



Early Arts North East E – Bulletin No. 8 – Autumn 2008

Welcome to the eighth e-bulletin from Early Arts North East.

Who are we?

We are the regional agency for the arts and foundation stage learning (birth to 6 years). Working within Sightlines Initiative we are supported by Arts Council North East. We are developing a range of services for professionals, organisations and artists working within Early Years settings in the North East.

Regional Activity

Water Day at Howdon Children's Centre

To celebrate the launch of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) in September 2008, Sure Start Howdon Children's Centre Childcare services had a big exploration day focussing on 'water' on Thursday 4th September 2008.

Throughout the day the children had various opportunities to explore and splash in the water and enjoyed getting very wet. The majority of activities took place outdoors however there where some opportunities to explore indoors too ensuring all children's needs were met!

The day provided lots of fun and enjoyment for the children and staff. They took great pleasure in investigating together the many properties of water. All areas of children's development were supported through the variety of activities on offer.

Due to the huge success of this day, we plan to continue offering big exploration days in the future and we are already starting to plan an 'arty clarty day' and 'musical mayhem' day for the coming months.

Clare Rice
Nursery Coordinator

Baby Disco at Dance City

Bare Toed are running a baby disco at Dance City on 26th October as part of the Juice Festival

It's a baby disco with a difference - creative movement play, top tunes and even time to fly.....we're hanging a studio full of low cocoon hammocks for families to play in and chill.

Sessions are at 10.30 and 1.30 and cost £7.50 for parent and child together
Bookings through Dance City Newcastle: 0191 230 0486 www.dancecity.co.uk

Gateshead

For all early years practitioners - why not visit our new look web-site www.cultureandcreativity.com where you can pick up the latest news and cultural offers and information to share with colleagues. If you are based in the Gateshead Newcastle area you may already have a Cultural and Creativity Ambassador who is linked into the network of ambassadors and creative partners or you might like to join the network and have your own Ambassador. New and exciting for this season is the launch of a Virtual Learning Platform accessed through the website where projects and discussion groups and social networking can take place. Any ambassador wanting to access the VLP will be offered guidance and familiarisation sessions free to the network membership throughout this coming school year. Join the network or just join the information and practice sharing, meet other colleagues on line and blog your good news. We look forward to hearing from you. If you prefer talking to someone direct tel. Karolynne Hart in

Gateshead's Arts Development Team on 0191 433 6917.

The Hatton Gallery

The Hatton Gallery is keen to encourage young artists to come along and join in with fun art activities. There is a Saturday Children's Workshop the first Saturday of the month 10.30-12.00 This is a drop in session so you can come for 15 minutes or stay for the full session!

We have the following workshops coming up over Autumn.

Parents must accompany children throughout workshop.

Saturday 4 October Saturday children's Workshop, 'Big draw Nature Doodles. Join in with doodle fun based on Hannah Maybanks paintings which are inspired by trees, clouds and mountains. Etch - a - sketch a tree. 10.30-12.00

Saturday 11 October BIG DRAW FAMILY FUN DAY Join in with our Big Draw. Come and add your own trees, hills and clouds to our drawn natural world. 11.00-3.00

Monday 27 October Big Nature Draw 10.30-12.00

Tuesday 28 October Big Nature Draw 10.30-12.00

Wednesday 29 October Autumn Collage Create your own colourful collage based on Autumn trees and the weather 10.30-12.00

We are near Northern Stage Theatre, by the Haymarket, through the two arches in the University Quadrangle.

For further information contact Hazel Barron-Cooper 222 6059



Autumn and Winter Events Listings

Exhibitions

From Toad Hall to Pooh Corner

Robert Westall Gallery Until June 2009

An interactive journey through the pages of childhood classics *The Wind in the Willows* and *Winnie the Pooh*. A treasure trove of nostalgia and discovery with original artwork, manuscripts and countryside scenes from your favourite tales.

