

Artsmark News

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The Value of the arts

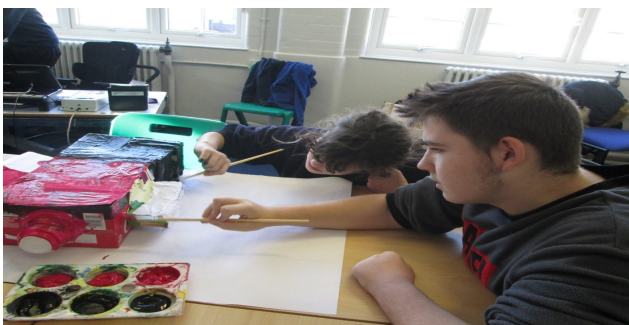
Welcome to our first arts newsletter! We are keen to keep you updated on our journey towards achieving this quality mark. Things are progressing well and we are really beginning to see the benefits and impact that an arts-enriched curriculum can have on our pupils and staff. The World Health Organisation has just published a report emphasising the positive effects the arts can have on our health and wellbeing throughout our lives. For example, reading to young children before bed can improve sleeping habits and concentration at school. Later in life, music can support cognition in people with dementia. Singing, in particular, has been found to improve attention, episodic memory and executive function.

Arts through the curriculum

Whale class were asked to create an image of “fire” after watching a clip on Youtube. They had complete choice over materials they wanted to use and their finished pieces were so imaginative and creative!



Willow class have been creating robots in small teams, developing their teamwork and problem-solving skills.



Our **after school art club** held an exhibition showcasing some of the fabulous pieces that have been created by pupils!

Parents and carers came along and were amazed by the artwork on offer!

Wellbeing Clubs

The arts play a huge part of our wellbeing clubs. From messy art, drama and interactive stories, to dance, music and model making, our pupils are accessing a wide range of arts-based clubs.



Artsmark aims to “unlock the potential of children, develop character, talent and confidence, and increase their knowledge and understanding”. This is why we have chosen to work towards the Artsmark Quality Mark. Our pupils demonstrate a passion and love for the arts and it is a subject area within which they can shine and achieve so much in terms of improved self-esteem and confidence, problem solving and thinking skills.



Signing Choir

Our signing choir worked really hard for their performance at Sainsbury's in Aylesford!



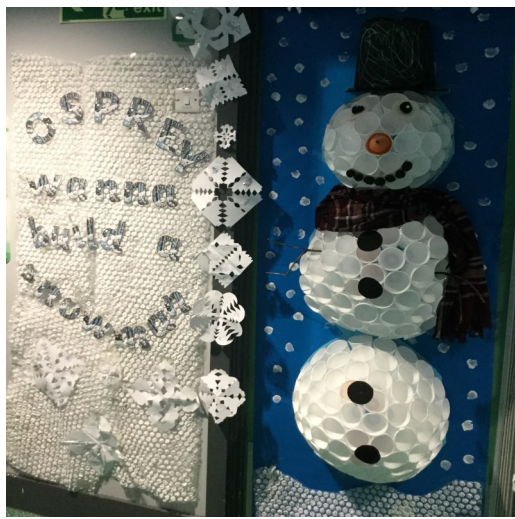
Variety Club Christmas card competition

And the winner of the Variety Club Christmas card design is..... Cienna from Alder class at our Snodland site! A huge well done to Cienna for her fabulous work!



Christmas Door Challenge

If you are following us on Facebook , you are probably aware that we have launched a competition to decorate classroom doors in a Festive theme. Each day a winner is picked by our arts Ambassador, Ryan and this door becomes the Advent Calendar for that day. I think you will agree that pupils and staff have put in a tremendous effort to decorate their door – they look amazing!



Christmas Art

Here is a selection of Christmas themed art that our Pupils have made this term.



Five Acre Wood would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and we are very excited for an art-filled 2020!!!