

# Autumn/Winter Newsletter

## Message from the Headteacher



What a wonderful start to the autumn term, a time for engaging collaborative and investigative work. Artists were looking at portraiture, whilst computer buffs were studying photomontage. Phil entertained during his oracy sessions, with his fantastical ideas and booming voice. Thinking logically how do you do that? You would have found out by joining us. Finally, the smells from the food tech workshop. If you love food and want to know how to prepare simple dishes, this is the one for you. Just a taste... hmmm, always nice to be the taster? When would that not be a nice job?

Anne Hamilton, Headteacher

## Some of our Autumn Term Highlights

### The warm glow of the Evelina Hospital School

My name is H... I live in London, it is freezing in the winter! I have a brother called Samuel. I am still thinking about what I want to do in the future. I love all sort of animals, my favourite animal are penguins. They are my favourite because they cuddle up to each other when they are cold. **I love going to the Evelina Hospital School because it keeps me busy and warm!**



### Visit by Jeanne Willis



One of our highlights this term was a visit from the children's author, Jeanne Willis, of *Bog Baby* and *Dr Xargle* fame. Jeanne spent the day with us reading from her new book *The T Rex who lost his Specs*. She brought with her a suitcase full of amazing fossils and dinosaur bones to show us. Do have a look at Jeanne's website to find out more about Jeanne and her books.

<http://www.jeannewillis.com/>

### Books for Keeps

Do you enjoy a good read?  
Are you always looking for a new book to get your teeth into?  
On the lookout for your favourite author's new publication?  
Our pupils would definitely recommend you take a look at this on-line magazine all about books for children: [www.booksforkeeps.co.uk](http://www.booksforkeeps.co.uk)  
The Evelina Hospital School English Team.



### Maths Magic

Ask this mathematical question below without showing the wording, most people will get it wrong including adults. **"20 sick sheep add 4 sheep equals..."** (The answer should be 24—most people will say 30 sheep)

## Art at the Evelina

### Workshops

This term, we have worked on portraiture and on a project called "The fresh air campaign" led by Essentia, and to which Evelina Children's Hospital School has pledged support. Every Tuesday



afternoon, Christine, the art specialist leads a whole school art workshop in the atrium: it is always a very successful session. Children find a space to explore, create and express themselves as well as socialise with each other.

We have started our first art workshop for staff, which takes place after school and is attended on a voluntary basis.

### Display

Our school display has been regularly changed and the children contributed drawings for its border as well as work such as biographies and poems.



For Black History Month, this year we concentrated on black Britons who have hugely contributed to our community, our young people of all ethnicities can easily relate to them. There is a question sheet to go with this display, which helped the children practice for English comprehension, while ensuring that the children read the biographies.



We also have started to investigate the history of Evelina Hospital and of Evelina Hospital School. After the destruction of World War 2 and following the creation of the National Health

Service in **1946**, Evelina merged with Guy's Hospital and moved to the newly opened Guy's Tower in 1973. Come and join us at the school to discover more about the history of the hospital.



### Art Gallery

We have now put up a permanent art gallery at the reception door, as a follow up from our first summer exhibition back in July.

### End of Term

Please note that school will be closed on Tuesday 19 December. Our last day of term will be Wednesday 20 December. We would like to wish you all Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Wednesday 3 January for another term packed with amazing activities.

