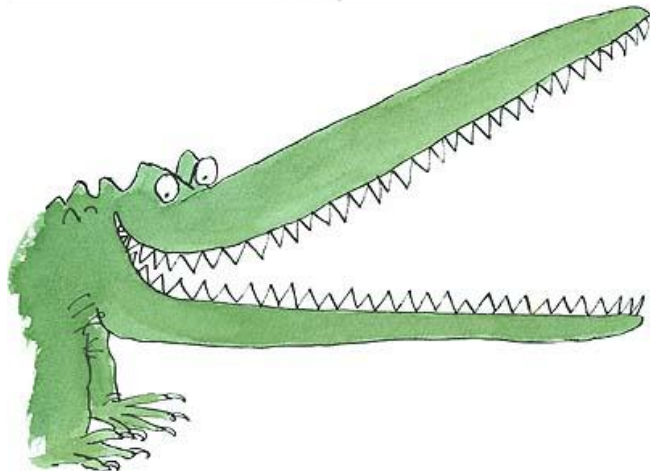
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ROALD DAHL WEEK – FEBRUARY 2010



Herefordshire's first Roald Dahl Week was a huge success with 11 county primary schools taking part. Over 1300 young people participating in workshops led by David, Kate or Helen and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy their time.

Despite feeling exhausted at the end of the week, we all had an amazing time coming into the different schools and sharing our love of Dahl. Each school and every pupil grabbed the opportunity with both hands and demonstrated, once again, that drama is a fantastic tool to engage a whole class in literacy.

Some of the comments include:

“ACTIVITIES SHOWED CLEAR PROGRESSION ENABLING THE CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THROUGHOUT THE SESSION. GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO WATCH THE CHILDREN – REALLY INTERESTING TO SEE SOME “COME OUT OF THEIR SHELL”

“ALL OF KEY STAGE 2 BENEFITED IN ONE DAY. I HEARD CHILDREN AT LUNCH TIME FROM YEAR 6 & YEAR 4 TALKING ABOUT THE GREAT TIME THEY HAD THIS MORNING”

“ IT WAS FANTASTIC TO SEE ALL THE CHILDREN ENGAGED THROUGHOUT”

“SOMEBODY NEW ALWAYS EXCITES THE CHILDREN. THEY BRING A WEALTH OF SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT WE DO NOT HAVE”

“ALL CHILDREN WERE ABLE TO ACCESS THE SESSION INCLUDING SEN CHILDREN”

“HAVING AN EXPERT IN DRAMA MEANS CHILDREN LEARN QUICKLY AND EFFECTIVELY”

Thankfully we had half term to recharge our batteries and start organising future events. David's now organising a Primary School Shakespeare Day in June and Kate is organising a Secondary School project for the summer. David will definitely be sending information out in the coming weeks, so look out for it soon.

I'm sure that this will become an annual event (with it perhaps being spread across a month for more schools to take part!), so do look out for more information on Roald Dahl Month 2011!

KS1 – CHRISTMAS SHOW

THE LIFE AND ADVENTURES OF SANTA CLAUS

Based on the book by L Frank Baum

This Christmas we have another treat for your KS1 classes. Pantomime can sometimes be a bit scary for the little ones, and, perhaps, a tad too long. We therefore have a smaller show in our Studio Theatre which is ideal for the teenie weenies.

Brought to us from The Big Wooden Horse Company, that bought us *The Night Before Christmas* in 2008, we have this magical festive adventure.

Follow the early life of Santa Claus, from being abandoned in the forest and adopted by the wood-nymphs, through to making the very first toys. Find out why we hang stockings, why he climbs down the chimney and meet the original reindeers, Glossie and Flossie, as well as the chilly rogue, Jack Frost.

The performance is just under an hour, so we'll get your classes back to school in time for the end of the day. To

Schedule:

Tuesday 7 December	10am	1pm
Wednesday 8 December	10am	1pm
Thursday 9 December	10am	1pm
Friday 10 December	10am	1pm
Monday 13 December	10am	1pm
Tuesday 14 December	10am	1pm
Wednesday 15 December	10am	1pm
Thursday 16 December	10am	1pm
Friday 17 December	10am	1pm

Schools £6 + free coach!

To reserve your tickets contact our Box Office on **01432 340 555**. You can reserve now and confirm numbers and pay nearer the time.

We'll also be offering workshops alongside this production and provide you with a teacher pack.



PANTOMIME - ALADDIN



After our most successful year for schools audiences we are already selling tickets for this year's production, ALADDIN. Over 5800 school tickets were sold for *Beauty and the Beast*, with many hailing it as our best pantomime to date. The same production team are now busily preparing this year's tale to bring another exciting performance to Herefordshire audiences.

We bring you this traditional story of Aladdin and his magical lamp, all your panto favourites are there - goodies, baddies, friendship, adventure, songs and dance - filled to the brim with jokes and laughter, all with a familiar Herefordshire twist.

Join Aladdin on an epic journey from China to the Middle East.

Can he defeat the evil Abanaza, and find his one true love?

Will Widow Twankey ever see her son again?

And what is so special about this mysterious lamp?

As usual there will be plenty of school matinees for you to book your classes into. However, year on year we are seeing an increase in schools bookings **so please do book early** to ensure that you get your preferred date.

The school performances are as follows:

Monday 29 November	10am
Tuesday 30 November	10am
Wednesday 1 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 2 December	10am & 2pm
Friday 3 December	1pm
Monday 6 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 7 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 8 December	10am & 2pm
Thursday 9 December	1:30pm
Friday 10 December	1:30pm
Monday 13 December	10am & 2pm
Tuesday 14 December	10am & 2pm
Wednesday 15 December	1:30pm
Thursday 16 December	1:30pm
Friday 17 December	1:30pm
Friday 7 January	1:30pm

Schools: £9 (£8 if you pay before October half term)

Images from *Beauty and the Beast* 2009/2010:



**TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS
CALL 01432 340 555**