

THE CREATIVITY HUB

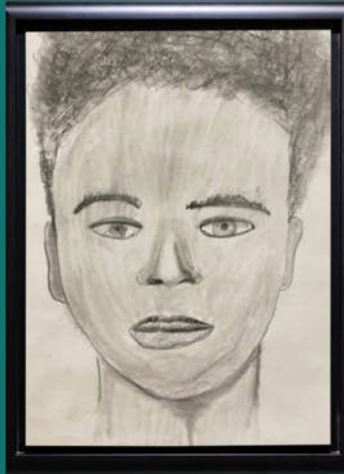
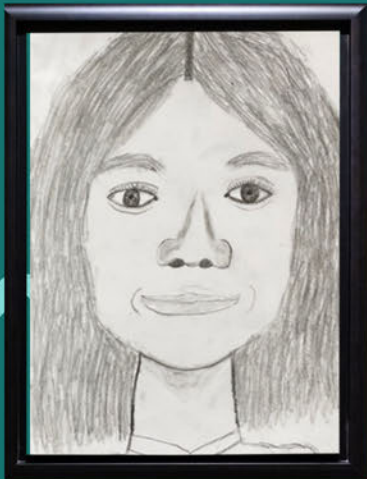
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Celebrating Art, Music and Drama across Gastrells.

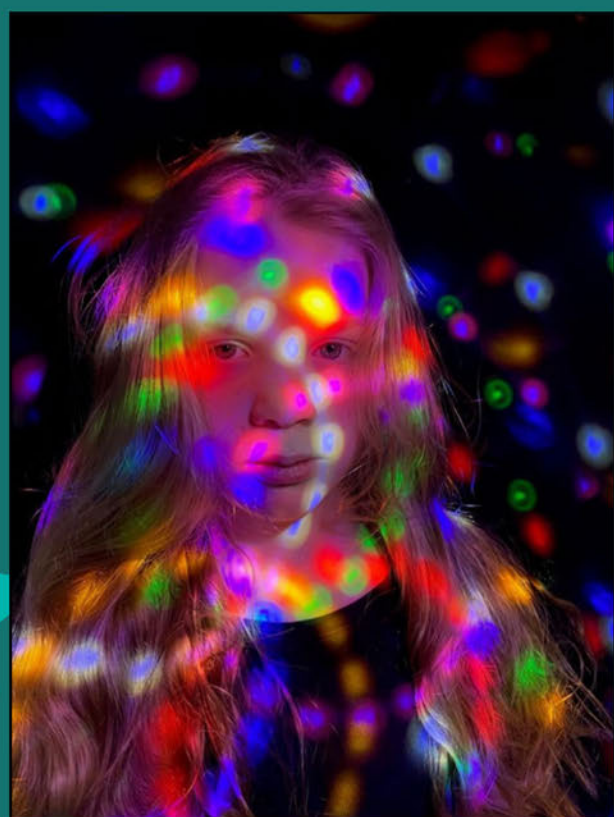
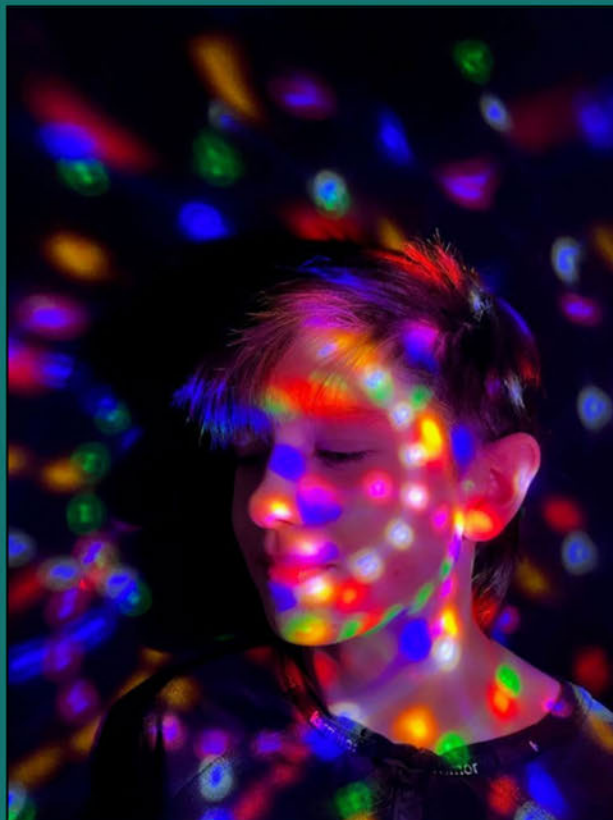
Welcome to our first edition of 'The Creativity Hub'. An Arts newsletter, created by Arts Ambassadors; Rozalia, Fleur, Leo and Louis and Music Ambassadors Wini, Ben, Idris and Rune.

THE GREAT GASTRELLS' GALLERY...

This term, all of the classes have been creating their self-portraits. Owls used paints, KS1 and KS2 used pen or graphite pencils. Why don't you take a look...



Some other art projects across the school this term have included...



