

**Packed with
useful
information**

- Wanted – a Burnley school to be involved in a stunning 3-stage project.
- 'Artsmark' achieving the award.
- Creeping Toad with Gordon McLellan.
- In the Autumn term 2005, 37 artists were placed in schools
- Over 2000 children worked with our artists.

Full Marks is Mid Pennine Arts education programme.

Start – an exhibition of Student Art

Our exhibition will showcase pupils' work from East Lancashire Secondary Schools in a professionally run gallery. Its objectives are:

- to value the art work of our young people in our schools;
- to promote the work of East Lancashire schools in the North West and further afield;
- to strengthen partnerships between schools and the Mid Pennine Gallery.

Where: The Mid Pennine Gallery, Yorke Street, Burnley.

When: 18 February – 25 March 2006

Cost: Free

Exciting times for the arts in East Lancashire

This is a particularly exciting time for the arts in East Lancashire. Creative Partnerships have announced their 15 'hub' schools and the first tranche of 'associate' schools. Their programme of activity begins in earnest this Term.

But what of the rest - the other 200 schools in East Lancashire? Mid Pennine Arts will continue to offer a programme of artists to work in schools, including advice and support for schools wishing to employ artists funded from their own budgets and advice

on fundraising for arts projects.

In addition, Creative Partnerships, East Lancashire is committed, over the long term, to support arts development in all our schools.

Please ring to discuss ways in which we can support the development of your arts curriculum.

David Smith



The Singing Ringing Tree

The 'Singing Ringing Tree' is a major piece of public art work to be sited on Crown Point in Burnley, designed by an international award winning architectural practice Tonkin Liu. It will be Burnley's **Panopticon**.

Mid Pennine Arts is looking for a Burnley School to be involved in a 3-stage project: A writer will work with a group of KS2 pupils on 'story creation' around the

design of a 'Singing, Ringing Tree'. Mike Tonkin and Anna Liu will visit the same school to engage the children in an architectural workshop related to the design of the **Panopticon**.

In the summer term, Mid Pennine artist Helen Callaghan will work with the pupils on a 'time capsule' to be buried on the site of the **Panopticon** during construction.



Burnley's Singing Ringing Tree

Schools interested should contact Helen Callaghan from the **Land** Team at Mid Pennine Arts.

"It is a pity that the notion of 'creativity' in education has to be fought for or reclaimed, as it should be a central feature of teaching and learning."

Ted Wragg

Teachers' Forum

'Artsmark' achieving the award!

Artsmark is a national award scheme and is managed by Arts Council England for schools who show a commitment to the full range of arts - music, dance, drama and art & design. You can find

more details on www.artsmark.org.uk

The session will be led by David Smith, an Artsmark validator for Arts Council England and Education Officer for Mid Pennine Arts.

Where: The Mid Pennine Gallery, Yorke Street, Burnley. (below the Burnley Mechanics Arts Centre)

When: Monday 13th. March from 4-15 to 5-15 p.m.

Cost: Free.

Creeping Toad with Gordon McLellan

'The Beginning of Spring'

Celebrate the coming of Spring to East Lancashire with some stories and workshops from Creeping Toad. Story-telling sessions will remind us of the vitality and changes of the end of winter, with traditional stories of the first flowers, birds nesting, brave children and strange dangers.

Workshops could follow story-telling sessions: New stories: working with a class to create their own characters and stories based in the local environment. Puppets: making a whole cast of story characters and setting first ideas in motion for new stories and class puppet shows. Shadow puppets: looking at processes of growth and change and making shadow puppets shows of

waking and transformation, eggs hatching, hedgehogs returning, flowers opening and adventurers lost in magical woodlands....

Where: In your School

When: March 27 -31

Cost: £100 + vat per day.

"Arts education offers the development of creativity and thinking skills."

Report: Arts Education in secondary Schools.



Todmorden Schools' Tour

John Siddique is a performance poet with a growing national reputation and has worked throughout the UK. He has just published a new collection of poetry: 'The Prize'.

