

# NEWSLETTER

*Opportunities, News and Events for Swale Schools*

## GUEST SPEAKERS – From 18<sup>th</sup> May Meet-up

We had great guest speakers at the meeting on Wednesday, sharing lots of exciting opportunities for Swale schools:

**ELIZABETH TOPHILL**  
SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION  
CURATOR AT [CEMENT FIELDS](#)

Cement Fields is a visual art organisation based in North Kent. Elizabeth told us about funded project opportunities for Swale schools and current call-outs (see listing further in newsletter). Apply within.

**CATHERINE HERBERT**  
PRODUCER FOR 'SHEPPEY  
DREAM ECOLOGY' PROJECT  
WITH ADAM CHODZKO

With us in her freelance capacity, Catherine recently confirmed Arts Council funding for an artist commission on the Isle of Sheppey, and shared opportunities for Swale schools to get involved.

**ANNA BELL**  
[OARE GUNPOWDER WORKS](#)  
[COUNTRY PARK](#)

Anna Bell talked to us about the outdoor learning opportunities for schools offered by Oare Gunpowder Works, Faversham.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS?

Please take 5 minutes to complete a survey about the Swale Creative Schools Network. We want to know what you and your school want from the network, meetings and any requests for art CPD training. Now is the time to have your say! **Click here to complete survey** <https://forms.gle/Anq63zTEUQ6wjduY6>

## SAVE THE DATE

The next meeting is on THURSDAY 21 JUNE 4-5.30pm. This will be IN-PERSON, hosted by Queenborough Primary School. It will be a practical print-making workshop and an exciting kick-start to our first Swale Creative Schools Art Project called 'Flock Together'. If you want your school to be part of a collaborative art project, please book your place via email to [jo.and.em.swaleCSN@animateartscompany.com](mailto:jo.and.em.swaleCSN@animateartscompany.com)



**ART BUILDERS - BRICK BY BRICK**  
ONLINE/KENT/UK



Sign up to be an Art Builder! Unlock lots of creative resources and join in with our **Art Builders Day, Friday 23 June 2023**.

This programme runs throughout Term 6 with an official Art Builders Day where primary and special schools get involved in art activities to champion the importance of creativity in their schools. It's a bit like a Sports Day – but an Arts Day! Alongside a school's own plans, registered schools will be able to:

- Access FREE online, live-streamed, artist led workshops, including African storytelling, craft and dance workshops.
- Access FREE creative resources and activities made by artists to use in the classroom
- Find inspiration and info to inspire teacher's planning, including this year's *Little Book Of Inspiration*
- Join the online rally using #artbuilders23 to create a louder voice championing arts in education.

Find out about the theme 'Brick By Brick' [HERE](#).  
Sign up to be an Art Builder School [HERE](#).

**NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR  
EDUCATION IN ART & DESIGN  
(NSEAD)**  
ONLINE



**NSEAD** is the leading voice for art, craft & design education across all sectors, all phases, throughout the UK and beyond. Membership offers comprehensive workplace protection, wide-ranging support for better practice and inspiration for every learner. You'll also get art magazines, posters, newsletters and access to courses and videos to support your arts knowledge in the classroom.

<https://www.nsead.org/>

**UPCOMING NSEAD EVENTS:**

[Leading Primary Art and Design Summer Workshop](#)

For primary school teachers registered on the leading primary art and design CPD course. Join course facilitator Susan Ogier for this FREE session including a practical workshop and drop in clinic.

When and where: 5-6pm, 14 June, online

**Early years | Primary | Secondary | SEN | H.E**

**ART UK - WRITE ON ART**  
UK



Write on Art is an annual national writing competition sponsored by [Art UK](#) and the [Paul Mellon Centre](#) to encourage an interest in art history among young people.

The prize is open to all UK students in the following year groups:

England and Wales: Years 10 & 11 / 12 & 13

Northern Ireland: Years 11 & 12 / 13 & 14

Scotland: S3 & S4 / S5 & S6

**The 2023 prize is now open for entries. The closing date is 30 June 2023.**

Find out more [HERE](#).

