



# Rockport School News

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### Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 Half Term Holiday

Nov	Time	Event
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45	All Pupils Return
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	09.30-10.00 10.00-10.45 11.00-11.45 11.45-12.45 13.40-14.30  15.00-16.00	R5-R7 Anti-Social Media Awareness R8-R10 Anti-Social Media Awareness R11-R12 Anti-Social Media Awareness R11-R14 Drugs Awareness R8-R10 Drugs Awareness  Parents – Drugs Awareness and Social Media, Centenary Building
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup>	17.30-20.30	R8-R12 Girls' PE: Swan Lake Production, Grand Opera House OR & Friends of Rockport Event: Revolución de Cuba
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00-12.00 10.30	R3-R4 Ulster Museum Remembrance Service, Glencraig Church
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup>		AQE Test 1

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## (Anti-)Social Media and Drugs Awareness Programme – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

As part of our preventative curriculum, we have planned an (Anti-)Social Media and Drugs Awareness day for pupils from R5-6<sup>th</sup> Form. The programme will be delivered by specialists from PSNI and the format for the day is as follows:

0930-1000	<b>R5-R7</b>	Anti-Social Media Awareness
1000-1045	<b>R8-R10</b>	Anti-Social Media Awareness
1100-1145	<b>R11-R12</b>	Anti-Social Media Awareness
11.45-12.45	<b>R11-R14</b>	Drugs Awareness
1340-1430	<b>R8-R10</b>	Drugs Awareness

## 1500-1600 – Parents – Drugs Awareness and Social Media

All of these sessions will take place in the Centenary Studio and tea and coffee will be provided before the parents' session at 1500. Please plan to attend.

## Remembering the Rockport Fallen

As we approach our Remembrance Day Service on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the finishing touches are being put to a book which takes a look at those Rockportians who lost their lives during the war. Much time and research has gone into the production of this book, which is as factually correct as possible, and it will take pride of place in our war memorial room in the basement, alongside other artefacts. All students from R5 to R14 will be issued with a personal copy and a cost of £5 will be added to the bill, £1 of which will be donated to the Poppy Appeal.

**Mrs Rhonda D. Palmer**  
Deputy Head

## Royal British Legion Sale

In addition to the poppy which each child will receive in class, there are other items which can be purchased in the office. Please support this worthwhile cause.



## RDS Rehearsal Schedule: November - December

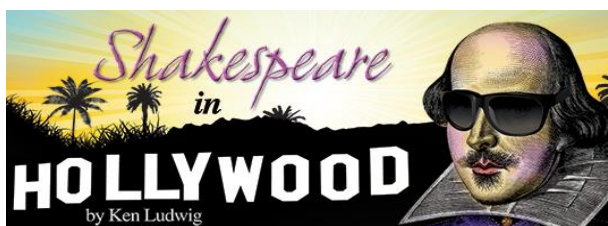


If you cannot make **any** of the rehearsal times below, please let Miss Breen or Mr Lutton know **before** the first rehearsal on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. We will try our best to rearrange the schedule, but we would ask that you make rehearsals **a priority**.

Please ensure you have read the particular scene before the rehearsal date. All rehearsals will take place in the **Tucker Hall from 4.10-5.30**, unless you are informed otherwise.

Date	Pages	Cast required
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	15-21	LOUELLA, REINHARDT, WARNER, LYDIA
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	21-23 24-27	ALL WARNER BROTHERS OBERON, PUCK
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	27- 36	REINHARDT, OLIVIA, OBERON, WARNER, DAYRL, PUCK
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	37- 45	HAYS, OBERON, REINHARDT, PUCK, OLIVIA
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	All above	ALL CAST ABOVE for full run through of above scenes
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	45-52	LOUELLA, LYDIA, DARYL, POWELL, REINHARDT, OLIVIA, OBERON, CAGNEY, BROWN, PUCK
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	53-60	POWELL, OLIVIA, OBERON, PUCK, REINHARDT
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	60-69	PUCK, LYDIA, OLIVIA, CAGNEY, BROWN, POWELL
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	71-77	REINHARDT, LOUELLA, PUCK, BROWN, OLIVIA, OBERON, HAYS, DARYL, WARNER
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	78-84	LYDIA, WARNER, DARYL, LOUELLA, HAYS, PUCK, REINHARDT, OBERON, POWELL, OLIVIA
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	85-91	ALL WARNER BROTHERS, OLIVIA, CAGNEY, OBERON, PUCK, REINHARDT, HAYS, DARYL
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	92-END	REINHARDT, LYDIA, OLIVIA, HAYS, POWELL, CAGNEY, DARYL, WARNER, BROWN, OBERON, PUCK.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	45-END	ALL CAST REQUIRED for full run through of rehearsals from November 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	15-END	FULL RUN THROUGH – ALL CAST REQUIRED

Rehearsal schedule for January / February will be published after Christmas.



## OR and Friends of Rockport Event

A reminder of our next Old Rockportian event happening in Belfast on Thursday 9th November.

It's sure to be a great evening. Please help us spread the word – all ORs very welcome. It will be a casual evening with no formal agenda, just a chance to get together for a bite to eat and a few drinks!



