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Pupil from St. Thomas' Barrowford in a workshop led by artist Anita Burrows.

An arts in education programme for schools and colleges from Mid Pennine Arts.

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"Creative partnerships" will be buzz words in the arts over the next year when the Government invests £40m - yes; forty million pounds! - in setting up new arts educational partnerships as pilot projects in 16 areas nationally. Unfortunately we are not one of them. In the North-West the money goes to the city states of Manchester and Merseyside.

But a creative arts-in-education partnership is exactly what Mid Pennine has been offering for the last 3 years!

Last term over 800 children and students from 19 schools and colleges took part in our programme of active participation in the arts. More than a dozen others sought our advice on selecting artists or obtaining funding in order to enhance their own curricular provision whilst more than 20 teachers took advantage of the opportunities offered by Mid Pennine for professional development.

Are you a part of this creative partnership? If not, what is stopping you? You could be missing out! Just telephone to arrange an informal visit so we can explain what we might be able to offer your school.

DAVID SMITH, Education Officer.

Exhibiting 'The Ford' at Pendle Heritage Centre

Friday 18th to Sunday 27th January from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (In partnership with North West Heritage)

Last term three local schools: St. Thomas', Bradley and Barrowford Primary Schools together with two community groups from the adult education programme at Nelson and Colne College worked with local artists, Julie Miles and Anita Burrows. They were creatively involved in workshops which responded to a viewing of Welfare State's 'Ford' installation marking the beginnings of the transformation of Higherford Mill into an arts and cultural centre.

Their work will be on show for a full week including two weekends. Do come to have a look at the range and quality of work on show. Special preview: Friday 18th January from 3 - 5 p.m.

Ian McMillan Returns!

Thursday 31st January. (In partnership with the Burnley Mechanics)

Performance poet Ian McMillan will be available for an afternoon to work with a primary or secondary school. Ian offers a half hour performance for a large group of children, followed by a workshop for a single class. When he worked in two schools in Clayton-le-Moors last year his work was described by one teacher as "an excellent experience for all involved" whilst pupils commented: "...funny ideas, funny poems.."

Cost: £75 + vat

In the evening Ian can be seen in his 'Big Family Show' at the Burnley Mechanics Theatre at 7.30 p.m. This is a terrific opportunity to see a very funny, performance poet live. It will be a very entertaining evening!

Tickets £6-00 (children £3-00) available from the Mechanics Box Office: Tel. 01282 664400



Pupils from Mount Pleasant Primary School, Clayton-le-Moors performing with poet Ian McMillan

Drama Skills Share for secondary school teachers

Working in partnership with Burnley Youth Theatre, six skill-share sessions for secondary drama teachers are offered at the Youth Theatre from 4-30 to 6 p.m. during the Spring and Summer Terms. Attend all as a complete course or pick and mix!

Sessions will be based on practical strategies, which are transferable to your own drama space. They will be led by professional free-lance artists, drama leaders from the Youth Theatre and those teachers who are happy to contribute.

Dates include: 17th January, 25th February, 20th March, 25th April, 22nd May, and 6th June. Further information is available from Jackie Riddell on 01282 427767 or David Smith at the Mid Pennine Office.

Camerata Workshops

Thursday mornings 7th February and 14th March

String, brass and wind players from the Manchester Camerata will again be offering morning workshops for pupils and students at all levels. The normal session would involve a 50-minute interactive performance for a whole school or class group followed by an hour-long workshop with a single class. Individual programmes, however, to suit the particular needs of a school or college can be negotiated individually with the Camerata.

Programmes are available for all levels.

Cost: £80 + vat for two musicians for a morning session.

Rumpelstiltskin

Saturday 9th February at 2 p.m.

The Presto Puppet Theatre will be bringing their mischievous Rumpelstiltskin to Haslingden in February.

This experienced company of puppeteers will weave the traditional tale of Rumpelstiltskin from his woodland home to fairytale palaces and eerie dangers.

This show draws on an ancient Japanese style of puppetry that combines the full movement of marionettes with the positive actions of rod puppets.

Community Link, Haslingden Adults £3-50 children £2-50.

'Oily Cart' Children's Theatre

Monday to Thursday 19-22 February

This nationally acclaimed children's theatre company is offering a two-day residency in schools for the very young: 4 – 5 year-olds. Children will visit the actors inside a giant hat! This is an unusual opportunity for children to work with a company of the highest class to enjoy an enchanting multi-sensory experience brimming with songs, puppets and costume where the children's own ideas are used for story telling and play making.



'Oily Cart' present 'Under Your Hat' in February

Travelling by Tuba - The Sequel

20th February to 21st March

Taking Todmorden primary schools on a trans-global journey.

Two talented musicians, Stewart Death and Gavin Woods will introduce pupils to exotic musical instruments from around the world. The show takes the form of a journey around the world, meeting along the way Egyptians with their ocarinas, Chinese priests and their dragon-headed trumpets and the peace and tranquillity of South American pan pipes.

