

Project: Playground Flags

School:

Mayflower Primary School

Project Artist:

Amanda Wayne

Images:



When:

Autumn 2015

Participants:

300 students from across the school

Activity:

Artist Amanda Wayne led a whole school project to create artwork for nine colourful flags for the flagpoles at Mayflower Primary School.

The flags featured images based on the topic 'We are Britain', with the children exploring the local area, identity and aspirations through a series of artist-led activities.

Year 1 and 3 pupils made mobiles inspired by artist Alexander Calder including locally iconic buildings and shops.

Year 2 and 4 pupils shared their dreams and ambitions through creative writing and learnt to use marbelling to create portrait silhouettes.

Year 3 and 4 pupils produced a series of abstract map tiles using collage and printmaking.

Year 5 and 6 pupils used observational drawings of treasured items to create a repeat pattern inspired by artist William Morris.

The children created their own original artwork which Amanda then incorporated into the final designs. There are three flagpoles at the school and the flags will be rotated in three sets.

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Outcomes and Impact:

- 100% of children reported that they enjoyed the project
- 100% of children reported that they had learnt something new
- Children and teachers learnt new practical skills in printmaking, collage, marbelling and painting
- Children developed their knowledge of the history of the Mayflower ship and their school
- Children learnt about maps and architecture
- Children were able to take pride in and ownership over the school environment by contributing to a permanent artwork
- Children enjoyed and were inspired by working with a professional artist

Outputs:

- 9 printed flags were produced featuring selected designs by the pupils to be rotated on the flag poles in the school playground.
- 12 artist-led sessions in schools

Testimonies:

"I learnt that there is no such things as a mistake in art" Pupil

"I learnt how to make 3D collages and I learnt new words" Pupil

"Children were really proud of the work they created...they learnt new skills in marbelling and explored new words like "composition". They learnt about maps and architecture" Amanda, Lead Artist

"I learnt new words and shapes to do a creative artwork. We used the shapes to make buildings and we used primary colours" Pupil

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