## Clubs

Clubs will recommence the first week back after half term (Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November). All clubs from the previous half of the term will continue on through to the end of the penultimate week of term (w/c Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December). Any queries please contact the club teacher or [creid@rockportschool.com](mailto:creid@rockportschool.com)

## Assessments R5 – R11 (not R7)

Class Assessments for R5 – R11 will take place during the two weeks commencing Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November (R7 will not have assessments this term due to AQE). Please note that these are class assessments and each member of your son / daughter's teaching staff will inform them when each assessment will take place. These assessments will be based on the work completed so far this term and is used for interim progress assessment for teaching staff. Form teachers will have an overview of when their Form Class Assessments will take place.

Any queries [creid@rockportschool.com](mailto:creid@rockportschool.com)

**Colin Reid**  
Head of Faculty



## A Spook-tacular Halloween

Many thanks once again to the PTA who provided yet another treat for the children in the run-up to half-term. The Early Years children thoroughly enjoyed trick or treating around the campus and the spooky walk for R5-R7 in the basement was a real feast for the senses; from the creepy hanging spiders' webs, to the ghosts and ghouls peering out from behind doors, the event was certainly one which whipped up lots of screams and laughter! Thank you to Carol and her team who did such a fantastic job over the course of the day.

**Mrs Rhonda D. Palmer**  
Deputy Head

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Junior Choir and instrumentalists**

Rockport Junior choir and instrumentalists have been invited to perform at the Culloden Hotel Christmas tree lights 'switch on', Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a lovely event, and one which we look forward to every year. Times will be confirmed after half term.

**Melanie Carr**

**Teacher in Charge of Music and Drama**



## Trick or Treat

A HUGE thank you to the PTA for ensuring another memorable day for our children yesterday. The children had the most wonderful time 'Trick or Treating' and were spoilt with lots of delicious treats. Thanks also to the teachers who took part. The children ventured into classrooms they didn't know existed...

We are so thankful to have such supportive parents and appreciate all the efforts you put in. Thank you!

## R3 and R4 Trip to the Ulster Museum

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

The children in R3 and R4 will be visiting the Ulster Museum on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to view the iconic Ceramic Poppy Exhibition. A permission slip has been sent home with your child. Please return at your earliest convenience.

**Lynn Athanasiou**  
**Head of Early Years**



### **Halloween**

I love Halloween at school and I think it's because of your wonderful pumpkins! I loved them all, carved, painted, and propped and looking very seasonal. They remind me of roaring fires, warmth and cosiness.

The PTA had a great time yesterday trick or treating with witches, wizards, princesses, spiders, pumpkins, zombies, power rangers and werewolves around the senior school. The children were so well behaved, polite, and incredibly "cited" about knocking on doors in parts of the school they had never been to. A pretty little witch from R1 wondered "I think we are lost. I don't think we will find our way back to school."

### **Screamers Alley**

It's a fine line between being rubbish and being too scary for children but by their reactions I think we got it nearly right. I stood at the end of the alley to herd the children to safety and s'mores, so I got to listen to their reactions as they walked along the corridor. I could hardly contain my laughter. Giggles and squeals and the odd bravado "whatever" didn't prepare the children for the finale. I know a couple of children got a real fright at the end BUT went back through it again!

### **Hallowe'en Hamper**

Thank you to everyone for entering our raffle for the hamper. The winner is....well it's a bit embarrassing really...FIX FIX...my son Peter got the winning ticket. All above board and no cheating as it was picked out in front of lots of people by Miss Carr. Sorry Mrs McKerrow (who always wins) but maybe next time 😊

### **Thank you**

I would like to thank all the PTA volunteers yesterday who gave up their time to help organise and deliver a fun day to the children. It would be impossible to do it without you.

### **Tropic Pamper Party – Tuesday 14th November**

We have Tropic Glambassador Corrina MacLean coming to school to show us the wonderful Tropic skincare and make-up range. It'll be a fun night and maybe a great way to get some Christmas shopping done!

There is a chance to win a Tropic hamper...and I promise it won't be my son! You can buy a "square" at £2 each from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The squares sheet will be in the school office or alternatively please leave an envelope with your name and payment with your child's form teacher and we will put your name down.

All proceeds to the PTA fund and very much appreciated.

## **Fireworks!! – Thursday 23rd November**

This year we have decided to change the timing of the Halloween fireworks due to school commitments. Instead we will enjoy Mr Shiel's annual explosions after our Thanksgiving Dinner. As many of you know Thanksgiving is a highlight for families at Rockport. Not only do we get to have a DELICIOUS meal catered for by our very own top notch kitchen team but it is a time to enjoy each other's company. It's a noisy occasion but one I highly recommend you come along to.

Cost:

Thanksgiving Dinner

Adult £15

Child £7

Under 4s Free

Fireworks to be billed at £5 per family to cover costs.

To allow us to cater for the Thanksgiving dinner please give your name to school office from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be billed to your account.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tropic Pamper Party – **Tuesday, 14th November**

Thanksgiving Dinner & Fireworks – Thursday 23rd November

Santa Claus – Thursday 21st December

**Carol Thompson**  
**PTA Chairperson**