



PRAIZIN' HANDS PUPPET GROUP

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THE END OF ANOTHER ACADEMIC YEAR.....

The teams are looking forward to a rest over the summer before everything starts back again in September. Over the summer, new scripts will be written, and plans will be made for 2025 and 2026.

Thank you to you all for your continuing prayers and support. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to all those who came along to our Puppet Group AGM. It is wonderful to see all your friendly faces and see it so well supported.

COULD YOU MAKE PUPPET COSTUMES?

We are looking for creative people who love sewing and who would be willing to make some costumes for our puppets. We have various pieces of fabric left over from other sewing jobs and would love it if you are able to make some outfits for us. We are looking for Biblical costumes but also various sets of glitzy matching outfits to be able to use with our upcoming presentations. You can be as creative as you like with these!

Please email beverly@praizinhands.org.uk if you or someone you know may be interested. Thank you.



YEAR 6 WORKSHOPS

We have run 3 workshops for Year 6 as a trial this year and they have been a huge success. We had 8 young people at Blackfield Primary School, 12 young people at Waterside Primary School and 17 young people at Wildground Federation. All the children were enthusiastic and enjoyed learning some basic puppetry skills. We hope that one or two may be interested in joining our Little Hands team in September.



BIG HANDS TEAM UPDATE

Our Big Hands team meet back again on Wednesday 11th September for Christmas rehearsals.

We had 3 ladies come along to our 'Taster morning' and we look forward to hearing from them over the summer to see if they feel led to join the team.

We will be holding a separate session for a lady who is interested in finding more about being an 'Up Front' person in assemblies.

We hope to get a group together to attend the Equip Festival at the beginning of November. Hopefully, we will have enough to enter a song into a competition.



PLEASE JOIN US TO PRAY FOR A NEW BUILDING.....

Maz is organising a special prayer time at the 'Puppet Hut', South Street, Hythe on **Sunday 29th September** at 5.00pm. It will only be for up to an hour and we would love it if you could come along and pray with us to ask God for a more suitable building to provide for the growing needs of Praizin' Hands.

If you can't stand, please bring a collapsible chair with you.

This is also an opportunity to have a look around and see where we are and the problems that we are facing day to day.

Please put the date in your diary and it will be great to see YOU!

LITTLE HANDS PUPPET TEAM UPDATE

Our Little Hands Team had an evening at Ferny Crofts on 25th July playing Aeroball and having drinks and snacks.

On Saturday 27th July, the team performed twice at the Waypoint Church Summer Fun Day in Locks Heath. The Fun Day was a great success attended by over 800 people.

It has been great to have Joy come down and tackle the rest of the puppeteers 'difficult' questions about God, and our young people have really enjoyed those sessions along with the one Serena did. Lots of deep discussions were had. Thank you to them both.

Our Little Hands team meet back, after the summer, on Thursday 5th September.



They will be at Southwick Methodist Church, Sussex on Saturday 21st September and Lymington Baptist Church on Sunday 13th October.

The Taster Day for this team will be on Thursday 26th September and this is open to all young people in school years 7 to 13.



PSHE SCHOOLS PROJECT TEAM UPDATE

We are very disappointed that we had to cancel the last few 'All Change' presentations due to Covid. Thank you to Angela who helped us out with the first couple of presentations.

However, we had a good tour of our 'Wellbeing' presentations for KS1 (Infants) over the summer term.

This team meet back on Monday 2nd September for rehearsals.

Then they begin visiting schools with our 'Friendships' Presentations, where we help children learn how to 'be' a friend to others:



- Thursday 26th September – Eling Infants
- Friday 27th September – Cadland Primary
- Monday 30th September – Orchard Infants
- Thursday 3rd October – Manor Infants
- Friday 4th October – Wildground Infants
- Monday 7th October – Oaks Federation
- Thursday 10th October – Waterside Primary
- Friday 11th October – Oaks Federation
- Monday 14th October – Oaks Federation
- Thursday 17th October – Fawley Infants
- Friday 18th October – Blackfield Primary
- Monday 21st October – Stoke Park Infants
- Thursday 7th November – Marchwood Infants



CHANGE OF BANK

As mentioned in our last newsletter we have now transferred our bank account to The Co-operative Bank. Our previous account with the HSBC has now been closed.

If you need our new bank account details please contact us.

PUPPET GROUP AGM

Thank you to all those who attended the Praizin' Hands AGM on 2 July.

We hope it gave those who attended an insight to how Praizin' Hands works and information on each of the 3 teams.

LITTLE HANDS AWARDS

The Little Hands (Youth) team were presented with their annual progress awards during our AGM.

Matilda	– Grade 7	Naomi	– Grade 3
Larissa	– Grade 4	Jenai	– Grade 3
Alanna	– Grade 4	Ella	– Grade 2
Hannah	– Grade 3	Elizabeth	– Grade 2

