



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 4: 29th September 2017

Message from Mrs Jones:

After much anticipation and preparation Arts Week 2017 arrived with purpose. Glitter, glue, paint and patience, silk, skills, collage and co-operation filled every available space.

A huge thank you to all who have contributed to the masterpieces and experiences that have resulted.

Our cleaners have been fantastic - understanding the value of the mess that we have created!

Within this newsletter you will see a flavour of the amazing art work that has been produced - more can be seen on the class web pages, and obviously the best way to see it will be in person at our exhibition in the school hall over the weekend of 14th/ 15th October, 11am-5pm.

The PTA fun run will take place at New Fields, Clifton College this Saturday 30th September, 10-12am. This is a new event so please come and find out what it's all about.

Message from Mr Campbell:

Our Tag Rugby team played wonderfully on Monday in the first competitive meeting at Broad Plain. The rain came yet again, but did it hinder our players? No. There were victories for both the Year 5 and Year 6 teams. Special mention to Zephie (Y3) for stepping in to help the Year 5 team.

If your children are interested in watching a live Rugby game, Bristol Rugby are playing Ealing Trailfinders at Ashton Gate this Sunday, 1st October 3pm - tickets for under 12's are 'a quid a kid'!

Thank you to our Year 6 helpers who have helped Reception settle in so well to the lunchtime routine

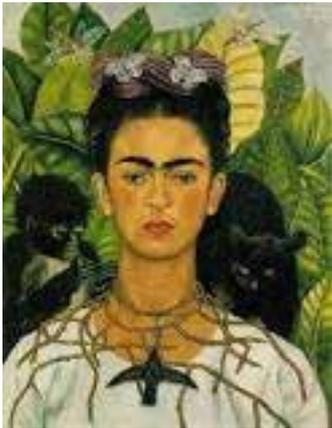


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What have we been up to this week:



Reception

Reception have enjoyed learning about the Mexican artist Frida Kahlo. She was well known for her honest portraits that portrayed her every emotion. RRP and RVG have made colourful box portraits using permanent markers and acetates.

We have also made clay birds based on our focus picture 'Portrait with thorn necklace' which shows Frida Kahlo wearing a hummingbird necklace which symbolises her hope for love.

We enjoyed making squidgy, red footprints and making peaceful, green leaf prints for a big collage of Frida herself.

Please come and see our amazing artwork - as we have only just started school!



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Year 1



In Year 1 we have been learning about the life and work of post-impressionist artist Vincent Van Gogh.

We found out that Van Gogh liked to paint landscapes and self-portraits and that he only sold one painting in his whole life. We looked carefully at his style of painting and recreated some of his most famous art pieces using collage, watercolour paint, oil pastels and pencil. We also created prints of sunflowers using handmade foam printers and oil paint and drew careful observational pictures of sunflowers.

Both the Year 1 classes worked together with the fabulous Fiona to create a large collage of Starry Starry Night using paper and card.





Year 2



Year 2 have had an amazing week learning all about impressionism. The painting we chose to focus on was Claude Monet's Water Lily Pond. We looked closely at the different parts of the painting and talked about what we could see.

Throughout the week we have completed several different pieces of art work, including creating clay water lilies, silk painting, tissue collage, pointillism paintings and a collaborative recreation of The Water Lily Pond itself.

We are all really pleased and proud of the work we have produced and look forward to exhibiting it for you to see at the Clifton Art Trail.





Year 3



Throughout the week, Year 3 have taken inspiration from Thomas Gainsborough's painting 'Mr and Mrs Andrews'. The painting focuses on portraits as well as landscapes. We predominately focused on the landscape element of the painting and used nature as our starting point as we took a trip to Victoria Square. Whilst at the park we sketched on location, took rubbings and collected leaves which we then used in our art work. This is evident in the variety of printing techniques that we have experimented with.

Thank you to Mrs Clements (our resistant printing guru) and all parents that came in to help. We simply couldn't have done it without you. Come to the exhibition to marvel at our efforts!



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Year 4



Year 4 have been having a ball throughout arts week! We were inspired by the painting "Allegory of War" by Jan Brueghel, who painted in the Baroque era.

We spotted majestic birds in the painting, so we made cushions with designs of eagles and gargoyles, using a Flour Paste Resist technique, and also used simple outlines of birds of prey and watercolour pencils to create bird paintings.

We saw skulls in our picture and so we put together a model of a skull, papier mached it and painted on Day of the Dead designs.

Because we saw a wolf and a lion in the picture, we made massive whole class collages of these animals using tissue paper and our collaging skills. We have all agreed that we wish it every week was arts week!





Year 5

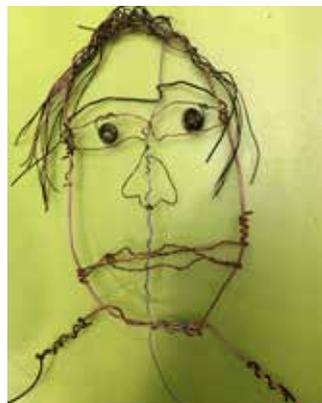
Year 5 have had a fantastic week, studying Hans Holbein's "The Ambassadors".

We started the week doing wire sculpture which was quite tricky at times but our finished pieces look really effective.

We then moved on to creating busts of Jean de Dinteville and Georges de Selve (the Ambassadors) using paper mache. Making the shoulders, eyes and nose was our greatest challenge but we think we have overcome these hurdles and persevered with our paper mache skills to create the 3d faces we hoped for.

We have also worked with Annmarie, a local interior designer, creating collages of our faces using animal facial features and objects from the natural environment.

Come and see our work on display at the Arts Trail; we've had a great week!





Year 6



Year 6 have enjoyed a fabulous Art Week focusing on the picture 'Arnolfini Portrait' by Jan Van Eyck as part of our exploration of Gothic Art.

We have undertaken a variety of activities including looking at Art History, studying the life and times of the artist, considering the symbolism inherent in the picture and re-creating the entire portrait in a collage! (That was fun!)

We also went to Clifton College to print pictures of the dog in the portrait who symbolised fidelity. Under the tutelage of the artist Mary Collet, we learnt about the technique of reversing drawings and transferring onto lino squares. We then learnt how to safely gouge out the white areas of our drawing and finally Mary printed them for us using a printing machine that was similar to a mangle. Some of us worked in school with Mrs Clements to print as well. Please come to the Art Trail to see the results of our hardwork.

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Letters home this week

Year 6 Maths Challenge
Year 5 We The Curious Trip
Reception Phonics and Reading at Christ Church
Funding, Donations, Trips and Contributions



Reception

Please see letter on our website for phonics sounds for the rest of this term (on the back of the letter which was sent out at the beginning of this week).

Term 1 2017/18 Dates

Term 1:

September

Sat 30th PTA fun run at Clifton College New Fields, 10am-12noon

October

Mon 2nd Teacher led clubs commence - more info to follow
Tues 3rd Yr 6 Maths Challenge
Weds 4th 1AS Spider workshop on the Downs
Thurs 5th New Reception parents meeting, 9am
Fri 6th Yr 5 trip to 'We, The Curious'
1ZH Spider workshop on the Downs
Mon 9th Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am
Tues 10th PTA AGM and Social, 7.30pm at school
Weds 11th Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am
Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 4
Fri 13th Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am
Sat 14th & Sun 15th Arts Trail displaying at school - please come and see our work
Weds 18th Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am
Thurs 19th Harvest Festival Assembly at Christ Church 10am
Fri 20th End of Term 1

Term 2:

October

Mon 30th Beginning of Term 2

November

Weds 1st & Thurs 2nd Parents evenings