

# THE CREATIVITY HUB

Celebrating Art, Music and Drama across Gastrells.

Welcome to our second 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.

Children across the school have been really busy creating, performing and making this term and we look forward to sharing some of this with you.



## THE GREAT GASTRELLS' GALLERY...

This term, Eagles have made Egyptian canopic jars and have created some beautiful half-portraits of animals, paying particular attention to line technique.



Eagles



Goshawks have embraced their history topic of Egypt this term in art and have created self-portraits in the style of Egyptian pharaohs!



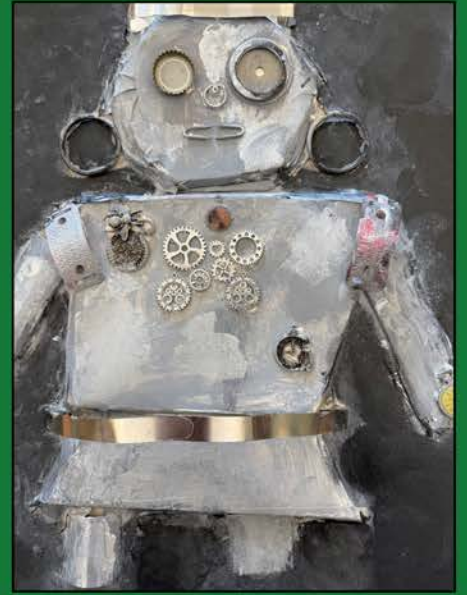
Goshawks

Inspired by David Hockney, Sparrowhawks have created these beautiful Silver Birch landscapes. Children also experimented with 'value' in Robot portraits based on Ted Hughes book: 'The Iron Man'.



Sparrowhawks



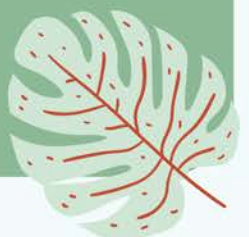


Sparrowhawks cont...

The Stroud area is rich in textile history, so this term, Ospreys have been creating their own woven blankets for their sleepy self-portraits.



Ospreys





Exploring shades and tints, Peregrines have been busy creating these beautiful silhouettes. Inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, the children have also created these edible face sculptures!



Peregrines



Owls have been busy learning about the Chinese New Year and decorated masks. They have also been making spring pictures out of .....



Owls



Art Club this term have been experimenting with texture and glazes, finishing our thrown bowls, making hobbit doors as well as exploring the use of shimmering water colours in their bird studies.



Owls

Art Club

## PHOTOGRAPHY

Children in KS2 entered a number of photographs into the annual Gloucestershire Young Person Photography competition. Some of the entries included:





# EVENTS AND VISITOR HIGHLIGHTS

## YEAR 3 & 4 EGYPT DAY



Year 3 and 4 welcomed a historian into Gastrells to tell us more about the ancient Egypt, their history and their art.

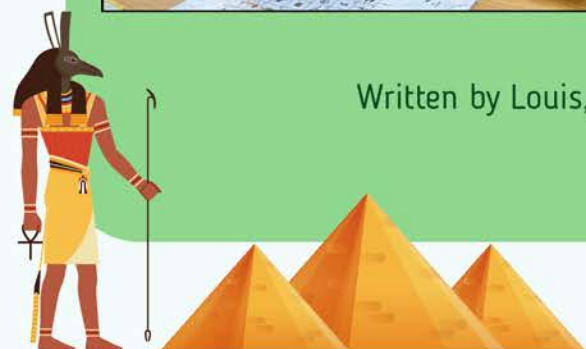
During the day we learned the mummification process, designed ancient cities, created hyroglyphics using papyrus and bamboo tools to write with in ink.

We also had the opportunity to handle and learn about ancient artefacts including nefretiti's headdress and Tutankamum's head.

We really enjoyed the experience and hope that he will visit again.



Written by Louis, Leo.





## Hat's Off! – Peregrines

The children in Peregrines looked so professional in their farmyard costumes, from sheep to chickens, the children embraced their characters and sang beautifully.

The story was about the four seasons and finding the right one to be able to wear a hat. It was clear that the children really enjoyed their performance and the audience loved it too!

Miss Kelly said “I couldn't be prouder of Peregrines class. The play was a great success and we all enjoyed watching the children's confidence grow since the very first rehearsal. Well done everyone!”



