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newsletter

Auckland Castle Project

Following on from last year's project with Auckland Castle, we are further supporting Eleven Arches by piloting a new initiative to launch the castle's new Education Centre and culminating in the Arts Award. This will be achieved in three stages as detailed below:

Stage 1: Explore.

One of our Key Stage 2 classes will visit the castle to view the Zurburan paintings. They will sketch their favourite 'brother' and hear the story of how the paintings were brought to the castle and their significance. They will prepare questions for a Q and A session with Clare Baron, Fine Arts Curator, before spending half an hour with Clare to learn her role in the castle. Back in school, the children will research Zurburan as an artist and record their findings in their log books.

Stage 2: Create.

On a second visit, the class will hear the stories of Jacob and his sons in greater detail and learn the 'Jacob and Sons' song from the Joseph musical. They will work in groups to produce a performance which retells the story using drama, music and puppets.

Stage 3: Present

The children will return to the castle to perform what they have created in Part C to an invited audience of parents and castle staff.

Wow! What a fantastic opportunity- we can't wait to get started! The joint drama, music and Art project will be launched after half term and end by May, in time for the Celebration Day in July, when it is hoped that the Arts Award will be achieved!



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Stars of the Week



Reception: Damon for trying hard in phonics.

Year 1: Jack S and Jack B for being more independent.

Year 2: George for having a good attitude.

Year 3: Charlie for excellent multiplication skills.

Year 4: Lillie for super work in English!

Year 5: Molly for amazing writing and excellent effort in Maths.

Year 6: Nathan for an excellent attitude at all times.



Looking forward to next week ...

On Monday, Yvonne from the Wear Valley Christian Association will lead worship.

On Wednesday, Reverend Vine will lead worship.

Looking forward to February ...

On the 9th February, it is Safer Internet Day. The children will have a special assembly and lessons based on this year's theme, in order to refresh the knowledge which gained them the E-Safety Mark last year. Magazines will be sent out to update parents too!

On Friday 12th February, Year 3 will have their class worship for parents at 9.15

On Thursday, 25th February the school will host a Prayer Spaces Day

Week commencing 29th February will be Parents' Evenings week. There will be no after-school clubs this week, as the hall is being used.

On Monday, 29th February Sarah Gill will lead worship.

