

A dramatic climax for Class 4

This year Class 4's transition from Year 6 to secondary school will be marked with a Leavers' Performance devised by the children. After a year of great theatrical undertakings, it seemed appropriate to end the summer term with the children taking to the stage once again, this time with the theme of looking back and moving on.

The date set for the Leavers' Performance is Tuesday 15th July at 2pm, so please put it in your diaries.

Another important date for Class 4 is the PATINA moving-on parade which will take place on Friday 11th July. Please come along and support us as we walk through the streets in outlandish costumes!

Funding our future

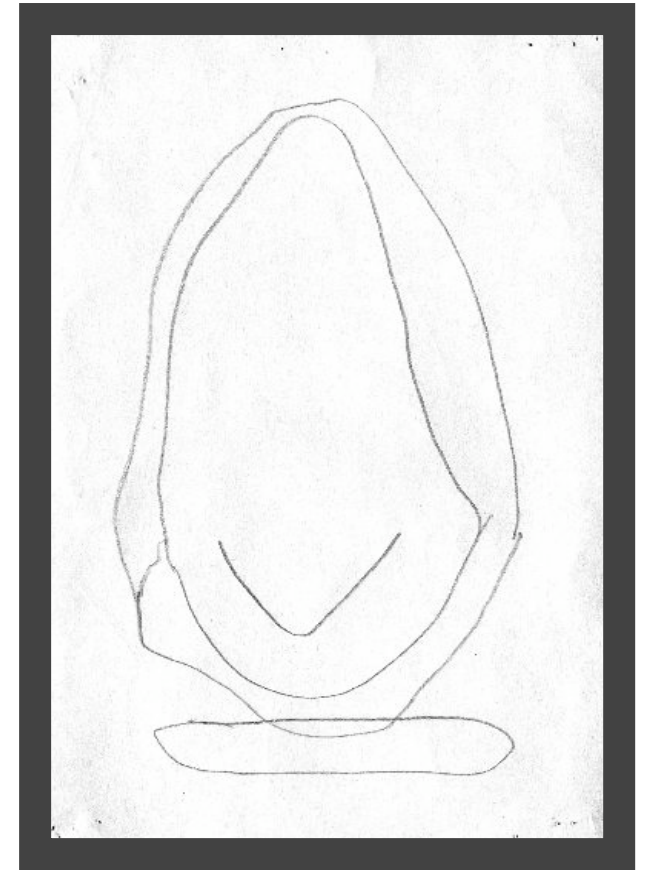
Since January the Fundraising team has been on an information gathering mission and has had meetings with established fundraisers in such diverse organisations as Sue Ryder Care and Birkbeck College. Harvey Gallagher of the British Association for Adoption and Fostering visited the school in February and so was able to discuss our aims in context.

In March we visited the South Downs Council for Voluntary Service and have established a relationship with them that will enhance and support our activities. We have also received invaluable support from the trustees. We have now established a needs list and are ready to begin costing projects and approaching funding bodies. We can never have too much help in our activities and would really welcome your ideas and input.

Come to our next termly meeting on Thursday 15th at 9.15.

Jane (Wilkie)

Inspired by David Nash (sculptor) – Anon (Class 1)



Teacher update

Lizzie says that two excellent candidates have been short-listed and the committee is very optimistic that they will appoint a first-rate successor to Anna.

Tune up

There are still two places available for the Guitar Club.

It's held on Fridays between 1.30 and 2.15 and costs £10 per week. You need your own guitar.

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Monday Sir Fry with rice Fruit salad

Wednesday *'You Choose' meal designed this week by Class 4*

Pizza with salad Apple crumble and custard

Friday Vegetarian fried rice Fruit salad (**Dana**)

Weblinks...

Check out www.lewesnewschool.co.uk/downloads to read how the assessment and monitoring processes work for our children at the school.

Also, download and read Charlotte Walker's article about alternative learning approaches.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Next Week

Tuesdays	8.45 Swimming (Leisure Centre) Classes 2,3 & 4
Thu 15	9.15 Fundraising Team meeting Class 4 to Railway Land

Wed 21 Summer Fair meeting - Quiet Room
Thu 22 May Festival and Tea
Mon 26 - Fri 30 Half term

Fri 11 July Patina Parade
Tue 15 July Leavers' Performance

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This is Sofia's last term at Lewes New School, the only school that she has ever attended. In September she will start at Priory. I am remembering when she and I first visited the school to have a look around and to meet the head teacher Felicia. Sofia was very small and the school seemed so very large compared to the nursery Fiddlesticks, in Lewes, that she had been attending from when it first opened where she was one of a handful of children - most of whom she knew and those that she didn't she quickly got to know. We didn't know anybody at LNS and I was concerned about childcare given that both Richard and I worked, and I was due to start a new job at the same time as she would be starting school. Would we fit in, how would we get on given that we didn't know anybody - and it was very much a 'we' - not just Sofia starting out at school but us starting out too..... And now here she is about to go to Priory, to secondary school, to a very large, large school! And I am totally confident in Sofia going to Priory, and it is she, not us, that is now making this big step. And even as I write 'big step' - it feels like a big step to me, but I know to Sofia it is simply the 'next step' and one she is really looking forward to!

What I am mindful of is just as when Sofia was a baby and toddler I'd get used to something - a way of being, or of doing things with her - and then suddenly realise that she had grown out of being that way and was moving on and into something else! Like with my favourite clothes for Sofia, realising that she had grown out of them, and that that was that, time for something bigger. And so it is now, she has almost grown out of Lewes New School, which has most definitely been - like favourite clothes - very special, and will (like some of my favourite baby/toddler clothes) be always treasured and delighted in, and remembered with love and joy.

Anni Townend (Sofia/Class 4)