

Art for Art's Sake at Brookland Junior School



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During Arts Week, which began on 13 June, children at the Suburb's Brookland Junior School were given the opportunity to enjoy a variety of artistic pursuits such as painting, modelling and creating textile pictures.

Visiting artists included textile artist Claire Beaton working on textile renditions of fairy stories in year 5; Polly Rockberger helping year 3 pupils create dramatic textured collages in year 3; Sue Rosenberg teaching pupils in year 4 to create layered lino-cut prints; Tony Gotlop teaching water-colour techniques and Ricky Grimes showing children how to make clay totem poles in year 6. The event was supported by the borough with Barnet Art Advisory Teacher, Jill Whittard providing her expertise and supporting pupils on a variety of artwork projects.

There were drama and music activities too. Year 3 and 5 visited St. Jude's Church for the children's lunchtime concert and percussion and song-writing workshops were run by professional musicians to

help pupils write lyrics and create their own musical masterpieces.

The school peripatetic woodwind teacher, Stuart Curtis, accompanied by a classical guitarist, delivered a stunning performance of jazz and classical music to the whole school. The enraptured pupils showed their

appreciation with enthusiastic clapping and cheering.

Drama activities included a visit by players from The Globe Theatre Company, who entertained pupils by performing a variety of scenes from Shakespeare plays. Andrew Craze, year 6 teacher and drama expert, took year groups of 90 children to the open air theatre in Little Wood for Shakespeare workshops. The workshops focused on Twelfth Night and involved children improvising elements of the story.

The event was a huge success with pupils given the opportunity to develop their creative talents. Organiser and year 3 teacher Rob Verrill commented, "Throughout the week, the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their classes and learnt new skills such as sewing, watercolour painting or sculpting in clay. This has been a wonderful opportunity for children to develop their creativity."

Head Teacher, Heather Blackmore added, "Arts Week enables pupils to discover gifts they never knew they had. Some are inspired to play an instrument while others learn that they can express themselves through painting, collage or textiles. The dramatists among them have the opportunity to explore their talents. A special thank you must go to event organiser Rob Verrill, our Music Co-ordinator, Tania Lloyd, Andrew Craze for his drama workshops, all the visiting professionals and parent helpers and of course, the pupils themselves for making the event such a resounding success."

JANE PENDRY



Faiyaz Chowdury, Noah Lachs, Anabita Ardebali, Maya Feinberg and Emilla Rezagholikhani

Brookland chess success



Bennie Jaderberg, Rebon Shab, Dominic Norcliffe Brown, his brother William, Matthew Rose and Joel Fischel pose with their trophies.

I've been playing chess since I was four and in June I went to the National Chess Primary Schools Semi-final at Pontins in Hemsby. As I was a member of the Brooklands Under 9 team, our coach told us we had to go to bed early. On Saturday we were going to start to play chess.

In our first match we played Dulwich College Prep B team and beat them 4-1. The game after that was against UCS and, yet again, we won 4-1. For our third and final match of the day, our opponents were The Rackham and it was another 4-1 victory.

At the end of the first day we were coming joint first with Haberdasher Askes' and drew 21/2 - 21/2. For our fifth game of the competition we played Dulwich College Prep A team

and sadly lost 3-2. After that round we were all very depressed. We had a team talk and we were all very determined to win our next game. We did 5-0.

At prize-giving we were delighted to discover we had in fact come joint first with Dulwich College Prep A team. Our Under 11s team came third so that meant both teams had qualified for the final.

In the final, from 129 teams there were now only 8 left. On Monday we started to play chess again and had two 4-1 victories, first over Magdalene College and second over Hampstead Garden Suburb, but in our third match we lost 3-2 to Nottingham High. On the Tuesday our first match was against Dulwich College Prep and, this time, we won 3-2.

In our fifth and final game, we played Haberdasher Askes' and lost badly 4-1.

We came fourth overall and we were the best state school. The Under 11s came fifth overall (out of 175 teams) and were also the best state school.

Our brilliant coach, John Fleetwood and our headteacher, Heather Blackmore, came to support us in all our games.

The Under 9 team was (in board order from 1-6): Dan Levit (captain), Dominic Norcliffe-Brown (me!), Alex Yap, Jack Vincent, Sheriar Khan 5/6 and Rahul Shah 5/6. The Under 11 team was: Joshua Yap (captain), Sabrina Barr, William Norcliffe-Brown (my brother), Natan Janner-Klausner, Julius Dein and Rohan Shah.

DOMINIC NORCLIFFE-BROWN, AGE 9

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