

# KIDZART

## Spring Newsletter 2026

Time flies when you're having fun!



### YEAR 5, CRINDAU PRIMARY SCHOOL: 10 MARCH 2026

Welcome to our spring newsletter for 2026. The year is going so fast!  
Here's what's been happening.

For the spring term, we welcomed back the children from Crindau Primary School. First up was Year 6, on Tuesday 3 February. Our art teacher, Yvonne, explains what they did:

*"Crindau Year 6 began by creating bright, colourful printed patterns inspired by the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama."*

The children really got stuck into the techniques for this project: printing, cutting, painting and using stencils. The results were amazing as you can see.

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Printed patterns inspired by Yayoi Kusama



After a busy session printing, the children were tasked with continuing the theme of circles and curves to create patterned clay plates:

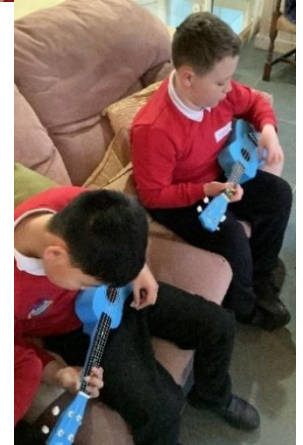
“This was achieved using coils, small balls and sausages of clay” (Yvonne)



After lunch, it was time for music. Our teacher, Lesley explains:

*“The spring term saw the creation of the Crindau class orchestras! We started each session with the ukelele, learning how to play the chords of C, F and G, which were used to accompany them singing songs such as ‘Row, Row, Row your Boat’ and ‘A Sailor went to Sea, Sea, Sea’. The children then split into 3 groups and on a rotation, each learnt parts on the ukelele, drums and glockenspiels, before coming together to perform the songs as one orchestra.”*

Thank you to Year 6 for starting the spring term at Kidzart so brilliantly!



## 10 March, Year 5

There was a brand new theme for Year 5's morning art project: tigers! As Yvonne explains:

*“The children learnt how to use chalk pastels to draw a step-by-step tiger. The results were amazing!”*



**A BEAUTIFUL, VIBRANT DISPLAY OF PASTEL TIGERS BRIGHTENING UP OUR WALLS**

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The cat theme continued into their second project, and the children created their own cat sculptures in clay. As you can see below, they really got immersed in this task!



At lunchtime, the children enjoyed a healthy lunch prepared by our lovely housekeeper, Tracy. Afterwards, the kids went for a walk to the churchyard a short distance down the road, with our resident dog, Sweep. The children love him and seeing the children is certainly a treat for Sweep, too! See the photo on page 1

In the afternoon, it was another session of music. As before, the children had the chance to learn individual pieces of music on the ukeleles, the drums and the glockenspiels, before joining together to play as one loud and highly-skilled 'orchestra'.



It was another fabulous day, both for the kids and the staff (and of course, Sweep!)

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## 24 March, Year 4

A new day, and a new morning project, the theme of which was lanterns. As Yvonne says: *“Inspired by artists such as Alexander Calder and Jade Oakley, the children made a mobile sculpture that was affected by light and air movement. Tissue paper was overlaid onto tracing paper, then colourful, shiny streamers were attached along the bottom of the sheet. This was then twisted into a tube shape and hung up with string to turn in the air.”*



After a healthy, and much-earned snack, the children moved on to their clay project, where they continued their theme of mobiles.

*“The children made a clay strip decorated with their own name. Each letter was made using different methods e.g relief letters, using cutters, or scratching into the clay. This was then wrapped around a rolling pin in a spiral. When they are fired, they will spin, hanging from a cord at the top”* (Yvonne)



The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning activities, as these quotes from them show:

*"I liked making the tissue lantern." – Macey*

*"I liked using the glue." – Connor*

*"We get to play with the clay." – Mohammed*

*"I loved having dirty clay hands!" – Kristian*

*"It was cool twisting the clay." – Liya*

*"You get to build new things with clay." – Alfie*

*"I liked playing with the clay." – Ava*

After a good lunch, the children went for a very blustery walk to the churchyard, again, accompanied by the much-loved Sweep!