Written by Wini, Leo & Louis



## The Sneezle-Pox – Sparrowhawks



Sparrowhawks class did an amazing performance for their class play. The story unfolded that 2 children had to go on an adventure to save their granny from the dreaded 'sneezlepox'. Along the way, they made many friends including mermaids, an evil octopus and crazy pirates.

It was a really good performance, the children acted really well and the songs were really lively.

Miss Mahaffy said “I am really proud of how the children all embraced their roles and singing. They have done an amazing job!”



Written by Leo & Louis





# BANKSY

## ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Banksy is a British street artist who does all of his artwork in secret so nobody knows his real identity, but what we do know is he is famous for using spray cans and stencils to create art where everyone can see it, including bridges, benches, walls and clocks. Banksy's graffiti always tell a story or has a political message behind it to make the public think about world issues.

During our Art Club trip to Bristol, we saw 2 Banksy artworks. One was on Park Street of a man hanging from a window, and the other was in the Bristol Museum of a statue with a bucket of paint on her head.

Next term at school, we have an exciting project to graffiti our school library. The Art Ambassadors will be doing this project with a local graffiti artist Lee Kirby.



Written by Louis.



## DANCE TROOPS...



This term, 2 of Gastrells dance troops took part in the Cheltenham Festival of Dance and did fantastic performances on the stage.

Next up will be the  
GREAT Big Dance Off!





# ART CLUB

## TRIP TO BRISTOL



This term, the Art Club spent a whole day in Bristol, where we visited Bristol Art Museum and went to a 'What is Art?' workshop, discussing and looking at several pictures that had a particular focus on mythology and fables.

The museum was also showcasing the 'Wildlife Photographer of the Year' finalists work. There were some very interesting but beautiful photographs.



After the Art Museum, we walked through Bristol. We spotted some famous Banksy graffiti and art structures and some more creative graffiti as street art.

Before heading back to the coach, we stopped at the waterfront to do some sketching. It was all a really fun day and a great experience.



Written by Fleur





# MUSIC

## TRIP TO BRISTOL



The Music ambassadors, year 3 and Merlins children went to Bristol on a Music trip to the Beacon theatre to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform "Sea Stories". They performed different pieces inspired by the ocean and the rivers. They introduced us to the instrument families, for example the string family. We joined in with some of songs through body bumping, singing and Makaton which we had been learning at school beforehand.

They performed a song from Disney's Moana "Your Welcome" to finish off the performance. This was Winnies and Miss Hyatt's favourite part. Idris's favourite part was the Makaton song - Out of the blue.



# PIANO

## ASSEMBLIES



Those children learning to play the piano in school with Mrs. Gibson have been given the opportunity to perform in front of the whole of the school during assemblies. If your child learns piano outside of school and would like to perform, please contact Mrs Hyatt



# GASTRELLS GOT TALENT!



Children across the school have been auditioning for over three weeks to try and get a place in Gastrells Got Talent final show. Initially auditions took place in front of Miss. Hyatt and the Music and Art ambassadors, and round 2 across lunch times where children were invited to come and watch and the finals being in the hall in front of the whole school! Everyone got to show off their talent; this included gymnastics, dance, magic, ventriloquism, stick spinning, comedy, poetry performance, composing own songs and performing these and much more.

The final show showcased how much talent we have at school, with everyone putting on a great performance. Thanks to the judges for giving up their time to help us, we had two Goverenors, Clare and Joy, as well as Mrs. Evans. Congratulations to Rune and Luca for coming first place with their incredible rap that they wrote, performed and broke dance to. In Second place we had Nathaniel who danced to Snap, Clap, and is a massive talent to look out for in the future. Ben and Ray came third and stunned everyone with their speedy ability to solve a rubix cube.

Miss. Hyatt would like to say a special thankyou to the ambassadors who gave up so many lunch breaks and for giving her so much support throughout this event.





# COMPETITION TIME!!



Congratulations to all children who entered this years Easter Egg decorating competition. The entries were very impressive and it's clear that the children have put a lot of effort into their designs!



## COMING SOON

April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Earth Day, Rodborough (Showcasing art from Gastrells children)
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Gloucestershire Young Photographer Competition, Awards Evening.
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Drumming assembly - children learning drums will be performing in assembly
April 20 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>st</sup>	Ospreys production of "The Bee Musical"
June 17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gastrells Summer Art Exhibition
June / July	Watchout for the end of year Music celebration
July 8 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Eagles Class Production
July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Cheltenham music festival - Year 4 / 5 trip to see an Orchestra and complete a music workshop
July	Summer term I-rock concert

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