

THE DRAMA MEGA-SCENE

Gateacre School Drama Department Monthly E-Mag

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PRACTITIONER PARTY

This issue's Practitioner Party is brought to you by Y8 **Abbie Harrison**! The theatre practitioner we are focusing on this month is:

MIKE ALFREDS

Famous for:

Michael Alfreds, born in London in 1934, trained as a director at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. He lived in the US from 1954 to 1962, working for **MGM Studios** in Hollywood. Alfreds directed at the Royal National Theatre (1985-1988) He has also directed for Shakespeare's Globe, the **Royal Shakespeare Company**.



Alfreds has authored three books on his methods: *Different Every Night* (rehearsal processes), *Then What Happens* (adaptations), and *What Actors Do* (philosophy). His career spans directing and teaching acting and directing, with a method inspired by **Constantin Stanislavski** and **Rudolf Laban**, emphasising physical work, text analysis, spontaneity, and interaction in minimalistic productions.

Main Dramatic Theory:

- Emphasis on physical theatre and the use of our bodies.
- Minimalist Productions.
- Improvisation
- Scrupulous text analysis to ensure you are clear on the characters.

TO WATCH ALFREDS TALK ABOUT HIS DRAMATIC THEORY IN PERFORMANCE. [CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE](#)



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN - WHAT A YEAR!

THIS HAS BEEN A FANTASTIC YEAR FOR CREATIVITY IN GATEACRE AND THIS ISSUE, CURATED BY OUR NEW JUNIOR JOURNALIST TEAM IS A TESTAMENT TO ALL THE AMAZING THINGS HAPPENING. WE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO OUR KNEW JUNIOR JOURNALIST TEAM:

- AMBER HOGAN
- ABBIE HARRISON
- CAIDAN MUIS
- HARRISON JIM
- TOM LANGAN
- ETHAN COSSACK
- MAISEY ANDREWS

TO ALL THAT FEATURE WITHIN THIS ISSUE - WELL DONE, YOU ARE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF THE EXCELLENCE GATEACRE HAS TO OFFER!

HAVE A RESTFUL SUMMER!

THE MAGA-SCENE HQ TEAM



THEATRE NEWS

LET'S LOOK AT WHAT IS ON OFFER AROUND LIVERPOOL IN 2024/25.

This issue's Theatre News is brought to us by Harrison Jim (Y9) and Amber Hogan (Y9)

PEAKY BLINDERS
17 - 21 SEPT
Liverpool Empire Theatre

WONDERBOY
25-28 SEPT
Liverpool Playhouse

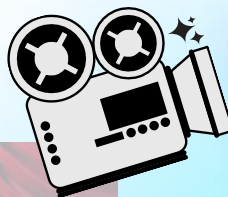
AUTUMN POETRY AND GCSE DEvised PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

COMING OCTOBER
Gateacre School

MACBETH
26 JULY
Liverpool Empire Theatre

ALADDIN
11 DEC - 5 JAN
Liverpool Empire Theatre

SISTER ACT
30 SEPT - 5 OCT
Liverpool Empire Theatre



WATCH OF THE WEEK



New Reel

FOLLOW THE GATEACRE DRAMA DEPARTMENT ON INSTAGRAM FOR FREQUENT UPDATES AND EXCITING CONTENT!

Watch our latest reels to see all the incredible things happening, including our recent trip to London and our reward evening where we celebrated 90 students for their outstanding contributions. Join us and stay connected with our vibrant community!





Creativity and Positivity in Gateacre

There has been SO much going on creatively around the school and our Junior Journalists have tried their best to keep up! Our Journalists Ethan Cossack (Y10), Maisey Andrews (Y7) and Harrison Jim (Y9) have been busy interviewing and reporting on all the great things happening within our departments!