**Secondary | SEN | H.E.**

**KENT MUSIC**  
*KENT*



Information about how schools can apply for funding from Kent Music for 2023/24 can now be found on the Kent Music website:

[Funded Opportunities - Kent Music School Support \(kent-music.com\)](https://kent-music.com)

**Events Coming Up:**

[Orchestra ONE | Kent Music \(kent-music.com\)](https://kent-music.com)

[About Kent Music Summer School | Kent Music \(kent-music.com\)](https://kent-music.com)

These are open to instrumentalists and singers across Kent, with courses in Ashford, Benenden and Medway

**Primary | Secondary | SEN | H.E.**

**THE AVENUE THEATRE**  
*SITTINGBOURNE*



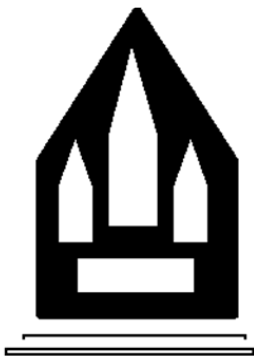
The Avenue Theatre, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne ME10 4DN

A great place to book a private cinema screening for schools to screen a movie as part of the curriculum or just for an end of term treat! The theatre has seating for 88 and a private screening is just £90.00 for up to 3 hours. We can also host your end of term production for year 6's in our small and intimate theatre, a really lovely memory for children (and parents) to take away with them.

For more information please email [admin@avenuetheatre.co.uk](mailto:admin@avenuetheatre.co.uk), call 01795 471140 or visit our website: [www.avenuetheatre.co.uk](http://www.avenuetheatre.co.uk)

**Primary | Secondary | SEN | H.E.**

**SHEPPEY LITTLE THEATRE**  
*SHEERNESS*



Sheppey little theatre do regular local history talks that could interest teachers. They have a number of plays coming up which school parties would be welcome to attend. These are "The Son", "Survivors" and "Hedda Gabler".

They host a children's drama group on Tuesday after school, and a dance school on Saturday morning.

The theatre is professional standard and can seat 130 people.

**Sheppey Little Theatre, Meyrick Road, Sheerness, ME12 2NX**

[www.shepeylittletheatre.co.uk](http://www.shepeylittletheatre.co.uk)

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**ANIMATE ARTS**  
**WW1 & WW2 CPD**  
*ONLINE*



This online session is an essential guide for primary teachers who are tasked with planning and designing WWI and WWII projects and/or displays for their school. This session is about inspiring you and finding new ways to learn about this significant period in history, using art as your starting point.

The artist host will take you through on a whistle-stop tour of artists and designers who made an extraordinary impact on the war efforts, to powerful artworks that commemorate the fallen, and an introduction of some of the creativity outputs by people living through the wars.

**Wednesday 20 Sep 2023, 4-5:15pm**

Book CPD Session [HERE](#)

**Primary | SEN**

**ROYAL OPERA HOUSE -**  
**LEADERS OF IMPACT**  
*SOUTH EAST/EAST OF ENGLAND*



**ROYAL  
OPERA  
HOUSE**

Royal Opera House are currently recruiting the next cohort of 20 teachers to join the 23/24 Leaders for Impact programme. Leaders for Impact is designed specifically for **headteachers** and **senior school leaders** who are in a position to influence whole school approaches to cultural learning. and supports:

- Developing your leadership skills
- To lead on cultural learning in and beyond your school community
- Making positive changes on a whole school, local and national level
- A network of leaders and schools that collaborate, support, and embed innovative practice

**The application deadline is the 19th May and you can find out more [here](#).**

**CEMENT FIELDS**  
**'RADICAL ART PROJECT'**  
*NORTH KENT*



**WHAT DOES RADICAL ART PRACTICE LOOK LIKE IN SCHOOLS?**

**Cement Fields are seeking a secondary art teacher from north Kent (swale included!) to work with a professional artist in their forthcoming art project.**

In this project teachers will be co-creators, offering their expertise and creativity to push the boundaries of artistic practice in schools as well as to develop their own, personal artistic and teaching practices.

Details about this project opportunity can be found [HERE](#)

If you are interested in being a part of this project, or would like to find out more please contact: [elizabeth@cementfields.org](mailto:elizabeth@cementfields.org)

**Deadline for expression of interest: Friday 9 June 2023**