

NewsSheet

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Website Feature

THE POSTBOX

The PostBox is the Arts Academy's online messaging service. Parents and professors can exchange messages about pupils' progress or practice and share news about any upcoming concerts or events.

Sending a message is easy! All you have to do is log on to the parents section of the website and click on the PostBox. Then simply click to 'post a new message' and you're all set.

Of course you'll receive messages from your professor as well. Doesn't everybody love receiving messages? Why not log in today and check out your PostBox?!

Pupil Newsround

GOOD NEWS TO SHARE? WE'D LOVE TO SHOUT IT!

Highlighting just one Pupil of the Term just isn't enough with all of the great achievements our pupils are making! We want to share the great things that our pupils are doing here in our Pupil Newsround section.

So if your child has recently performed in a concert, passed an exam, started a new instrument, persevered through lessons

with a broken limb, or has experienced any other great milestone, please let us know. Just email the news to smileypeople@arts-academy.co.uk. We'll be happy to include your news in the upcoming Arts Academy NewsSheets.

LET US KNOW

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Arts Academy Team News

NEW ADDITION TO THE TEAM

Arts Academy would like to welcome Amanda Krause to the team as

Assistant to the Directors.

Originally from Wisconsin, USA and a former primary teacher, she is currently studying Applied Music Psychology as a post-graduate student at Roehampton University.

RUN, KIM, RUN

On the 25th of April, our very own Kimberly Bower is running the London marathon in aid of the Brain Research Trust. To find out more, visit www.arts-academy.co.uk/news

Instrument Focus

VIOLIN

The violin, sometimes called a fiddle, is a stringed instrument. Characteristics of the modern violin stem from Italy in the 16th century, with modifications made in the 18th century. 'Luthier' is a fancy name for a person who makes or repairs violins.

A world record was set by Christian Adam who played the violin while cycling backwards 60.45 km! Makes you want to play the violin doesn't it? The Arts Academy does have violins for hire if you are interested; but we might not recommend that cycling bit just yet!



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Pupil of the Term

Alexandra Kelly



From this term's nominations, we are happy to announce our first pupil of the term, Alexandra Kelly. Alexandra has been learning acoustic guitar with Arts Academy professor Charlie Evans. Charlie notes that no longer the same shy girl he first met, Alexandra "has upped her game in terms of practicing and has even volunteered herself for inclusion in her school music assembly." Please join us in congratulating Alexandra as Pupil of the Term! We hope Alexandra inspires other pupils. You can also find out about our Pupil of the Term online on our website at www.arts-academy.co.uk/news (and pupils can login to see the news as well).

What's on...

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April

14 - 18 April, 3 pm

The Hare and the Tortoise & other tales from Aesop

The Puppet Barge
www.puppetbarge.com
020 7249 6876

Fables brought to life with drama and humour! (ages 3+)
Tickets £8.50-10

17 April, 11 am & 2 pm

Family Gamelan Taster Workshop

Southbank Centre
www.southbankcentre.co.uk/
find/music | 0844 875 0073

Experience the Javanese Gamelan percussion orchestra. (ages 6+) £4-8

May

8 May, 11.30 - 12.30 pm

FUNHarmonics Family Concert

Royal Festival Hall | <http://shop.lpo.uk/performances>
020 7840 4242

Works performed by 7 composers hit with the travel bug! Plus try playing instruments beforehand!
Tickets £4-14

15 May, 12 pm

City of London Sinfonia's Family Concert

Cadogan Hall
www.cadoganhall.com
020 7730 4500

Enter the wicked world of Roald Dahl's Goldilocks! Tickets £6-8

15 May, 10.30 am

Junk Jam Family Day

Wigmore Hall | www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on
020 7935 2141

Spend the day inspired by percussionists and making instruments (for ages 5+). £8-10

29 May, 10.30 am & 2 pm

Family Play Day: Budding Maestros

Royal Academy of Music Museum | www.ram.ac.uk/events | 020 7873 7300

Interactive workshop exploring the art of conducting. Free, but booking required.

June

4 June, 7.30 pm

Ukelele Orchestra of Great Britain

Cadogan Hall
www.cadoganhall.com/
020 7730 4500

A concert of funny, foot-stomping melodious entertainment. Tickets £14-22

12 June, 12.30 & 2 pm

Ugly Duckling

Polka Theatre
www.polkatheatre.com
020 8543 4888

Can Major Mustard cheer up Funky Feathers? (for ages 3-6)
Tickets £7.50

26 June, 10.30 am

Summer String Along

Wigmore Hall | www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on | 020 7935 2141

Workshop day for families (ages 5+). £8-10

July

7 July - 21 August

Skitterbang Island

Polka Theatre
www.polkatheatre.com
0202 8543 4888

A brave little girl meets a curious creature in this puppet opera (for ages 3-6). Tickets £8

10 July, 2 pm

The Lion Who Wanted to Love: Family Concert

Wigmore Hall
www.wigmore-hall.org.uk/
020 7935 2141

Discover Leo's story with Ensemble 360 and Polly Ives (for ages 5+). Tickets £4-8

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Happy Quotes from our Happy Parents

If you have a happy comment you can send to us, then please email: smileypeople@arts-academy.co.uk

"Loic and Luke were thrilled with Johannes this week and Loic said he had his best guitar lesson with David so far! So all's going very well!"

Romanie Ruggier

"Ben is great. He has managed to inspire Fraser and suddenly (and at last) Fraser is wanting to play every day! Fantastic."

Amy Barclay

Competition

This term, we are giving you a chance to win a great package of prizes, including: a family pack of 4 tickets to 'Pirates!' at the Polka Theatre and to 'The Lion Who Wanted to Love' at Wigmore Hall, an annual subscription to the magazine Baby London with £20 in JoJo Maman Bébé vouchers, as well as a blue music stand, a pink recorder, a set of music Jokes & Quotes, and a copy of Hairy Ponies and Friends, direct from the publishers!

Winner takes it all! So to get your name in the prize draw, visit www.arts-academy.co.uk/competition and nominate a friend to receive this newsletter by 15 June 2010!



Term Dates

Summer Term 14 MusicHours™

Start: Monday 12 April
Half Term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
Re-start: Monday 7 June
Close: Friday 23 July

Autumn Term 14 MusicHours™

Start: Monday 06 September
Half Term: Monday 25 - Friday 29 October
Re-start: Monday 01 November
Close: Friday 17 December