THE WANDERING WORDS SOCIETY



RECENTLY, GATEACRE'S SPORTS TEAM HAVE COME OUT VICTORIOUS IN A NEW SPORT! A THRILLING COMPETITION WAS HELD FOR FLAG NFL AND GATEACRE'S SPORTS TEAM WON! THIS COMPETITION IS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE HELD IN LIVERPOOL. SO, IF YOU SEE THEM, CONGRATULATE THE SPORTS TEAM! THIS IS A ONE OF A KIND AN ACHIEVEMENT AND THE GATEACRE SPORTS DEPARTMENT COULDN'T BE PROUDER.

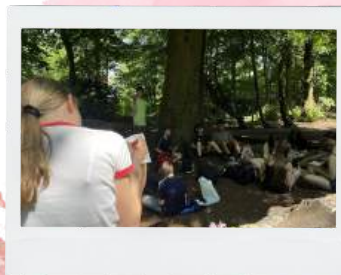
TWWS have started their ekphrastic poetry explorations ready for their poetry showcase in October.

They recently spent a whole afternoon exploring our local nature spot, had a picnic in the woods, and started writing our poems, inspired by just 'being'.

With a bigger co-hort of poets than last year, this is a poetry exhibition to beat!



The Wandering Words Poetry Exhibition will be taking place in October! Watch this space!



OUR JUNIOR JOURNALIST ETHAN COSSACK CAUGHT UP WITH A COUPLE OF THESE INCREDIBLE ARTISTS TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE..

Arts AWARD 2024

A group of Year 10 students who participated in the Arts Award project have also collaborated with the [Open Eye Gallery](#), a wonderful photography gallery located on Liverpool's waterfront.

Excitingly, their exhibition opened last month! This digital showcase features photographs they took around school, capturing their identity and environment, and is aptly titled 'Through Our Eyes'. The exhibition is free and will run until Sunday, so if you find yourself in Liverpool, it's definitely worth checking out.

Q: How do you feel that you were selected for the Art Award?

Imogen: I'm quite surprised that I was chosen

Violet: I'm also surprised and I'm happy

Q: Are you excited for your work to be shown?

Imogen: Yeah, I'm really happy for our work to be seen.

Violet: Same here.

Q: How long did it take you to complete the project?

Violet: We started in about November or December but we had scattered sessions until a couple weeks ago. And we're super happy that we had the freedom to create what we wanted. In art usually, our lessons are really structured around a certain theme that we recreate and such but we had the freedom to create whatever we wanted.



ART EXHIBITION

The Art Exhibition was a fantastic evening where students art work across the year were showcased in a fantastic art filled Maze. As audience members made their way to the exhibition they were greeted by our wonderful Drama stars dressed up as live paintings! The Art Department is also thrilled to share that some of our Year 9 students have their artwork showcased at the Walker Art Gallery. This gallery features some of the UK's most significant paintings. Our students' pieces will be displayed alongside masterpieces from the Renaissance by artists such as Rembrandt and Turner, Impressionist works by Monet and Degas, and contemporary pieces by Hockney. This is a remarkable accomplishment for our young artists!



Gateacre CHESS CLUB



What an amazing performance the kids from the Chess Club at Gateacre School have showed in the competition!

Going up against various schools all over the region, the Gateacre School Chess Club continued their mission to compete at the top level in the region yesterday with a promising performance at the Chess in Schools and Communities Summer Competition, hosted by Cardinal Heenan. Gateacre School went up against a total of 20 teams from 10 different schools all took part with age groups ranging from Year 6 all the way up to Year 13!

STEM MUSEUM NIGHT

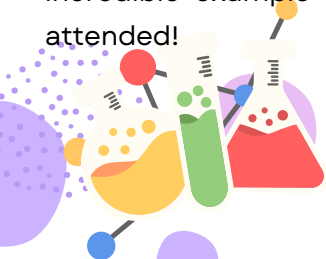
The first ever Gateacre Science Museum was a huge hit! Lots of messy science fun was had. The budding scientists were taken on an exciting and vibrant journey through lots of different science stations and experiments such as, slime making, Oobleck punching, egg parachutes, mysterious invisible ink. There were also some famous cameos from our resident reptiles! Science introduced Sasha the Snake, Winnie the Terrapin and an ensemble of stick insect family. Miss White wanted to give a special mention to how proud she is of the wonderful pupils who helped out! It sounds like a fantastic night had by all and you were an incredible example to the primary school pupils who attended!



