



Cultural and Countryside

Education Newsletter

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Welcome to the seventh Cultural and Countryside Education Newsletter. Our aim is to give you a convenient at-a-glance information about forthcoming exhibitions, productions and education projects which may be of interest to you and your students. Over the last few months we have enjoyed working with many East Ayrshire schools on various projects and hope to see you at more of our educational events throughout the upcoming season.

Sea Fever Learning Programme

Sounds of the Sea

Tues13, Wed14 and Thurs15 November, 9.30am –2.30pm , Age Range: P5 – P7, FREE

Sea Fever Words

Mon19, Tues20 and Wed 21 November, 9.30am –12.30pm, Age Range: S1 – S3, FREE

Primary school pupils from East Ayrshire are being offered free drama and sound workshops. Working with musician, Marco Rea, the class will create their own musical/sound pieces, finding out what makes the sea so fascinating and how it has influenced people throughout history. In the drama workshop with Cultural and Countryside Services' Performing Arts team, the participants will use the 'Sea Fever' poem and the exhibition as a stimulus to explore and create dramatic sea stories.

The pupils will be given a tour of the exhibition by the Visual Arts and Media Officer before the workshop and will swap over for sound and drama during the day. Pupils will need a packed lunch and a short break will also be provided in the morning. The workshops are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Please note a maximum of 33 pupils can take part in the workshop.

Secondary school students from within East Ayrshire are being given the opportunity to explore this exhibition with a leading poet. The sea has long been a constant and captivating subject for poets. Students will work with writer, Kate Tough, diving to the depths of their imagination and experimenting with words to build their own poems. The workshops are suitable for English departments although students are welcome from across subject areas of the Curriculum for Excellence.

The pupils will be given a tour of the exhibition by the Visual Arts and Media Officer before the workshop. The workshops are allocated on a first come first served basis. Please note a maximum of 25 pupils can take part in the workshop.

To book either sessions for your school/other group please contact Kate Davies (Visual Arts and Media Officer) on 01563 554340 or by email kate.davies@east-ayrshire.gov.uk



ARTS DEVELOPMENT

At Doon Valley.....

Ayrshire's Reel History: Learning Programme at Doon Valley

Thursday 4 and Friday 5 October

10.00am – 12pm and 1pm – 3pm (2 hour workshop x 4)

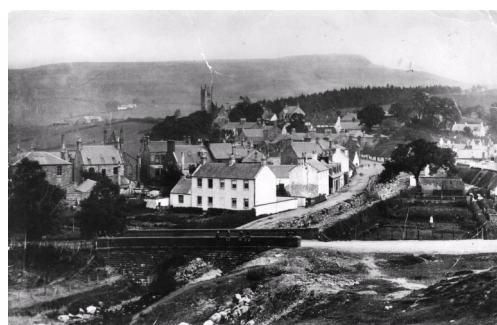
Age: P5 – P7 (Free)

In connection with Ayrshire's Reel History at Doon Valley, four groups from East Ayrshire primary schools will be given the opportunity to explore this fascinating exhibition and the history of Dalmellington through the medium of photography.

Working with leading photographer, Alicia Bruce, pupils will study the films and photographs to identify how the town and surrounding area has changed. The pupils will require digital cameras from school to use between them, and the workshop leader will work with them to capture the local scenery and architecture which is there today.

To book a session for your school please contact Kate Davies (Visual Arts and Media Officer) on 01563 554340 or by email

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Doon Academy – Christmas Exhibition

Thursday 29 November – Saturday 19 January

Tues – Sat, 10am – 4pm, FREE

The annual exhibition of artwork produced by the pupils of Doon Academy in Dalmellington. The varied and accomplished work is the result of the school's impressive art department.

Doon Academy's Annual Art and Design Exhibition 2012 is a showcase of senior Art and Design pupil work from the talented students of Doon Academy. The exhibition has a wide collection of work ranging from still life, portraiture, photography, fashion, jewellery and graphic design.



At the Palace Complex.....

UNSIGNED:UNLIMITED

Mondays beginning 3 September onwards, Art Halls 1 + 2 7.15pm – 9.15pm

£45 per term (limited subsidised and free places available)

UNSIGNED:UNLIMITED - Open to 14 – 21 year olds, the project looks at song writing, invention, composition, recording and live performance.

Now twinned with the Pump Up The Jam project at the Tolbooth in Stirling, the groups have travelled to meet their partners and have taken part in specialist writing for TV and film workshops.

