

CHEW VALLEY SCHOOL

Performing Arts Newsletter

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Headline News...

- The Heritage Lottery Fund support a lakeside event!
- Chew Valley offers Artsmark Award to all
- Lower School Production in full swing



Lower School Performance

Private Peaceful

14th – 16th July 2010

Hall



Year 7, 8 & 9 students are currently putting the final preparations to this year's Lower School Production of 'Private Peaceful'. We were extremely fortunate in being granted the performance rights to Simon Reade's adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's novel and students have been working hard in order to do justice to the fantastic story. In fact, so many of our students wanted to take part that, once again, we have decided to have two different casts, each of whom will perform twice.

The play tells of how young Thomas Peaceful looks back over his childhood from the battlefields of the First World War. But the clock is ticking and every moment that Tommo spends remembering how things used to be means another moment closer to something that will change his life forever.

The production will take place from 14th – 16th July in the main school hall and tickets are now on sale. Please call 01275 334243 to pre-book.

We will also be doing a morning performance for the surrounding primary schools on Wednesday the 14th at 9am onwards.

Peripatetic Music Performances this term....

This term we have had the pleasure of seeing many of our peripatetic music ensembles performing in lunchtime sessions. Joan Green gave us a wonderful collaboration with her singers and the Youth Choir. This was then followed by Rick Payne and his Guitar Ensemble in July. More photos to follow on the website.



Chew Directions...

- Following on from the success of our week long run of assemblies, Chew Valley's Glee Club is going from strength to strength. The group meet every Friday to rehearse new material with a tour of local venues being rumoured to take place during the summer term.

All we need now is a new name!
Ideas please to Mr Conway

Battle of the Bands 2010

The Battle of the Bands was a brilliant success again this year with the audience voting **'DONKEY PUNCH'** as the overall winners. Well done lads! The other bands – Fiver For a Subway, Better Brand of Criminal, Criminal Minds and Stable gave them a run for their money however. Local music shop Music Box Shop in Whitchurch kindly donated vouchers towards the prize.

Thank you!



Chew Valley Staff Trained as Arts Award Moderators...



Steve Conway, Head of Performing Arts and Suzanne Gaved, Community Arts Coordinator, successfully completed their Arts Award Bronze/Silver Teaching this month. Both are now able to support and assess young people at this level in the Arts Award.

The Arts Award was created to support young people who want to deepen their engagement with the arts, build creative and leadership skills, and to achieve a national qualification.

Through Arts Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels, young people aged 11–25 can explore any of the art forms including performing arts, visual arts, literature, media and multimedia. The award builds confidence, helps young people to enjoy cultural activities, and prepares them for further education or employment.

Arts Award is run through a partnership between Arts Council England and Trinity Guildhall. This collaboration means we can support young people in their creative futures by using our extensive national network and resources to offer a respected Trinity College London qualification.

The Gold Artsmark is now recognised as a UCAS qualification so this is something to work towards in future years.

We aim to promote this award within the school and you can contact Steve Conway for further details – steve.conway@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

Heritage Lottery Funding Achieved



Chew Valley School have successfully achieved £12.3k in funding for a Heritage Lottery Fund project to run in 2011. Working alongside the talented Paul West who currently runs our KS4 Youth Theatre we will be involving the primary cluster and many community practitioners in a celebration of the 1950's and the lake. The project is due to start in January 2010 with a final performance by the lake in July 2011. If you'd like to be involved in this project in anyway please do contact Suzanne Gaved with any ideas and suggestions suzanne.gaved@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

So Long Jeff..

A special thanks to Jeff Evans for all of the hard work he's put into making of the set for the performances over the years at the school. Jeff has been an asset to the performing arts productions and we wish him well in his retirement!