MUSIC SUMMER CONCERT

Our school's summer concert was a huge hit, ending with a standing ovation from the audience. The highlight was definitely the Pop Voices' rendition of Fleetwood Mac's "Chains," which was a phenomenal example of how powerful collective voices can be. Another standout moment was the students' energetic performance of the classic "Mustang Sally," which had everyone on their feet. Musicians from all year groups brought the show alive with their impressive talent and enthusiasm. Adding to the buzz, our news reporters were all in attendance and unanimously agreed that the performances were the best they had seen yet!

Our dedicated staff, and vibrant student community made this concert a night to remember, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating the Carol concert - you hear that Mr News?!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

THIS ISSUE'S STAR OF THE TERM IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT! NOT ONLY HAS OUR JUNIOR JOURNALIST TOM LANGAN (Y9) ABLE TO CATCH UP WITH OUR DRAMA 'STARS OF THE TERM', WE WANTED TO GIVE OUR JUNIOR JOURNALISTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR A MASSIVE SHOUT OUT TO FOR HELPING MISS WALKER CURATE GATEACRE SCHOOLS ONLY CREATIVE AND POSITIVE E-MAG!

Drama Stars of The Term

25/24 JUNIOR JOURNALISTS



Y7 Maisey Andrews

Why do you enjoy drama?
The lessons are really fun and you get to express your emotions more than in other subjects.

Why do you believe you got star of the term?
I feel I have brilliant confidence in lessons which has helped me do and get more out of my lessons.

What is your favourite film?
Beauty and the beast!

At this point would you be taking drama GCSE?
For sure yes!

Y8 Ara Hadley



Why do you enjoy drama?
I find the lessons really fun in general. You learn in a really fun way.

Why do you believe you got star of the term?
I feel I work really well in a group and I'm a really confident speaker too.

How would you be able to use drama in the future?
I want to be an actress so I feel there is lots I can use from Drama.

As it stands now, do you feel inspired to take GCSE drama?
Yes definitely.

Y9 Harvey Morris



Why do you enjoy Drama?
There are some really funny parts to it but it also holds valuable learning aspects.

Why do you believe you got star of the term?
At first I had no club but I feel like I have a lot of confidence and been in the shows.

How would you be able to use drama in the future?
I'd like to continue doing the plays!

Favourite film?
Well it's a tv show but breaking bad

We had lots apply, and lots come and go, but this group stuck with the Maga-Scene and dedicated their time. Thankyou.



HARRISON JIM



CAIDAN MUES



ABBIE HARRISON



LIAM HOUSTON



AMBER HOGAN



TOM LANGAN



MAISEY ANDREUS



ETHAN COSSACK



TATILDA TAGLIABU



MILLY ROBERTS



ALYSSA MCGOERNY



MATTHEW GILL



APPLICATIONS FOR 2024/2025 NEW JUNIOR JOURNALISTS OPEN UP SEPTEMBER 2024

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.

WE WANTED TO USE THIS FINAL SPACE IN OUR MEGA-SCENE EDITION TO PRINT THE NAMES OF THE CAST, CREW AND BACKSTAGE CREW WHO MADE SUCH A PRODUCTION POSSIBLE. IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE.