Eagles



Sparrowhawks



Ospreys



Peregrines



Owls



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Frida KAHLO

Frida Kahlo was born on 6th July 1907. She made many self-portraits while she lay in bed following a serious bus accident when she was 18. Her artwork contains lots of symbolism including pain, death and love. Frida Kahlo is highly recognisable, in particular for her monobrow which she was very proud of. At age 6 she contracted polio, leaving her with physical damage to her right leg and she was teased at school being called 'peg leg'. Frida quelled her loneliness with an array of exotic animals that made their way into her paintings including spider monkeys and parakeets. Frida Kahlo made around 200 paintings before she died in 1954 age 42, but her legacy lives on.

Did you know: At age 22, Frida married Diego Rivera; another famous artist!

Written by Rozalia



COLLABORATIONS



Recently, Goshawks and Eagles class have been working on an art project inspired by 3D artist Darrell Wakelam using cardboard. Together, over a number of weeks, we have been making a 4.5metre rainforest by bending cardboard strips into tree trunks and forming shapes for a jaguar, toucan and tree snakes. After the structure was made, we covered the card in tissue paper and paints. The artwork has been installed outside of Eagles class in the corridor for the whole school to enjoy.

Written by Fleur

Wiggly Nativity – Owls

LIGHTS....CAMERA.....ACTION!

The whole school came down to watch the amazing, wonderful nativity performed by Owls. It was so sweet to see the young children enjoying themselves so much. The children were dressed as all the different characters from the nativity, including donkey, camel, Joseph, Mary, the angels, Shepards, the three wise men and the stars. They did some fantastic singing. The songs they sang were Donkey plodding, Rock a by Jesus, Wiggly nativity Skip, Skip Snippety. My favourite song was "Donkey plodding". Miss Wools said - "Everyone was great, but an extra shout out for Freya and Raffie for doing so well."

Written by Louis

A Christmas Carol – Goshawks & Merlins

Goshawks and Merlins got Christmas off to a festive start with their outstanding performance of a Christmas Carol. Congratulations to our star studied brilliant show. Everyone did really good acting - it took a lot of nerves for the solo singers including Leo, Wini, Maximo, Maya, Nancy, Manu and Indira - they did a great job! Mrs Hyatt said she was extremely proud of Max and Lila who stepped up last minute to learn Tiny Tim's part and Ruby who stepped in to play Bella.

Written by Rune & Ben



EVENTS AND VISITOR HIGHLIGHTS

Ronnie MCGRATH



Through funding from the Arts Council, Poet and Artist Ronnie McGrath came to the school to run an assembly with all of KS2 where we used our imaginations to help him complete some poetry. Ronnie also read some of his poetry aloud using a lot of rhythm.

After the assembly Ronnie joined Sparrowhawks class where he linked black history to a number of artists who told important messages in their work. Sparrowhawks children then wrote their own poems inspired by African Ankara fabric. Everyone loved the whole experience! Emilia's poem is shared below.

As I look at the beautiful colourful decorated fabric, it glistens in my eyes.
It's bright colour decorates my dreams like a colourful butterfly fluttering ever so silently,
Like an owl swooping in the night.
It is as colourful as a rainbow across the sky.

(Emilia, Year 3)

Written by Louis



Stroud

LANTERN FESTIVAL



This year the whole school got involved with making lanterns for the Stroud Good Will festival. The theme was 'our world'. To make our lanterns, we bent willow sticks to make our structure, and secured them with masking tape. We then glued tissue paper on top and then smaller chunks of brightly coloured paper to decorate them. Between us we created globes, a flock of birds, jelly fish, a bee and even a platypus.

At 6pm we gathered outside the subrooms and then paraded around the streets of Stroud. As we walked, hundreds of spectators watched. The parade ended in the churchyard.

We were relieved that all of the lanterns came home in one piece and that the festival took place because the weather was forecast to pour down with rain!

We can't wait for next year!

Written collaboratively

Cello

QUARTET

On Friday 6th of December Gastrells had the opportunity for a string quartet to come and play instrumental music for us. They played music from 100-300 years ago and music that is quite new and modern. The children got involved and we even had a competition of where they split the school in half to see which side could keep in time the best. It was a really interesting and inspiring experience for us all.



Violins, Viola and Cello

Written by Wini



GET CREATIVE AT HOME!...

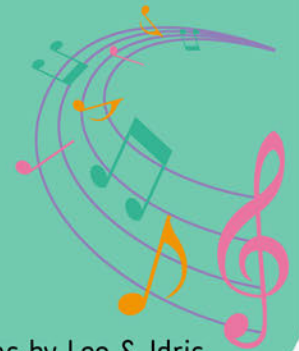
If you fancy getting creative at home, why not try and make one of these fantastic Christmas decorations!



[Video Instructions 1](#)

[Video Instructions 2](#)

[Video Instructions 3](#)



Video instructions by Leo & Idris

WHAT'S COMING UP....

December 18th	Tabernacle Carol Concert
January 17th	Orchestra Songs of the Sea Trip - Year 3, Merlins & Music Ambassadors 'What is art?' workshop, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery - KS2 Art Club
January 31st	Young Voices, Birmingham
March	Decorate an Easter egg competition
April 25th	Chetenham Young Photographer Competition
	Look out soon for..... Gastrell's Got Talent!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas!
from Idris, Leo, Wini, Ben, Rune, Louis, Rozalia and Fleur