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Youth Theatre: *At Home*

STAR WARS



Drama and Creative Resources for Ages 6-12

May the force be with you! We're celebrating Star Wars Day on May 4th with this week's Drama Home Resource. *For elements that require adult guidance we will let you know.

Have fun, be safe, and we look forward to seeing you back at GSA very soon.

***CONTENTS: DRAMA GAMES, IMPROVISATION, MAKE YOUR OWN MOVIE
COLOURING SHEET, CRAFTS AND SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS***

DRAMA GAMES

It's important to warm up before every drama class or performance. Warm up games are not just great for warming up your body and voice, but for getting your creativity flowing. These exercises are fun, will get you moving when the playgrounds are closed, and are great for ALL ages! As much as possible, furniture should be pushed back to the sides of the room. This is to avoid any accidents. Ask a parent first!

ALIEN, TIGER COW

This is a good game for teamwork and concentration!

1. Everyone stands in the circle and on the count of three has the option to be one of the below creatures.

- An alien: hold your index fingers up next to your head, as little antennas and say "Bleeb bleeb", bending inwards into the circle
- A cow: bend forward, hold your right hand on your tummy and go "Mooooo"
- A tiger: push your right hand forward, imitating a claw and roar.

2. The goal is to make sure everyone syncs up and chooses the same character, keep trying until you all choose the same one!



LET'S BUILD A SPACESHIP!

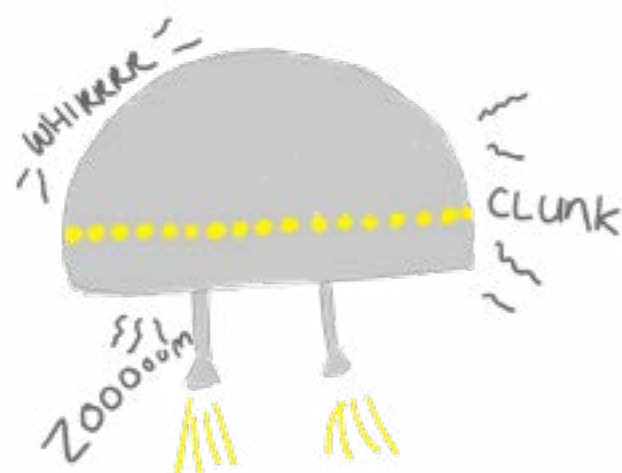
1. Everyone line up at a wall and one by one enter the space in the centre of the room and start "building your spaceship".

2. Every person who joins the space should move their body in a way to look like part of a machine or "spaceship". Maybe you march on the spot while flapping your arms. Maybe you spin in a circle.

3. Once everyone has chosen their movement they must keep repeating it.

4. Now add sound! Each person must choose a noise to make to link with their movement.

Think about what kind of noises a spaceship might make when flying through the air.



IMPROVISATION

TV TRANSLATOR

Three people at a time play this game - if you have more in your group - no problem, the rest can be the audience! This is one of the best improvisation games for challenging you to think on your feet and for teamwork.

THE ROLES IN THIS IMPROVISATION ARE:

- Talkshow Presenter
- Guest
- Interpreter/Translator

Grab three chairs and set the scene - you are on a TV show and the presenter is very excited to interview this guest for the first time.



There is one problem - the guest is an alien and speaks in alien language! The person playing the alien can decide to speak in any way they like - just so long as it makes no sense at all!

It is the translator's job to pretend they understand what the alien is saying and "translate" the answers to the presenter's questions.

TIPS

- If you are playing the part of the alien, make sure you remember that there are lots of ways of communicating without speaking - use your facial expressions and hand movements when speaking your funny alien language

- If the talkshow presenter needs help thinking of what questions to ask, here are some ideas:

1. What planet are you from?
2. What do you eat on your planet?
3. Where you scared when you arrived on earth?

MAKE A MOVIE

THE THEME OF THIS WEEK IS STAR WARS! ARE YOU READY TO MAKE YOUR OWN VERSION OF STAR WARS?

WHAT YOU NEED TO DECIDE ON: What happens, Where it is, Who is in it!

Why not have some fun coming up with ideas for movies by jumbling up the names from the existing Star Wars films?

ORIGINAL TITLES

- A New Hope*
- The Empire Strikes Back*
- Return of the Jedi*
- The Phantom Menace*
- Attack of the Clones*
- Revenge of the Sith*
- The Force Awakens*
- The Last Jedi*
- The Rise of Skywalker*

JUMBLED TITLES EXAMPLE

- The Jedi Strike Back*
- The Phantom Skywalker*
- The Attack Awakens*
-What other titles can you think of?*



Before you start shooting your movie you could "storyboard" your idea by drawing little pictures about what you think should happen. Use the template on the next page! Don't forget to make sure you have a beginning, middle and end.

