

Chisenhale Art Week 2018



During summer term,, children from Chisenhale worked together to create wonderful pieces of art work. The week ended in a huge fundraising exhibition. We raised enough money for each Key Stage to adopt an animal from WWF and support a great cause!

Take a closer look inside to see what we've been getting up to!

Nursery

In Nursery, we spent time reading lots of stories from Africa, as part of our theme of difference and exploring different cultures.

We had the very important job of organising the whole EYFS joint art piece.



Working together, we painted a desert background, then made a pattern block which was turned in to an African villager and finally put in the

desert scene.

We then focused on printing, first with pre-made stamps, then with African patterned potato blocks, printing on to a curtain.



Every child in nursery made a necklace with painted pasta; you may have seen us wearing these if you came to our exhibition!



Inspired by the story *All board for the Babo Road* we made African compound houses with patterned walls and straw roofs. Miss Al-Tarafi spent time with us and we sketched fruit inspired by *Handa's Surprise*.



We also collaged some large African animals and were lucky enough to learn some simple African drumming patterns from Year 4 children. It was a great week!

Reception

We had such a fantastic, creative and inspiring week! We learnt about stories from different parts of Africa - *Handa's Surprise*, *The Leopard's Drum*, *We're going on a Lion Hunt* and *The Greedy Zebra*.

We printed and drew patterns like those on the women's dresses, made houses with card and straw and painted huge animals outside using our hands and feet to recreate their patterns.



We also made stunning silhouette pictures of the animals at sunset and we drew (and ate!) observational drawings of fruit from Handa's basket.



Inspired by the stories we read, we learnt African songs and designed patterns like the houses on Bobo Road and made beautiful African masks. We even learnt how to play the djembe drums (taught by Year 4 children!)



Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 were kept extremely busy during Art week! Our theme was under the sea and we learnt about all the plastic and pollution that are affecting marine life. The whole key stage made a big whale from plastic bags to raise awareness about the damage that plastic is causing in our oceans.





We also made jelly fish out of old umbrellas and strips of plastic.

“I enjoyed plaiting jellyfish tentacles. The message behind it is to STOP USING PLASTIC! This is a very important message because it kills our fish and we think that by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish!” Evie, Year 2.

“I really enjoyed making the jellyfish umbrellas!” Elsie, Year 2.

Key Stage 1

Our other art work included under the water dioramas, made using plastic and egg boxes and fish created from plastic cups and CDs, so we had lots to show at our exhibition!



The children loved being part of the exhibition and showing off their art work and knowledge to the rest of the children and to parents!

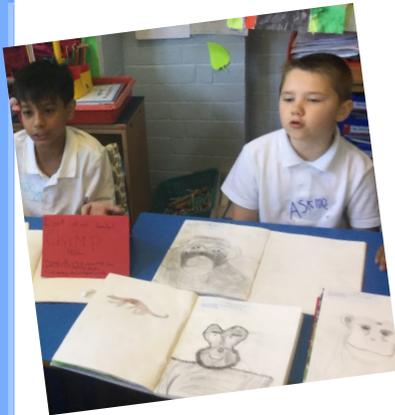


“My favourite activity was looking at other people’s art because it was nice!” Hussain and Tommy.

Lower Key Stage 2

"Art week was a fantastic, awesome week and the whole school took part. We raised lots of money for WWF so we could adopt a turtle." Ben and Charlie.

Lower Key Stage 2 were studying endangered animals and all of our work was about raising awareness of the plight of these animals.



We sketched chimpanzees. "To draw them we used experimental lines and shade and tone to add detail."

Teddy and Gabriel.

As part of work on other artists, we studied Henri Rousseau and recreated his work using lots of different mediums.



We also created mono prints of the Rainforest by rolling paint straight onto the tables!

“Although it was messy, we enjoyed it!” Umair and Aaryan.



Lower Key Stage 2

We also created dioramas, however ours were all different animal habitats. We added lots of detail and were so proud of them!



Other art work included using computers to create pop art images, Chinese brushwork art with Kat and hand print art, all accompanied by our Rainforest factfiles that showcased all that we've learnt.



A few of us were lucky enough to visit Chisenhale Studios to work with Emma Buckland, taking part in an interactive workshop based around animals and tongues!



Year 4 were the chosen year group to turn the children's mural designs of endangered animals into real pictures that they could spray onto the playground walls.

"I liked the concept and it was easier to spray paint than I thought. It was great fun!"



Year 5

In Year 5, we concentrated our work around the theme of refugees and our literacy and art work reflected the difficult journeys and hardships they experience.



We were lucky enough to be part of the re-design of the playground and we worked together to generate ideas that could be used as part of the mural work that would represent ideas of community and make everyone feel welcome.

Then, the best bit was when we actually saw our designs come to life and we got to help spray paint the playground!



"We worked with a graffiti artist called Roo. I was pumped because I've only seen graffiti and never done it myself. I was very impatient and couldn't wait!" Mahdy
"It was so much fun!" Aliyah



A few of us also had the chance to visit Chisenhale Studios and work with the artist Paulina Michnowska. We explored the ideas of refugees with her and created lovely clay models. We were very grateful to have the chance to work with her!

