

# WEEKLY NEWS

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## “ THE ANSON STAFF TAKE TO THE STAGE ”

**On the 17th and 18th December the staff at Anson take to the stage in a performance of Pyramus and Thisbe.**

Pyramus and Thisbe are the hero and heroine of a Babylonian love story related by Ovid in his Metamorphoses. They grow up as neighbours and fall in love. Our play is taken from the Shakespeare play, A Midsummer Night's Dream. It is performed by a group of players led by Peter Quince. With a lion, a wall and moonshine all taking surprisingly active roles, the Anson version is a faithful retelling of the story with a few surprises. Tickets for the show cost £4 per person with the money raised helping to support drama at Anson. Tickets will be available in the office and on School Gateway from Tuesday.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER

Animal Eco-Day at Anson  
£1 to wear green/blue/animal onesie  
£2 for the above plus soft toy animal

### FRIDAY 29th NOVEMBER

Hyde Class Assembly at 9:00am

### FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

Kensington Class Assembly at 2:30pm



## WEEKLY RECAP by Mr Pile: a couple of medical issues

**This week has been a challenge for many of our children with the spread of Hand, Foot and Mouth in the local area.**

This is a common infection that causes mouth ulcers plus spots and blisters on the hands and feet. It mainly affects children.

The first symptoms can be a sore throat, a high temperature or children not wanting to eat. The second stage is when the mouth ulcers and spots appear.

Hand, foot and mouth disease usually gets better on its own in 7 to 10 days. There are no antibiotics or medicine to cure it.

There is also no reason to stay off school unless your child is feeling unwell with the symptoms. This is because it is contagious before symptoms appear as well as while children are experiencing them.

To reduce the risk of spreading hand, foot and mouth disease children should be encouraged to wash their hands often with soap and water and use tissues to trap coughs and sneezes.

We have also seen a few cases of head lice. These are very common in young children and families. They are not caused by dirty hair but are picked up by head-to-head

contact. This can occur wherever children may be found playing together.

Head-lice can be difficult to spot in hair because they are up to 3mm in length. It is much more likely that you will find them at bath-time than teachers finding them in school.

Once you have identified head-lice please inform the school so we can share the information with families in your child's class. This will help families to check their child's hair. There is advice on the NHS website for how to treat the issue however, be aware that you cannot prevent head-lice but you can help to stop the spread.

## THE WEEKLY NEWS

### 1 GORDON BROWN

Parents of children in Year 4&5 have until 5pm on Wednesday 27th November to express their interest in the Gordon Brown Trip.

There are currently 23 children signed up for the experience with a minimum of 30 children required to make the trip viable.

There is more information on the school website: <https://www.ansonprimaryschool.com/parents/gordon-brown>

### 2 GIRLS ACTIVE



Last week 10 of our girls attended the Girls Active meeting at the Oval in London.

The programme is a commitment to foster girls' participating in PE, sport and physical activity empowering them to take positive action through activities to inspire their peers.

### 3 ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to everyone because attendance is at 96.2% and ahead of schools nationally.



## Q&A: SNOWY DAYS AT ANSON

#### What happens when it snows at Anson?

We always try to remain open if there is snowfall in the local area. We will only shut if we cannot safely staff the site.

#### How will I know if the school is open?

We will inform everyone about the status of the school on the website and then by text message.

#### Should I call the school?

Please don't call the school. The office will be empty as everyone attempts to clear the site ready for the children.

### 4 ROCK STEADY

It has been a rocky start to Rock Steady at Anson after illness, recruitment and a bereavement disrupted the opening lessons.

Following a conversation with the company we are back on track and looking forward to the bands performing in January. I have expressed my disappointment of behalf of the parents and children at the service we have received. However, if we now get the consistency the children deserve, I do expect some impressive progress over the coming weeks.

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Anson's Digital Leaders began their training this week.

Over the next few months they will become qualified Digital Leaders through the Childnet Programme. On their journey they will impact on the children in the school with online advice and become role models for online behaviour. They will also support you as parents with videos, posters and advice.

### 6 CHOIR SEASON

The Anson choir are about to embark on their biggest season yet.

This year they will perform at the O2, Westfield, Trafalgar Square and at in the BBC Television Centre. However, you can catch them closer to home in the Mapesbury Dell. Details are below.

### 7 CHRISTMAS FAIR

We are looking for festive items for the Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Next time you are shopping pop a festive treat into the basket and share it with us. We will add it to the stall on Friday 13th December.

### 8 SPRING TERM CLUBS

We are currently putting together the club offer for the Spring Term. Look out for a text message in the next couple of weeks so that you can register your interest. DFY will continue to offer sporting activities with some new clubs opening up from Anson staff too.



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