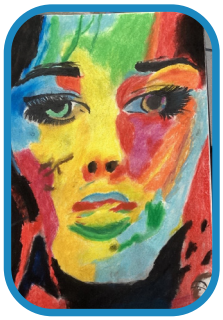
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THE GREYS GAZETTE

Malala



This half term Malala have been working hard in their art GCSE portfolio.

William is progressing a large canvas piece, he said "I've done anything like this before, it's going to look amazing!"
Courtney has just finished a canvas using Impressionists for reference. She said "I am really happy with how this has turned out."
Rylea is exploring the theme of mental health through a an acrylic series of butterfly paintings.
Ayran has completed a painting based on Surrealists. He said "I had doubts about doing an art GCSE but I'm really glad I'm doing it."





Woodland Construction Project



A number of pupils are contributing towards the development of a new woodland construction project in our school outdoor area.

By using their knowledge of construction processes and discussing ways to promote wildlife, the pupils are creating a range of bird boxes, bat boxes and hedgehog houses. We are hoping to attract a range of wildlife into our school grounds.

Kayden said ' I cant wait to get this finished and painted, I want to see if a hedgehog will find it and sleep in it over winter.'

Computing

In computing this term we have been working on the audio production unit. We began the unit by identifying input devices (microphone) and output devices (speaker or headphones) required to work with sound digitally. We then discussed the ownership of digital audio and the copyright implications of duplicating the work of others.

As a result of this we have been using a website called Pixabay which provides us with downloadable tracks that do not infringe on copyright laws. In order to record audio themselves, the pupils have used the software Audacity. We first began recording our own jokes before then becoming radio DJ's and introducing our favourite songs (See QR code 1 for this).

From now and up until half term we will be working on creating our own podcast episode, which will allow pupils the opportunity to edit their work, add multiple tracks and sound effects and opening and saving the audio files. Here is a sneak peek at the start of one the groups podcast. Pupil voice

KA Y6 – Making a podcast has been very fun and interesting
KM – Y6 – It was a really fun unit and Sir was trying his hardest to make everyone laugh but he failed.

Hair and Beauty



This term in Hair & Beauty students have gone back to basics looking at the basic anatomy of the nail as part of their providing a personal manicure unit. They have done exceptionally well with identifying parts of the nail and explaining their role and function.

During their practical sessions, students have been developing their confidence with performing a basic nail treatment on each other which has included filing, shaping, and polishing the nails and finishing with a hand massage all within a set time. This gives the students a real feel on the expectations and standards of what it would be like to work in a real salon.



One of our students Ophelia who is moving on to a new school said "I love hair and beauty. It is so fun and super relaxing. I enjoyed learning about nails and having my nails done by my friend Lilly. I am going to miss these lessons". We wish her the best of luck in her new school.

Willow Class



English

Willow class have been working on writing letters, this included, features of a letter, different sentence types and capital letters on proper nouns. We have written an informal letter to an old classmate and are currently working on a formal letter to the school council about toys we would like to have at school.

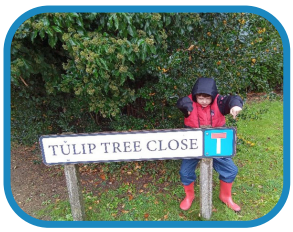


"All the words in an address need a capital letter, they are all proper nouns" – Ashton
"Sending letters are fun!" – Harley



Maths

In maths we have been working on 2D shapes. By using art, our outdoor area and local environment we have been able to recognise and name circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles. When we looked at them closely, we began to describe them using the vocabulary of sides and corners.



"Wow! There are shapes everywhere!" - **Harley**
"There are rectangles and squares on this sign" – **Harley**
"I know it's a triangle because it has three corners"



Topic

During this half term, Willow class has been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians. We have covered the geography of where Egypt is and multiple aspects of their Ancient life. By taking part in lots of active learning, we have discovered amazing facts about everyday life, Pharaohs, reading and writing, gods and mummification (we even made our own mummies!).



"Ewwww, the brain comes out their nose?!" – **Ashton**
"Cracking the Hieroglyph codes was awesome! They read it in any direction, that's confusing!" – **Borys**
"Tutankhamun was my age when he was Pharaoh! I would love to be a king!" – **Borys**
"There are so many gods! How did they remember them all? - **Ashton**



Wellbeing

Having returned from the summer holidays, Willow class have been concentrated on their wellbeing, we have discussed making positive friendship, a positive impact to our local environment and community. We recently considered all the things we are grateful for and how we could show gratitude to others, we decided to show our thanks to others by making them a 'gratitude stone'.

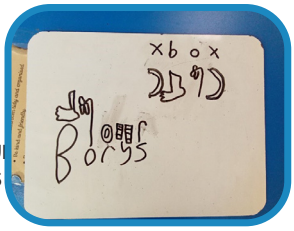


"I want to get every bit of litter!" – **Borys**
"We should litter pick everyday to help the local community" – **Ashton**
"I am grateful for this school looking after me and helping me be better" – **Ashton**
"I am grateful for you (Mr N and Mr F) for teaching me" - **Harley**



Music

We have been playing Djembe drums this half term. We have been enjoying finding different rhythms, playing along to different songs, and generally making LOTS of noise! As a one-off performance we used Boom Whackers and xylophones (using ou knowledge of pulse, rhythm and tempo) to recreate the Star Wars theme tune and put on a small performance which included an EPIC Boom Whacker lightsaber battle!



"I love being loud!" – **Borys**
"I loved the battle! It sounded so good" – **Ashton**
"I can play them drum really fast!" – **Borys**
"I like to play the biggest drum, it is the loudest" - **Ashton**

Diary Dates

Half Term - 23rd to 27th October 2023

Pupils Return to School - Tuesday 31st October 2023

Training Day - Friday 3rd November (no pupils in school)