

**The Arts at Burhill**

Ofsted 2017:

*“The curriculum is vibrant, stimulating and provides rich experiences for all pupils. It is strengthened by the high quality of art, dance, music and sports, and this contributes to pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.”*

Burhill Primary is a three-form entry primary school in Hersham, Surrey. The arts play a large role within our school, we strongly believe in providing a creative, challenging and inspiring curriculum for our children. We hold many events throughout the year that allow children to explore their creativity. Below are details for one of our main events, our annual arts week and exhibition.

**What we did:**

Annually we come away from our usual timetable to explore a theme through an arts week. We then put on an evening art exhibition to celebrate our learning. We invite governors, parents and representatives from local galleries and other arts organisations. So far we have held two of these annual events and have been incredibly proud of what the children have achieved. We have delighted in watching their pieces come to life at our art exhibitions that the children also help to run.

**‘Gallery Rebels’ (2017)**

**Idea behind the theme:** To celebrate the work of artists who have gone ‘against the grain’.

**Artists featured:**

Early Years – Jackson Pollock

Year 1 – Georgia O’Keefe

Year 2 – Yves Klein

Year 3 – Alberto Giacometti

Year 4 – Alex Calder

Year 5 – Grayson Perry

Year 6 - Banksy

**‘The Pattern Project’ (2018)**

**Idea behind the theme:** To explore the use of pattern within the work of various artists.

**Artists featured:**

Early Years – Henri Matisse

Year 1 – Wassily Kandinsky

Year 2 – Sarah Morris

Year 3 – Paul Klee

Year 4 – Sonia Delaunay

Year 5 – Bridget Riley

Year 6 – Bridget Riley

**(For more information on how these artists inspired our work, please see the attached gallery guidebooks.)**

**What were our aims?**

In the first year of our art exhibition taking place in 2017, our main aim was to raise the profile of art in school and to communicate this with parents and our local community.

Last year (2018) our main aim was to incorporate more of the arts subjects in line with our Artsmark application. We were able to include literature, music, drama and dance during the art week prior to the exhibition.

This year we aim to increase the implementation of the arts subjects in art week across the school and to document this at our exhibition. We will focus on a multi-sensory approach to both creating and viewing the artwork.

**What did the children learn from these experiences?**

Children have been able to step into role as an artist, to immerse themselves in creativity and to be proud of sharing their work with others. Our older art club children have been able to ‘work’ within our gallery for the evening as tour guides. This has allowed them to share their expertise on art week with the viewing public while taking on a role of responsibility.

**What will happen next for the arts at Burhill Primary?**

This year we have launched an Arts Faculty, this includes art, music and drama. We are very keen to maintain and improve our art and music offer while focusing on drama in our school this year.

Our art exhibition this year will be called ‘Sense-sational’ and will focus on the way we make and view art and how this can be enhanced if approached in a multi-sensory way. We hope to include all of the arts subjects and for our exhibition to be as successful for our children this year as it has been in previous years.

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