STORYBOARD

3		6
2		5
1		4

MAKE A MOVIE

Once you have your storyboard you can start shooting your movie. To help you, we've asked our Movie Expert Thom for help! **As you will be using a camera phone, we highly recommend that for this part parents help out. Do NOT download anything on a phone or tablet without asking your grown up.**

THOM'S TOP TIPS FOR SMARTPHONE FILM MAKING

CAMERA CONTROL:

Usually the camera on your phone will be on an auto setting, this can be good for photos but when it comes to video you want a bit more control! To help you with this you can download the OPEN CAMERA app. Here is a tutorial on how to use it!

LIGHTING:

Now that you have the camera controls you need it's time to think about lighting! Most smartphones don't produce a great picture without great light. The best light is daylight, so I would advise you film outside if you can. If you are going to film indoors, make sure there are plenty of lights so you can add and remove lights to create dramatic effect! You can use lamps or main lights. **Again, make sure you never play with electricity.**

SOUND:

Sound is 50% of a film so it is VERY important! Make sure that you can hear what the actors are saying. Make sure that they are as close to the microphone as possible and that there is no background noise (that means YOU barking dog and crying baby brother!)

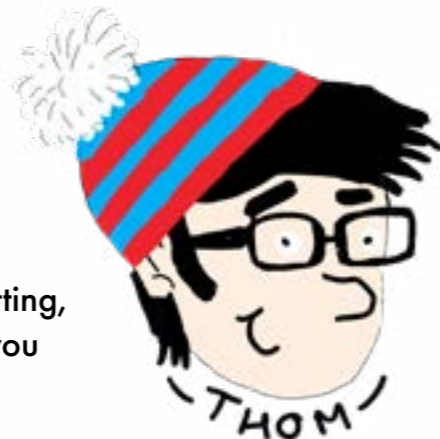
MUSIC:

Music will also help set the mood and atmosphere of your video and there are plenty of free resources on the internet that allow you to download and use them in your videos. [Youtube has a great little library of sound.](#)

EDITING:

This is where you bring everything together. There are lots of free phone apps that allow you to edit your videos directly on your phone. I recommend Premiere Rush which is free and works directly on your phone. If you want to use a computer to do your editing on you can use Windows Movie Maker or iMovie.

So there you have it! My top tips for smartphone video making, these should give you a strong starting point to capturing nice videos on your phone but there is no better way to learn that by



CRAFT CORNER

PAPER BAG YODA

What do you think about when you hear the word Puppet? Most people think of punch and Judy or even Sesame Street. Did you know that puppetry as an art form is over 3000 years old. You can use any material to make a puppet, even a paper bag! If you are going to create your own puppet show you need to use the right terms. If you control the puppet you are called a puppeteer, and your performance is called a puppet production. Don't forget the script you are going to use is known as puppet play! Have fun and we can't wait to see what puppet performance you come up with.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- Paper (green and white or off-white)
- Googly eyes
- Paper bags
- Gray colored pencils
- Glue
- Scissors

HOW TO:

- Draw and Cut out all the shapes you need.
- Get a parent to google a picture of Yoda to help
- The eyelids are half ovals, and you'll need to make the size a bit bigger than your googly eyes
- You'll need two long strips of white paper for Yoda's robe
- Yoda's face and ears are made out of green paper
- Color in the ears with a gray or green colored pencil
- Glue the robe and the face onto the paper bag
- Using a gray or green colored pencil, draw lines and wrinkles on Yoda's face (Unless of course you are going for a Baby Yoda look!)

Your puppet is complete

Now you just have to work on your script, I mean puppet play!



LET'S GET SCIENTIFIC!

In Theatre, prop makers love to repurpose things and reuse them in fun and new ways. This Lightsaber is so simple to do even a small padawan would be able to do it.

WHAT YOU NEED:

- A bubble wand (If you don't have one you can use an empty narrow clear bottle)
- Water
- Glitter Glue
- Glow stick (For optional light up fun)
- Duct Tape
- Bowl
- Pouring jug

HOW TO:

- Take the handle of the bubble wand and cover in the duct tape.
- Mix water and glitter glue in a small bowl. If you don't have glitter glue add plain glitter to the mix
- Pour the mix into the bubble wand
- Activate your glow stick by snapping it and drop into the mix.
- Tighten the bubble wand and there you go a simple glow in the dark lightsaber!

THE SCIENCE BIT:

Glow Sticks do not have batteries, like a torch, so how do they emit light? The answer is through creating energy due to a chemical reaction and is called Chemiluminescence.

A Glow Stick holds a hydrogen peroxide solution and a solution containing a phenyl oxalate ester and a fluorescent dye. When they combine through the snapping of the stick the chemical reaction releases a huge burst of energy which causes the glow stick to glow, it's like a little portable chemistry experiment



We hope you enjoyed the Star Wars fun! We'd love to hear how you get on! You can tag us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Gaietyschool or email marketing@gaietyschool.com.

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