The latest exhibition delivered by Seven Stories, ***From Toad Hall to Pooh Corner***, is made in collaboration with Templar publishing and celebrates the Centenary edition of *The Wind in the Willows* with illustrations for a new generation by Robert Ingpen. This enchanting exhibition will explore Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* (1908) and A. A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh* (1926) and *The House at Pooh Corner* (1928).

Journey through the idyllic countryside where friendship and adventure go hand in hand. Take a ride in a replica Toad's car or cosy up in Badger's Kitchen before dropping by *Winnie-the-Pooh's* enchanting neighbourhood with original illustrations by E. H. Shephard.

Up to Mischief with Horrid Henry

Sebastian Walker Gallery Until January 2009

An exciting expose of the meanest and most marvellous mischief makers in children's literature! See the artwork, ideas and mischievous manuscripts behind Clarice Bean, My Naughty Little Sister and Horrid Henry himself in this hands on exhibition.

A favourite with young rascals and overgrown pranksters alike, visitors can discover beautiful artwork from major artists including Beatrix Potter, Lauren Child and Shirley Hughes, and explore marvellous manuscripts from our collection.

Join *My Naughty Little Sister's* tea party, create your own glop recipe in *Horrid Henry's* bedroom or take a trip down memory lane with old-school rebels *Just William* and *Dennis-the-Menace*.

Winged Tales of the North – A David Almond Exhibition

In the Artist's Attic Thursday 2 October – Sunday 2 November

To celebrate a decade of the award-winning

children's book *Skellig* (1998) by North East author David Almond, Seven Stories have created an exciting exhibition to showcase David's impressive body of work. From the scribbling of the writer at work to the production of an award winning novel, see how David draws inspiration from his North East roots to create tales of extraordinary experiences.

Events

Saturday 4 October ***David Almond - A Great North Run Cultural Event***

4.30 – 6.30pm

Meet one of the UK's bestselling children's authors as we celebrate the publication of *Harry Miller's Run* as part of the BUPA Great North Run Cultural Programme. Hear David read, ask questions and visit the brand new touring exhibition *Winged Tales of the North*.

Admission is FREE for this event, Early booking essential T: 0845 271 0777 ext 715. www.sevenstories.org.uk

Thursday 9 October ***Debi Gliori – Engaging with Environment***

5.30 – 7.30pm

A fascinating look at children's writing, illustrating and ecological issues with award winning author Debi Gliori, who combines all three to engage with young readers in exciting new ways.

For teachers, librarians and adults with an interest in children's publishing or the environment.

Free admission, booking essential

Saturday 18 October ***Simon Bartram Book Launch***

10.30 – 11.30am

Join local author Simon Bartram to launch his new title *Bob's Best Ever Friend*, the charming sequel to Blue Peter Book of the Year *The Man on the Moon*.

Simon will talk about the creative processes of writing and illustrating and share his artistic expertise with young visitors.

Followed by a public book signing.
Booking essential

HALF TERM AT SEVEN STORIES **Saturday 25 October – Sunday 2 November**

Spooks and Scares week at Seven Stories

Will you be in for a trick or a treat during October half term at Seven Stories? Are you brave enough to find out? Uncover the spooky story corner in the Artist's Attic where you can read your favourite grim or ghoulish story surrounded by cobwebs, bats and all manner of creepy creatures! Venture down to the Creation Station to make and create your own nasties, and to really feel at home, why not come dressed as your favourite monster, ghoul or creature!

Saturday 25 October ***Drama Workshop: Favourite Monsters!***

1pm - 2pm: for families of all ages

2.30pm – 3.30pm: for ages 8+

Share magical and mysterious stories and explore your favourite monsters in this interactive drama workshop. Use your imagination to transform into a terrifying creature and invent ways to defeat the terrifying beast!

Booking essential

Monday 27 October ***Dr Who Monsters and Masks***

10am – 5pm

Dr Who mask and make up designer Ray Phillips takes up residence in the attic. Watch him work, ask questions and try on masks from the show or head down to the creation station to make your very own monster!

No booking required.