CAST

NARRATORS

ABBIE HARRISON, ETHAN BLANTON,
SOPHIE ANDREWS

PRINCE/BEAST

YONA DYER

OLD WOMAN/ENCHANTRESS

ANNABELLA NYENRE/ CARYS JENKINS

BELLE

ELLA ROSE GRIMES/ HANNAH FITZPATRICK

GASTON

LUCA AIREY CONALTY/ JOSHUA GILMARTIN

LEFOU

DANIEL MAGILL

LA FILLES

JESS WILLIAMS, CARYS JENKINS, MILLY
ROBERTS, STEVIE LEA WILLIAMS, DAISY
AMBER KERR

MAURICE

ETHAN MCVEIGH/ HARVEY MORRIS

COGSWORTH

LOUISE THOMAS/ MATTHEW WILLIAMS

LUMIERE

POPPY BRACKEN/ MACK SAMPSON

BABETTE

AIMEE RYAN/ AMBER KERR

MRS POTTS

ASYA SERCE/ CHAWAN AHMED

CHIP

ELLA TAYLOR/ ADELE LEWIS

MADAME DE LA GRANDE BOUCHE

PHOEBE DULLAGHAN/ CARYS
JENKINS

MONSIEUR D'ARQUE

OWEN O'NEILL

VILLAGERS

RUBY MOORE, EMMA STANIAK,
CAITLIN O'BRIEN, AVA FURLONG,
JESSICA ROOT, CHLOE FULTON,
HARRISON JIM
LILY HERBERT, ALYSSA MCGOVERN,
OLIVIA MELIA, RUBY GRACE JONES,
JESSICA SUTTON, EMMA STODDART
AKSHAYNI MATHUR, ROSIE WOODS

DANCERS

JESSICA GROVER, MIYA-ROSE
WILLIAMS, HOLLY STRANGE, ELIZA
BRAKE, NAOMI HOGAN, ISABELLA
METCALF

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.

CREW

COSTUME

MASIE ANDREWS, RUFARO
MATARIRANO, MARY-ANNE SORFLEET,
MATILDA TAGLIABUE

MAKEUP

MISS WHITE

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

QUINN BEASLEY, CHARLI BEGG, KATIE
JONES, CAITLYN PALMER, ENOCH SHEK

LIGHTING

TOM FRANKLAND-LEATHAM, NICK
MCDOUGALL

FOLLOWSPOT OPERATOR

ALFIE MCVEIGH

STAGE ELECTRICS

ENOCH SHECH

SET CONSTRUCTION

MR. A. HERON

SOUND

MR. I. MCMILLAN, MISS L. MCMILLAN,
FINNLAY BARNES AND BTEC STUDENTS

DIRECTORS

MRS. E. GASH, MISS S. WALKER, MRS.
P. WARD

CHOREOGRAPHER

GEORGIA DOOLEY

STAGE MANAGER

LISA MITCHELL

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY

LEWIS BROOKS, CAIDEN MUIES

FRONT OF HOUSE

CARSON YU, LUCY CASE

SPECIAL EFFECTS

MICHAEL LLOYD

PRIMARY SCHOOL LIAISON

CARSON YU, POPPY DAVIES, JACK
DEANE

AND OF COURSE - THANKS TO

RAINFORD HIGH SCHOOL, MISS POWER,
THE BRINDLEY THEATRE, ADLIB, DISNEY
CRUISE LINES , MRS S. MITCHELL,
CARETAKING STAFF, REPROGRAPHICS,
TRAVIS PERKINS

THE BEASTIE BOYS AND GIRLS

GRAHAM WARNER - PIANO/MUSICAL
DIRECTOR
JJ SING - PERCUSSION
EUAN CARTWRIGHT - PERCUSSION
ROB JONES- BASS GUITAR
CIARAN EDWARDS - CORNET
ANDREW WHEATCROFT - VIOLIN
WIKTORIA WARDA - VIOLIN
MARK NEWNS - CLARINET
CHRIS TAYLOR - TENOR SAXOPHONE
GRACE ALLWOOD - VOCAL
DEMI RIDGWAY - VOCAL
RUFARO MATARIRANO - VOCAL



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