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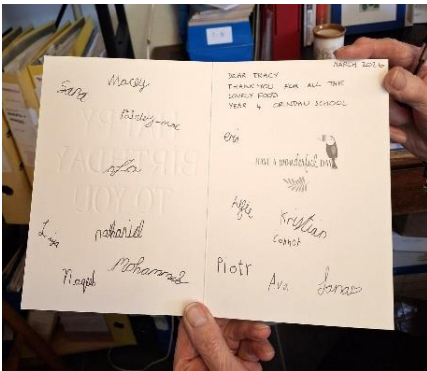
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After lunch it was music time and Year 4 had the chance to play in the Kidzart Orchestra as their previous schoolmates had done. Our teacher, Lesley, says about the whole term:

*"It was a truly memorable term with every child achieving what was asked of them. They certainly enjoyed it and were proud of the fact they had achieved so much in so little time. Well done to the pupils of Crindau School."*



During the afternoon snack break, the children presented a card to our housekeeper, Tracy, for her birthday. They all sang 'Happy Birthday' to her in both English and Welsh, which was very special.

Tracy was so chuffed that she shared her birthday cake with all the kids. The kids were pretty happy with that result!

And so, to the end of a busy but fun-packed day for the children. Here are some more quotes from the kids:

***"The food is really good."* – Ola**

***"The food is yummy!"* – Naqeeb**

***"I had the best jacket potato, ever!"* – Sara**

***"We got to do new things and saw Sweep."* – Paisley-Mae**

***"I enjoy seeing the dog."* – Poiter**

***"I really liked going to the graveyard and looking at the dates."* – Nathaniel**

***"It was fun learning different instruments."* – Erin**

***"I liked it when we sang."* – Lana**

The head teacher, Marie Ward previously visited on a Kidzart day and had this to say:

***"What I witnessed on the day from our children is heart-warming. The hospitality, passion and expertise of everyone involved was truly inspiring. My children invested their heart and soul into the art they produced and are desperate to bring it back to school to share it with their friends and families."***

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The outcome of working with our primary schools directly corresponds to our mission statement, as you can see:

**Our registered charity, Kidzart is dedicated to providing FREE creative days for primary school children from under-resourced areas in Monmouthshire and neighbouring counties, where access to the creative arts is limited, and to giving them the chance to experience the potential offered by these subjects. Once imagination is sparked, free-thinking, problem-solving, and confidence can follow. Working in small groups with our skilled staff and volunteers, the children also learn the value of kindness and generosity to each other.**

This brings us to the end of the spring term. In the summer, we look forward to welcoming back the children from Maindee school, on the following dates:

21 April, 12 May, 2 & 23 June

In the meantime, we would like to thank all our wonderful staff and volunteers who help to make the creative days work so well for the children. Learning is made to be fun.

### **If you want to help or get involved:**

If you would like to know how you can help or get involved, you can do so in the following ways:

- Volunteer on Kidzart days: no experience is necessary, just a willingness to help the children with their projects, under our tutors' guidance
- By becoming a member: this costs just £25 per year but really helps us run the charity. Visit our website at [www.kidzart.uk](http://www.kidzart.uk) to find out more.
- Following our Facebook page, **Kidzart Foundation**. By liking and sharing our posts, you help us get our message out. Never underestimate the power of an emoji!
- By making a donation: you can donate through our website.
- Attending one of the adult courses at Wye Valley Arts Centre which donates to the Charity.
- Staying at one of the Wye Valley Arts Centre's holiday cottages. Please ask for details.

Finally, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter; hopefully you found it enjoyable! Please pass it on to anyone you think would be interested.

**Best Wishes  
From Val Welham  
And ALL THE TEAM AT KIDZART**

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