Wednesday 29 October ***Design Workshop: 'Build Your Own Haunted House'***

10.30am – 11.30am: For children of all ages

1.30pm – 2.30pm: For ages 8+

Make your own haunted house in an artist lead workshop. Participants will leave with a weird and wonderful world in a box made

from drawings, collage and their own imaginations!
Booking essential

Thursday 30 October

Drama Workshop: Favourite Monsters!

1pm - 2pm: For children of all ages
2.30pm – 3.30pm: For ages 8+
Share magical and mysterious stories and explore your favourite monsters in this interactive drama workshop. Use your imagination to transform into a terrifying creature and master the dark arts to defeat the horrifying beast!
Booking essential

Saturday 8th November

Family Storytelling with Pat Renton

11.00 - 11.45am and 12.15 – 1.00pm
What would do if you were granted all the wishes you could wish for? Delve into the world of story to find out. But wishes can go wrong and then there's trouble..! No booking required. www.sevenstories.org.uk

Saturday 22 November

Northern Children's Book Festival Gala Day

Favourite Tales with Nick Butterworth
Meet Nick Butterworth, author of *Percy the Park Keeper* for story activities and an exclusive book signing as part of the Northern Children's Book Festival's 25th anniversary celebrations.
Booking is essential and must be done via NCBF:
T: 0845 002 0336 E:
information@newcastle.gov.uk

Wednesday 26 November

Late night Christmas shopping – Free Entry

5pm – 8pm
Hide away from the hustle and bustle this Christmas at a special evening at Seven Stories. Browse our specialist Bookshop for unique gift ideas with expert knowledge and free parking! Enjoy festive treats in the Seven Stories Café, and browse the interactive galleries.

Saturday 29 November

Enchanted Toy Making Workshop

11am – 12pm : For children of all ages
1.30pm – 2.30pm : For children aged 8+
Create perfect presents and enchanted puppets to bring your own stories to life in this magical toy making workshop.
Booking essential

Sunday 30 November

Design workshop - Create your Own Festive Scene

11am – 12pm : For children of all ages:
1.30pm – 2.30pm : For ages 8+:
Be inspired by original illustrations and manuscripts from Seven Stories coveted collection before bringing your ideas to life in your own festive scene. Older children's workshop also includes a 'white glove' experience to explore our unique collection.
Booking essential

Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 December

Moomin Modelling and Illustration

Drop in to the Creation Station for modelling and illustration activities based on Finland's favourite children's characters – *The Moomins!*
No Booking Required.

Saturday 13th December

Christmas Picture Books with David Wood

11am – 12pm
Hear David Wood read from some of his best loved books as we celebrate the release of his latest title *A Present for Father Christmas*.
For children aged 5+. Booking essential

Tuesday 23rd December

Enchanted Toy Making Workshop

11am – 12pm : For children of all ages
1.30pm – 2.30pm : For ages 8+
Create perfect presents and enchanted puppets to bring your own stories to life in this magical toy making workshop.
Booking essential

Saturday 27th December

Family Magic Show with Matthew Dowden **1pm – 1.45pm**

Be transported to another world with top magician Matthew Dowden. Keep the magic of Christmas alive with illusion and mind-boggling magic in this festive treat for all the family.

Booking essential

Monday 29th December - Wednesday 31st December

Seven Stories Holiday Party!

Let Seven Stories fill you with holiday cheer as we celebrate the season with games, stories and music! Drop in for creative crafts and party fun to keep the festivities going into the New Year! No booking required, just drop by and join in.

Seven Stories, the Centre for Children's Books

Ouseburn Valley, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 2PQ

Opening Hours

Monday – Saturday 10am – 5pm
Sunday 11am – 5pm

Admission Prices

Adult	£5.50
Child / Concession	£4.50
Family	£16

w: www.sevenstories.org.uk T: 0845 271 0777 E: info@sevenstories.org.uk

Regional Training Opportunities

Playing and Learning Outdoors

A whole school training day to explore the many possibilities for supporting children's encounters and learning in the outdoors.

A day to explore your potential as a gardener of imagination and possibility.