Terms of ten weeks (which follow the school terms) take place. Each term costs £45 although there are limited FREE and discounted places available to families who receive income support or second siblings attendance. To book a place please contact the Palace Box office on 01563 554900.

VISIT THE THEATRE

At the Palace

Workshops for school groups, theatre groups and other users are available with the following Palace Theatre shows. Participants may have to visit the production to take part.

Strangebird Zirkus presents Ornithology

Grand Hall, Friday 24th August, 7.30pm. £7.50/£5

A cocktail of absurd comedy, Chinese pole and floor acrobatics spiked with an exposing insight into human behavior. Suitable for all age groups but may particularly appeal to the 11+ age group. Contact box office on 01563 554900 to book.

Communicado co-produced with Horsecross present Tam O' Shanter

Workshops are offered to 1st and 2nd year pupils and can take place within the Palace Theatre or within schools. The workshops will be on offer from Monday 27th August – Thursday 30th August with morning and afternoon slots available. There will be a maximum of 33 pupils per session.

*Please note only schools booking for the performance can book a workshop.

Thickskin presents The Static

Education workshops for High School students or Youth Theatre groups

Date and Time: By prior arrangement , Age 14+ , Cost: Free

Please note this workshop is only available to those who are booking to come and see this production

A post show discussion will be taking place after the performance.

ThickSkin

NTS presents Count Me In

Education workshops for High School students or Youth Theatre groups

Date and Time: Friday 14 September, Age 15+

Cost: Free –(Please note this workshop is only available to those who are booking to come and see this production)

The workshop is aimed at ages 15+.

A post show discussion will be taking place after the performance.

Pucko Dance Company in association with Brunton Theatre presents

The Adventures of Butterfly Boy

Education workshops for primary schools

Date and Time: Monday 8th October – (time by prior arrangement)

Age Primary 1 and 2, Cost: £50

Length of workshop: 1 hour and 30 minutes

MTD Productions LTD presents Mugenkyo Drummers

Education workshops for schools groups or other users groups.

Date and Time: Wednesday 24th October-(time by prior arrangement)

Age: various

Cost: £300 for two hour workshop or £150 for 1 hour workshop

For further information or to make a workshop booking please contact Michelle Laats on (01563) 554358.



Dean Castle Country Park

At Dean Castle & Country Park.....

Summer Symphony Saturday 4 & Sun 5 August

Concert at the Castle

Saturday 4 August, 6pm, Tickets £10/£6 conc

Join us for a wonderful evening of song performed by East Ayrshire's finest musical companies in the spectacular setting of Dean Castle Courtyard. Performances from Loudoun Musical Society, Kilmarnock Amateur Operatic Society, CAMPS, Centrestage and East Ayrshire Youth Theatre.

Romeo & Juliet

Sunday 5 August, 6pm, Tickets £12/£10 conc, Over 12s only

For the first time, Shakespeare will be performed in the beautiful and dramatic setting of Dean Castle Courtyard. Romeo and Juliet - brought to you by Glasgow based repertoire, Bard in the Botanics - promises to be a magical night not to be missed.

Saturday & Sunday from 1pm—3pm

Come and have a go at our FREE musical instrument taster sessions, enjoy some storytelling with Tony Bonning from 11am—4pm or take a specialist tour of the world renowned Van Raalte musical instrument collection at Dean Castle.



Tickets for both evening events from **Box Office on 01563 554900**

Events, Festivals and more...

Annick Valley Outdoor Festival

Various

Friday 31 August – Sunday 2 September

Dean Castle Conservation Volunteers

Dean Castle Country Visitor Centre

Sunday 23 September – Rhodie Bashing

Sunday 21 October – Bird and Bat Boxes

Sunday 25 November – Tree Planting

11am – 4pm

Free

River Ayr Way Runners' Challenge

Glenbuck Loch

Saturday 15th September

9am

£27 (non SAF members), £25 (SAF members)

October Holiday Programme

Dean Castle Country Visitor Centre

Sunday 14th October – Hunt for Red October

Tuesday 16th October – The Big sleep

Wednesday 17th October – Den-City

Thursday 18th October – Hedgie's Hibernation Homes

2.30pm – 4.30pm

£1.65

Deadly Dean

Location revealed at the time of booking

Saturday 27th October

6.00pm – 7.00pm (family friendly event)

7.30pm – 9.00pm (adults and over 8s only)

£1 for children, £3 for adults

Family Hibernation Homes

Dean Castle Country Park Visitor Centre

Sunday 4th November, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, FREE

Christmas

Snow White.....