"John Siddique is a powerful, arresting and provocative new poetic

voice, on the page, and off it. He writes with a rare combination of directness, ease, and authority and transports his audience through a gallery of moods and registers in just as wide a range of forms. His work is visceral, sensuous, searing, playful, and deeply moving." - *Gavin*

Wallace - Head of Literature, Scottish Arts Council

Where: In your School
When: February 6 / 7 / 8
 February 21 / 22 / 23 / 28

Cost: free: a gift to schools from Todmorden Town Council.

Visual Arts with artist Patricia Ramsden

Patricia is a practising artist with experience in school workshops. She is an artist who has delivered high quality project work with us over

the past year through our **Land** programme. Patricia is happy to negotiate an individual programme to meet the needs of your children working at KS1 or KS2.

Where: In your School

When: Monday 6th & Wednesday 8th March

Cost: £100 + vat per day.

Live Music Now for Special Schools

We are delighted to welcome the The Langdale Ensemble to our Spring concert. As always the concert will offer an

interactive experience for the whole audience with an exciting ensemble of young professional musicians.

Where: Padiham Town Hall

When: Wednesday 15th February at 10 a.m.

Cost: Free.



The Garden Gate

A Land and Panopticon project

The project involves linking groups from the local community with a community garden beside

the Leeds to Liverpool Canal in Barnoldswick. Mid Pennine artist Helen Callaghan will be working with children from Coates Lane Primary School for 5 half days in February

building an 'Ideas tree' sculpture for the garden. The children will also develop a mural to be mounted on a canal-side building on the site.

Creating Stories with Esther Nimmo

Esther ran a very successful series of workshops with schools as a part of our 2004 'Kicking Leaves' Children's Literature Festival. We are delighted to welcome her back to work with KS 2 pupils on story writing. Her approach is to read one of her own short stories. She breaks down the story through

discussion before moving on to creating 'pictures' of scenes before going on to work on story creation through character. It is a very interesting approach which works!

Esther can work with two groups during a full day leaving them with a task of story creation to be followed through by their class teacher.

Where: In your school

When: Tuesday
 March 28th. / Thursday
 March 30th.

Tuesday
 April 4th. / Wednesday
 April 5th.

Cost: £100 + vat

"The arts are quite simply a magic key for some children and within the hands of gifted committed teachers of the arts they are a key to all children..."
Tim Brighouse.

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- www.land.uk.net

Membership benefits

We recommend that schools become members of Mid Pennine Arts to enjoy a greater range of benefits.

For membership of £25 per year you will be entitled to:-

- 10% off bookings for all workshops in the Full Marks programme
- Free listing on the MPA website for events and activities
- Advice and assistance for any Arts related projects (inc. funding advice)
- Invitations to all Gallery and Mid Pennine Arts events
- 10% off all Gallery purchases (available for all teachers)
- Exhibition opportunities in the community gallery

Website events

Now that Mid Pennine Arts is up and running with a brand new website, we're opening up the site for web based Arts projects. The first project is a story telling one relating to Mid Pennine Arts 40th anniversary. We are looking for any one who has had any involvement with Mid Pennine Arts over the years – that includes teachers, workshop artists or as students to write to us and tell us how you were involved. Write a small piece telling us your memories about your involvement with Mid Pennine Arts and we will use some of them on the website and also include some of them in the 40th Anniversary Retrospective exhibition in July 2006.

The Mid Pennine Gallery

A number of schools colleges are now making regular use of the Gallery for pupil / student visits.

- teachers can organise their own programme of work for pupils in response to a current exhibition;
- teachers can liaise with Gallery staff to arrange workshops in the Gallery space linked with a current exhibition;
- talks in the Gallery on current exhibitions, public art, 'arts as a business' can all be offered by Mid Pennine staff.

In addition the Gallery staff run a regular series of 2 hour Saturday morning workshops for children from 5 to 14 yrs. children 7yrs and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

Please ring Claire Joyce our Visual Arts Officer on 01282 421986 for details.

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