Details from Janet and David at the Mid Pennine office.

'Aspects of Asia' come to Barnoldswick

Saturday 2nd and Monday 4th March

This multi-cultural event offers all members of the community an insight into the colour fascination of Islamic art based in Barnoldswick Library. Visitors of all ages can take part in workshops in calligraphy, ceramics and origami. Saturday is open to all members of the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday is reserved for school workshops.

Contact Nazya Khalid at Nelson Library on 01282 692511.



Creeping Toad Workshops

4 – 8th March with Gordon MacLellan.

Inspirational environmental artist Gordon MacLellan will be leading pupils from Padiham and Burnley Wood Primary Schools along woodland trails in Padiham and Towneley Park. Pupils will be celebrating the life of trees by making tree books, masks, puppets and giant leaf poems. Gordon's work is presented in partnership with the Forest of Burnley and the Towneley Natural History Centre.

Environmental artist Gordon McLellan making 'bug books' with children from Lomeshaye Junior School, Nelson

Teachers' Forum with Gordon MacLellan

Tuesday 5th March 4-15 to 5-15 p.m.

In this free workshop, Gordon will be offering practical hands-on strategies for introducing environmental arts activities into your classrooms. Teachers who attended Gordon's INSET day at the Pendle Heritage Centre in November described his work as: "inspiring...full of ideas which can be used easily in class..."

Ring now to book your free place.



Children from St. Paul's, Nelson with artist Rosemary Smith at Pendle Heritage Centre



Children from Mount Pleasant Primary School worked with artist Gavin Lewery to design a gateway into a local woodland

'Live Music Now'

Wednesday 13th March at 10-30 a.m. in the Nelson Civic Theatre.

Following the success of last term's televised Live Music Now concert in Bacup, the 'Bones Apart Trombone Quartet' will be performing in Nelson. If you've not brought your children before to one of these concerts, then you are missing a treat.

In this free performance for children from special schools the Quartet will explain their instruments as well as play an exciting programme of music including the fan fare theme 'William Tell'.

'Concerto for a Million Trees' with the Cragg Vale Gamelan

Public performance 7 p.m. Friday 22 March at the Burnley Mechanics.

The culmination of our 'Arts in the Forest' programme in partnership with The Forest of Burnley, takes the form of a weeklong celebration of Indonesian gamelan music and shadow puppetry. Pupils from Ivy Bank High School will spend a week in workshops culminating in a new show for a public performance to which you are invited.

Working with professional musicians, a newly commissioned piece: 'Concerto for a Million Trees' will be premiered on the Friday evening to celebrate the success of the Forest of Burnley Project in planting almost one million trees in the borough over the past three years. This performance which will include music and shadow puppets will be ideal for families and school groups.

Tickets: £2 adults/£1 concessions from the Burnley Mechanics Box Office.

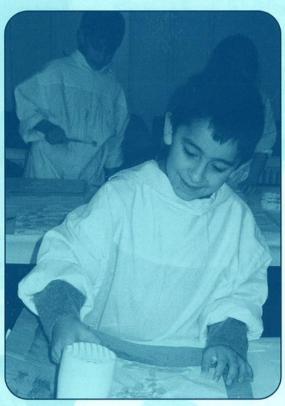
'Toys in the Attic Theatre Company' present 'Cake',

A puppetry and mask show for children from 3-8 years old: Saturday 23rd March at 2 p.m. Haslingden Community Link.

It's Bermuda the kitten's first birthday and you are all invited. Games fun and adventure with Dylan the Dog and the Kit-Kat Gang – a puppet theatre show for the family.

Tickets: Children £2-50/Adults £3-50 from the Mid Pennine Office.

FOR YOUR ATTENTION



Batik work: St. Thomas, Barrowford worked with artist Anita Burrows

'The Tate Britain Teachers' Kit':

a new resource to support teachers in planning, delivering and following up gallery visits; packed full of ideas and strategies £12-99 from Tate Ticketing, Tate Britain, Millbank, London, SW1P 4RG.

'Poetryclass':

An initiative from The Poetry Society supported by the DfES, designed to encourage teachers to develop new strategies for presenting poetry in their own classrooms. Have a look at the web-site on: www.poetryclass.net

INSET for teachers in the summer term:

Pat Southern: "What is Sculpture?"

A one day course at Pendle Heritage Centre for teachers working at Key Stage 1 and in nursery education focusing on the QCA Unit 1c. Wednesday 24th April. Telephone Mid Pennine for details.

"Running a School Book Week"

Two half day courses run in association with the Lancashire Schools' Library Service in preparation for a Children's Literature Festival in the Autumn. Details will be circulated to schools later this term.



Children from St. Mary's and Brunshaw Primary Schools make a December evening lantern procession in Burnley



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