Imagine Theatre

Snow White - PANTOMIME WORKSHOPS FOR SCHOOLS OR GROUPS

Date: Monday 3rd December 2012 – Thursday 6th December 2012

Cost: Half day (2 workshops) – £50

Full day (4 workshops) – £100

This workshop is suitable for children aged 5 – 12 years, 33 max per workshop

As an accompaniment to Imagine Theatre's Snow White there will be opportunities for the schools and local groups to take part in pantomime activities within their school or venue. The workshops can either be pre or post show and will be tailored to meet the needs of the school or group.

Within the workshops the students will get the chance to explore the wonderful characters from Snow White, the songs, stage make-up, costumes, slapstick comedy and other elements related to Pantomime.

Please note: Only schools or groups coming to see the pantomime can book a workshop.

To make a booking or for a free education pack then please contact the box office on 01563 554900

PANTOMANIA DAY

Saturday 24th November 2012

10am – 4pm

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12 years

£10 per person

Hi Ho Hi Ho to PANTOMANIA DAY we go!!!

Come along and join in all the fun in our Snow White Pantomania day!!

On this day you will receive a backstage tour of the Snow White set, get the opportunity to meet and greet some of the Snow White characters, try on some colourful panto costumes and find out some theatrical make up tips. To finish off you'll create your own slapstick routines, sing songs and explore principle characters.

Those taking part in the pantomania day will also be given one free ticket for the night time performance of the pantomime. For further information or to make a booking please contact the box office on 01563 554900



Santa's Grotto

Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 December Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 December

Santa will be on hand as usual in his Victorian Grotto, where your children can have a chat, give their Christmas wishes and receive a small gift to keep them happy until the special day. There will also be an opportunity to buy some unique Christmas gifts, sample some mulled wine or hot chocolate and listen to some traditional Christmas Carols.

ENJOY EAST AYRSHIRE

School Visits.... Free to East Ayrshire Schools

Dick Institute

Location: Dick Institute, Elmbank Ave, Kilmarnock KA1 3BU **Date:** all year round

Time: By arrangement, during normal opening hours (Tue – Sat 11am-5pm)

Capacity: 1 class **Duration:** by arrangement

The Dick Institute has displays of local and social history, natural history including rocks, fossils, minerals and taxidermy. Special focus on displays on the local textile industry. Kilmarnock First Edition printing press (see separate sheet) from August 2008. Two large galleries with a programme of exhibitions and events. See the Guide magazine or www.visiteastayrshire.com for further details of venue & programme. Able to be coordinated with a visit to the Library service (separate booking required)



Dean Castle

Location: Dean Castle Country Park, Kilmarnock KA3 1XB **Date:** all year round

Time: Week days between 10am – 12pm **Duration:** 1 hour **Capacity:** 1 tour = 20 people max. 2 tours can operate during a one hour visit. Groups larger than 40 can split

into a second hour. Class visits to Dean Castle, ancestral home of the Boyd Family, includes a guided tour of the Castle and its collections and looks at the history of the buildings and its previous inhabitants. Class visits with the Countryside Rangers at Dean Castle Country Park cover a wide range of topics in line with the Curriculum for Excellence. To download the outdoor learning pack visit <http://www.deancastle.com/park/enveduc.asp> Visit www.deancastle.com for our full range of events

Guided tours can be co-ordinated with school visits to the castle. Contact 01563 554734



Burns House Museum

Location: Burns House Museum, Castle St., Mauchline **Date:** all year round

Time: By arrangement, during normal opening hours (Tue – Sat 10am-4pm)

Capacity: 1 class **Duration:** by arrangement The Burns House Museum features original manuscripts written in Burns' own hand, with objects associated with him and his contemporaries. The museum is sited in the house where Burns and his wife Jean Armour lived. Audio Visual on Burns' life, plus recordings of some of his works.

Museum also features displays of Mauchline Ware and Curling stone manufacture. Annual Bard's Birthday school workshops in January



Loan Kits

Free Loan Kits available for 2 week slots. Call 01563 55 4350 for details and bookings. Minibeasts, Basic Geology, Wartime Suitcases, Knights and Ladies Knights and Castles, Victorian Home and School, Ancient Egypt, Tudors, Celts and Past Toys

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