



# Rockport School News

INDEPENDENT BOARDING & DAY SCHOOL BOYS & GIRLS 3-18

## Newsletter no 19 / Spring Term / 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018



Feb	Time	Event
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Week 9.00-12.00 16.00-18.00	Early Years' Parent Teacher Consultations (by appointment) R1-R2 to Holywood Library R5-R7 Parent Teacher Consultations, Sports Hall
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	16.00-18.00	R8-R9 Parent Teacher Consultations, Sports Hall
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-15.30 18.30	R12 & R14 Art to Seacourt Print Workshop, Bangor RDS 'Shakespeare in Hollywood', Tucker Hall
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	18.30	RDS 'Shakespeare in Hollywood', Tucker Hall
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>15.00</b>	Half Term Break begins

**Mon 19th**

**8.45 All Pupils Return**

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# Shakespeare in HOLLYWOOD

**A comedy farce**

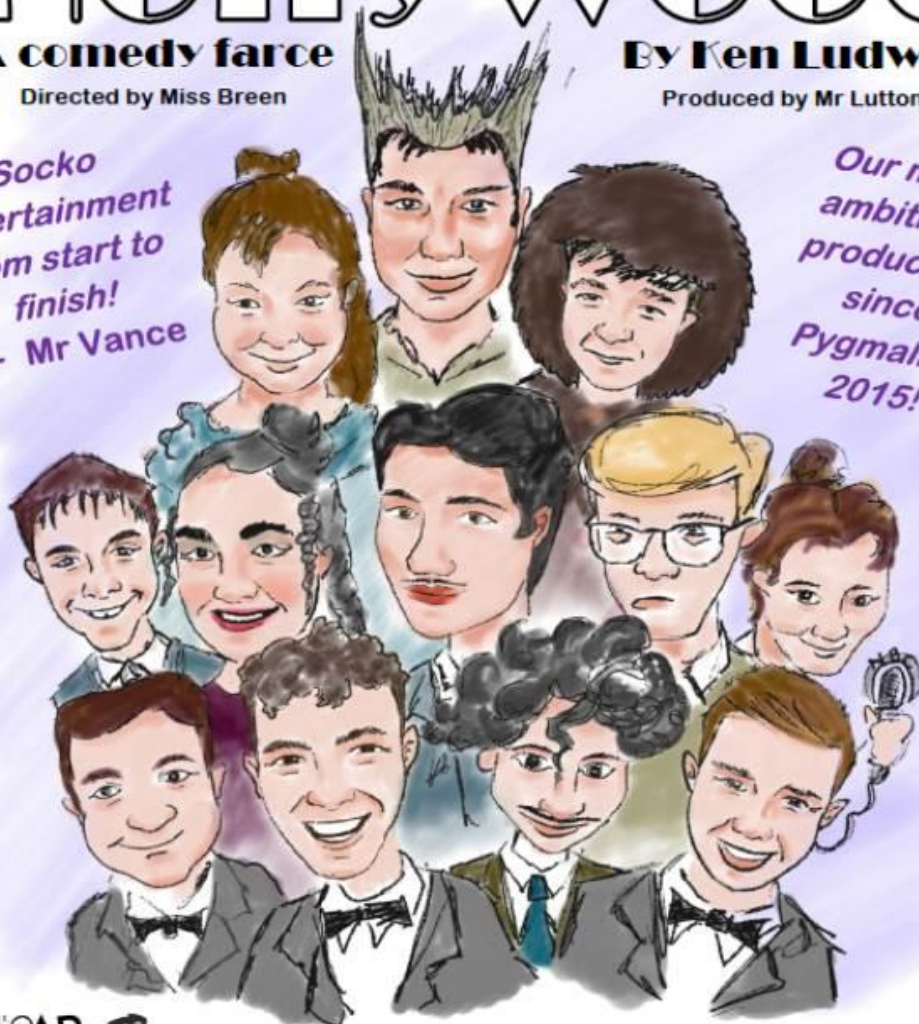
Directed by Miss Breen

**By Ken Ludwig**

Produced by Mr Lutton

*Socko  
entertainment  
from start to  
finish!*  
- Mr Vance

*Our most  
ambitious  
production  
since  
Pygmalion  
2015!*



**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>  
February at 6.30pm, Tucker Hall**  
**FREE tickets available now**  
**from the SCHOOL OFFICE**

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### **Sci-Tech Workshop**

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Miss O'Hara and Miss Carson will be taking a group of R8 and R9 students to the Sci-Tech Workshop at Stranmillis University College. This engaging workshop will be hosted by BBC's David Meade, in conjunction with CCEA and BT. The students will work collaboratively in teams to solve problems related to science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The students attending will travel via train to the event and must bring a packed lunch.

### **Miss Sophie O'Hara**

**Teacher of Physics and Chemistry**

**100 Form Tutor**

### **Songs for an April Evening**

Please note that Songs for an April Evening will take place on Monday 23rd April, 6.30pm. All welcome.

### **Catherine Hunter**

**Singing Tutor**

## **Head Lice**

A case of head lice has been detected in the Early Years Department. Please do your part to prevent the spread by checking your child(ren) daily for the next few weeks, and on a regular basis thereafter.

Thank you

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

**Week Beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

### **Playgroup-R4**

Don't forget, there is the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher during the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Sign-up sheets will be available outside classrooms.

## **Open Day**

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018**

**10.30am-12pm**

It's Open Day on Saturday. We appreciate that many of the children have commitments at the weekends but if they are available, we would love to show them off. It's from 10.30am-12pm. Children should meet in the Jackson Hall. They should wear everyday uniform.

## **Daycare**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

We finish for half term next Friday. A reminder that Daycare is only available until 3pm on this day.

**Lynn Athanasiou**

**Head of Early Years**

**Mud Part Two**

It was with great pride that I watched my children come out of school this week covered in muck and gutters (more County Armaghisms). Yes, I know last week I was sort of complaining about the mud covered clothing, but I find it more satisfying that they have spent Games outside battling the cross country run. I love to see them with their rosy cheeks, runny noses (maybe not so much), and their mud smeared winter white legs. I could almost make out their footwear beneath the layers of earth. I noted the boys preferred footwear for the cross country is now football boots. Apparently normal trainers are useless and a more agricultural approach was needed to traverse the unpredictable terrain. I love listening to them describe the dodging of brambles, the trips and falls, the stitches in their sides, and most terrifying of all "Death Hill" - Once likened to the final stretch to the summit of Mt. Everest. (If your child has never described it in those terms I would question whether they've actually conquered it☺)

**Colour Run**

Next week we will be sending home information and permission slips for the colour run. Please hand these back on your return to school after half term. This will give us time to order the powder, t-shirts, crazy sunglasses, and duct tape to strap Mr McIlveen to a tree and splat him with colour...of course I'm joking!!!!

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Easter Bunny – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 9.30am**

**Colour Run – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – 3pm**

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