



Broadening Horizons

Westfield :the arts

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to our Spring Arts Newsletter, all of the events included in this newsletter happened before we went into lockdown. I do hope you and your families are keeping safe and well during this difficult time.

Many students have had the opportunity to work with professional artists and theatre directors. Some of our older pupils have put on two fantastic performances of a play called 'A series of public apologies', this is part of The National Theatre's Connections festival. As well as pupils, staff, friends and family they performed the play in front of a National Theatre director.

Every class in the school has had the opportunity to work with visiting artist Darrell Wakelam. Pupils had great fun making some 3D art, this is a real collaborative project, the end results can be seen in this newsletter.

Some great performances by staff in music assemblies. The aim of these to encourage pupils to take up individual music lessons, with many pupils already taking part in brass and drum lessons.

Craig Hart

Cinema trip

A group of students have been to see Dr Dolittle at the cinema. They had a great time with a meal afterwards. Thank you to the Arts Development Company for their on-going support funding these opportunities.



★ Music ★

There are now two orchestras at Westfield, The Cygnets and The Swans. The Cygnets are working on call and response and elements of music whilst the more advanced group are learning Für Elise and adding their own ideas into the piece. We will definitely be showing our skills in the Celebration Showcase in July and also have an opportunity to perform at Lytchett Minster School in July. More information to follow on this one. Mr Drummond, Mr Kelly and myself have organised a new band club and are upsetting staff with the noise from our electric guitars, drums and mics! Luckily it's only half an hour a week!! Its great fun and the students are really enjoying it. We are working on Seven Nation Army, Valerie and I love Rock and Roll. Once we have a set list we will perform in assembly and find other performance opportunities.

Jackie Kelly-McGhee



Eco bag competition

Eco club were set the challenge of designing a logo to go onto Westfield's re-usable shopping bag. Milo's design came out on top and is now printed onto the fabric bags. These are on sale from the school office priced at £3.00. Well done Milo, a great design!



Christmas Card Competition

A big well done to Jimmy in Weston class who won our Christmas card competition last term. He made a great design out of old sheet music. His design was professionally printed and used as the schools official Christmas card.



Art Enrichment Days.

Students from across the whole school spent three great days working with visiting artist Darrell Wakelam. Working in 3-D using card, tape, paper mache and paint to create work all based around a 'Sea' theme. Every class was involved from across the school, with primary classes making tropical fish. Key stage three classes made some scary looking deep sea fish and key stage four classes and the Sixth Form made a large Plesiosaur. Pupils worked well together, thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and produced some great work. The end results look fantastic and will be displayed around school. This was a real team effort and pupils should be very proud!



Reduce, Re-Use, Re-cycle!!



Various classes have been re using materials to make Art work. These range from flowers made from old drinks cans, colourful sculptures made from coffee filter papers and this fantastic horses head inspired by War Horse, made by Euan out of old computer bits!



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Newton and Sandbanks class have spent some of their Art lessons making 3D flames this term. The Art work was used in a Holocaust Memorial Day event called 'Stand Together', which was held at St Mary's church in Weymouth. As well as the Art work older pupils wrote reflections during their English lessons. A difficult subject but pupils coped very well and wrote some very thoughtful reflections.



Don't forget to follow the progress pupils are making in the Arts via Instagram. The schools Instagram page can be found at;
@westfield_arts_college



Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company Workshop

Preston and Nothe classes have been involved with a great workshop led by the Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company. The company are developing a new show called 'Pinocchio' which will be a contemporary adaptation of the story by Carlo Collodi. As part of this process they are working with children so they create something that really appeals to a wide family audience. Pupils came up with some great ideas through the session.



Performing Arts

The drama studio has been busy again this term. Our cast for our entry into the National Theatre Connections Festival were busy rehearsing and in February they did their first home performances in the studio to an audience of friends, staff and family. Our first performance was watched by a National Theatre director who congratulated our students on their excellent performance and their hard work.

Sadly, our final performance was due to take place at the Theatre Royal in Plymouth but we will be unable to go ahead with the performance due to Public Health guidelines. Our cast have been amazing and have worked so hard to get the play ready for performance and we look forward to working with them again for next year's Connections Festival when everything is a little more normal again!

Our KS3 groups have been working on stage combat in preparation for our performance of 'Romeo and Juliet'.

Mandy Gould



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