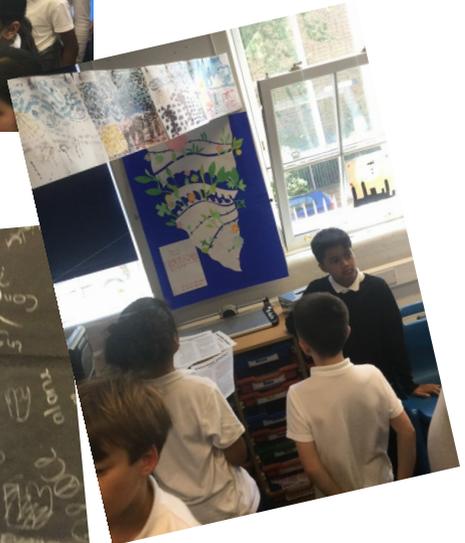


Year 5

The week ended in an exhibition, where we displayed all of our art work from across the week.



“Our exhibition was about refugees. My responsibility was to explain about our inspiration for the piece, ‘Wings of Freedom’, that showed birds being released from a cage. It was symbolic of refugees wanting to feel free. The piece I enjoyed creating the most was, ‘The Welcoming Wall.’ I liked it because we got to write words linked to refugees in a graffiti style.” Lily

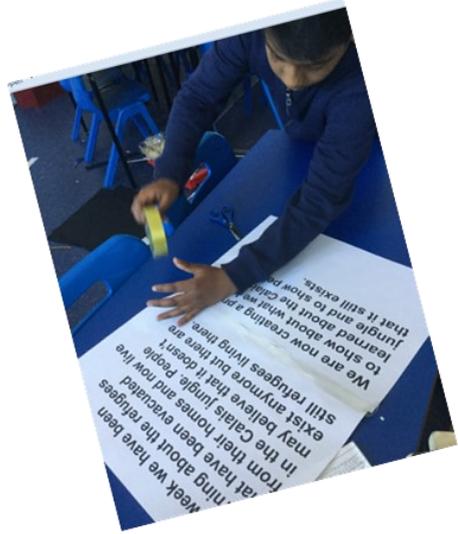


Year 6

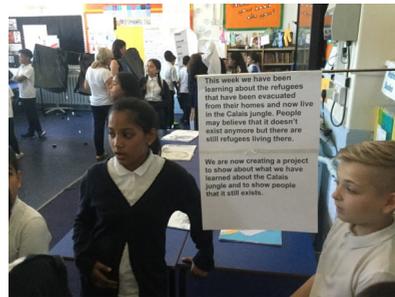
During art week, both Year 6 classes also focused their work around refugees.

Willow class put together a piece of artwork which was based on refugees, mostly those fleeing or originating from Syria. To help learn about this topic, our class had to do research. We all decided to transform our classroom into two jungles: the Calais jungle and a normal jungle because we wanted everyone to have the experience of living in both places.





We used paper, card and black plastic to create our jungles and used pegs, weights and wires to hold it all up. When we invited everyone into our classroom, we chose to talk in different parts of the room in groups of three to share what we had learned about refugees this week.



Year 6

In Oak class we took part in a variety of activities linked to refugees. We were inspired by a piece of art created by a Syrian refugee, which showed her journey from Syria to Europe on a packed boat.

We recreated this picture by rolling paint onto the tables and making patterns in the paint with the back of a spoon. Then we printed these images onto paper, using the prints for either the sky, sea or moon. We used other art skills such as painting or collage for the rest of the pictures.



We also created a huge poster, with the title 'Choose Love'. On close inspection, you can

see many different items that the public might donate to refugees, such as food and clothing, as well as flags from countries where the most refugees have come from in recent years.



Kat also showed us a piece of art created by a refugee. It depicts how she sees her future, with dreams, ambitions and hope. We recreated this on a large scale and displayed it in our hall.



"I can't wait for next year's Art week!"
Gabby, Year 4.

"I liked Art week because it was fun and relaxing." Sam, Year 6.

"We thought Art week was extremely fun and brilliant. Although the art was fun, our favourite part was when our parents came. We hope it happens next year too!" Ben and Charlie, Year 3.

"It was extremely fun! I hope we have it again next year!" Teddy and Gabriel, Year 3.

"We were so impressed by the other children's art work" Tahani and Nuhana, Year 3.

Visitor's to the exhibition!

"The energy and enthusiasm of the children is just wonderful. What an amazing way to showcase their work!"

Anonymous parent

"I love the dioramas! They look brilliant!"

Natalie's Mum (Year 4)

"I am so impressed by the children's creativity! I can see lots of future artists!"

Katie's Mum (Year 3)

"The art work the children have produced is amazing. I enjoyed being able to come and see it."

Annmarie (parent)

Thank you to all of the staff at Chisenhale for your hard work to make Art week such a success and thank you to the artists who worked with our children on their special projects!

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Emma Buckland and Paulina Michnowska from Chisenhale Studios and Yasmin for organizing this.

Thank you so much to all the parents who were able to make the exhibition such a success and help us to raise money for WWF and finally thank you to all the children who brought such passion and enthusiasm!