Specifically focused to help schools make the most of their outdoor environments. Day filled with practical and theoretical explorations of enhancing outdoor play and activity.

The training will be facilitated by highly experienced staff from Sightlines Initiative and Early Arts North East

Course Aims:

- To build awareness of the statutory requirements of the EYFS focusing on the outdoor environment and the adult role.
- To build understanding of how to put these guiding principles into practice.

Participants will:

- Consider the importance of providing outdoor play for children.
- Consider key features of quality outdoor play provision.
- Consider the role of the adult in supporting children's play and exploration.
- Examine ways in which adults can support and extend children's learning in how they plan, organise and resource challenging environments which encourage children's self directed play.
- Address some of the challenges and dilemmas of putting principles into practice.

For further information and to make a booking contact:

anna@earlyartsnortheast.org
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Reggio Preschools UK study Week 16-21 November 08

Reggio Emilia, Italy.

Topics will include:

- Background and history of the Reggio Emilia educational project
- Children as citizens with rights
- The school as a system of interactions and relationships
- The environment and the educational space
- Observation, interpretation, documentation
- The Hundred Languages of Children
- Parents' involvement in the life of the school
- ReMida (recycled materials as resources)

The programme will be organised through:

- Presentations/seminars by pedagogistas, teachers and atelieristas
- Visits to Pre schools and infant-toddler centres
- Visits to exhibitions
- Workshops

The programme will include time and space for:

- Discussion groups and exchanges of experiences among the participants
- Encountering the town of Reggio Emilia

Participation fee £1100 (not incl. travel and accommodation.)

To learn about past participants study week experiences click on links below

Kate Gooding, 5x5x5, John Bishop, Wendy Holland

Introduction to the Reggio Approach

The spirit of Reggio meets the spirit of the Foundation Stage

17th & 18th January 2009 / Roehampton University

This two day conference event offers an introduction to the values and philosophy of the Reggio experience with presenters from the preschools of Reggio Emilia, Italy. It will be a unique opportunity to be introduced to the pedagogy which has been developed in the preschools of Reggio Emilia for over 50 years and to explore how these may be aligned with those of the Foundation Stage and ReFocus Network.

Wingate Children’s Centre – Training and Research Base.

**A laboratory of possibilities
County Durham’s Early Years Training Centre**

- **Training courses in care and education 0-5** designed for a range of target audiences – covering a variety of aspects of the early years agenda. Bespoke courses can be designed to meet your specific needs.
- **School development partnerships** – an exclusive opportunity to develop a partnership with the Wingate team which

will support you to create an overall climate for young children’s learning

- **Visit to the Centre**, visit Wingate and explore the excellent working environments for 0-5 year olds. This will help practitioners to reflect on and develop their understanding of quality provision.
- **Conference and meeting facilities**, hire our training room to work in an environment conducive to reflection and development. To ensure the success of your meeting/conference, we provide the latest technology and equipment in addition to freshly made, delicious home cooking!
- **Film commissions and hire of the Sony HVR-Z1**, enter the world of film making and hire our professional camera kit to shoot your own films, or alternatively invest in commissioning us to create a short film about your school/setting.

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General News

TAKEOFF 2008: Week commencing 10th November 2008, Darlington Arts Centre

To complement its own productions, CTC presents an annual showcase festival of professional theatre for children and young people. We bring a range of companies to the North East, to provide a forum for debate and comparison, and to raise awareness of the achievement and potential of our field of work among funders, producers & promoters.

The focus of this year is theatre for Early Years with special shows from Belgium, Germany and the UK. Takeoff is a partner in Small Size, an EU funded network of companies and artists creating theatre for the youngest audiences, including babies and toddlers.

There will be a workshop day for artists on Monday 10th November (by invitation only) and a day of public performances and discussion on Tuesday 11th November.

Wednesday 12th November is a full day conference with partners TYA - UK Centre of ASSITEJ where delegates will debate crucial issues in planning for the Next Decade and supporting New Generation artists worldwide.

Tel: 01325 352 004

Email: takeoff@ctctheatre.org.uk

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