

KIDZART

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2024

Happy Kidzart Creative Days in the Summer Term



YEAR 6 KIDS HAVING FUN IN THE FIELD AFTER THE FIRST HAY CUT IN JUNE

Kidzart Creative Days continued through the Summer Term and culminated with our Exhibition for 10 days in July. It is very rewarding for all of us at Kidzart to see how the children's love of learning is developing and to see how much wonderful creative and individual work they are producing whilst thoroughly enjoying themselves. We have also received very appreciative feedback from the individual schools which have been involved in this our pilot year.

Just to recap, our aim is to provide free creative days for primary school children from under-resourced areas where their access to the creative arts is limited and to give them the chance to experience the potential offered by these subjects. Once imagination is sparked, free-thinking and problem-solving 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.

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June 11 Year 6



Year 6 were really motivated by learning to make monoprints. A lot of fun was had using various pictures of insects to make the prints from, then further enhancing some of their images with paint. We also kept the 'negative' that was produced as part of this printing method. One of the children was so inspired that his mum promised to purchase the materials required for him to carry on at home. The clay project for half of the group required them to use their own hand as a template for a hand shaped dish. They then made small models of things that they thought were precious in the natural world, i.e. a bee, a flower, etc. to be held in the clay hand. The other half of the group were able to paint their animals made in a previous session and which had now been fired. Sadly, this session with Kidzart was the final one for year 6 as they will continue their education at secondary school. We shall miss them.



Our inspirational music teacher Lesley takes charge of the afternoon sessions, which have been very exciting, and similarly we have seen the confidence of the pupils growing. Lesley says: ***The last two sessions of the term with year 6 and 5 were great fun with the children staging their version of the story of the "Enormous Turnip". The children acted, sung and played instruments to provide the audience with their versions of the story. Great fun was had by all and even the shiest of children joined in wherever they felt comfortable, and wherever they felt their talents were. It was great to see all the children taking part in some aspect of the production.***

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25 June Year 5



Year 5 made wonderful and colourful flower illustrations, inspired by the flower paintings of the artist Georgia O'Keefe. They were so absorbed in this project and had to be hurried on to their next project. Next, they made little clay dishes that resembled flowers. They put lots of patterns and details into the clay and the results were lovely. They also painted the 'monsters' made previously which had been fired ready for this session. The children really did achieve high standards with all these projects.

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Exhibition July 2024



We held an exhibition of the children's work completed through the year and this was open to the public for 10 days in July. We would like to thank all the volunteers who kindly gave their time to help steward this event. **Some of the comments from the Visitors' Book are included at the end of this newsletter and give testament to the wonderful display.** We would also like to thank all involved in preparing the exhibition and the students and tutors of the Wye Valley Arts Centre whose work was included and, as some was for sale, this helped to raise money for our charity. Thank You to all involved. Sadly, the Fete which we had scheduled for July had to be cancelled but we now have a Fete Committee chaired by our music teacher Lesley who has already begun preparing for one next year. If you would like to be involved in this or have a stall, please let us know. We would welcome all ideas.

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At the Exhibition we were lucky to have music all day, with the Jophle Trio - 2 guitarists and a recorder player - in the morning providing the visitors to the gallery with a variety of music. In the afternoon the Much Dewchurch Recorder Ensemble, again, played a variety of pieces to the delight of the afternoon visitors. The afternoon ended with Sue Skinner - a folk singer - who sang some lovely traditional songs.

Our Thanks to all involved in our pilot year, including our teachers, our lovely housekeeper Georgina who prepares all the wonderful food, which is such an important part of the day, and of course our volunteers who help us so much and are so important to us. Our pilot year has shown us how much our work is needed and appreciated. Please get in touch if you would like to be involved in any way or are considering becoming a member. We shall be pleased to hear from you. There are lots of details on our website and please forward this newsletter to anyone you know who may be interested in our work.

BEST WISHES FROM THE TEAM AT KIDZART

'FROM IMAGINATION TO CREATIVITY'

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Selection of comments from the visitors' book at the Exhibition

Mary	Lovely to see the kids' work after hearing about it!
Kathy & Bob	Lovely to see all the fantastic things going on at the Wye Valley Arts Centre. The kids' art is brilliant too! And the music too!
Charles	I really love the display of children's art. And what talented tutors you have!
Alyson & Patrick	Amazing day, well organised, fab entertainment.
Richard	Gorgeous artwork and I loved the music & singing! Beautiful building and space.
Jackson	Diloch
Gay & Steve	What an impressive exhibition! so many great things to see! Very enjoyable. Such a splendid range of talents and techniques! Well done!
Felicity	Beautiful art, lovely space, views and surroundings.
Matthew	Fantastic initiative & art.
Rebecca & David George & Rosie	Amazing work. Keep it up! Made our day.
Cecillia	Lovely space. Inspirational.
Hilary	Amazing Programme! All the best for the future sessions.
Gurbax	Such beautiful work. Very inspiring.
Jan	Wonderful
Nigel	Imaginative and encouraging