



Mo Mowlam
Academy

Timings of School Day:

Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm

“AIM HIGH AND THRIVE”

Mo Mowlam Academy

Newsletter — Spring HT 1 2020

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We have all been very excited to see movement on the site of our new school! We will keep you updated as the building progresses.

We are very pleased to welcome our new teacher, Mr Jones, to the Academy. He will be teaching in Aquamarine and Ruby classes. Mrs Graham will also be returning to work in the primary department following maternity leave. The pupils are very excited!

As a school we are working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Please look out on social media for updates. We will be seeking the views of parents in our review meetings and taking action to make sure our work with parents/carers is the best it can be in order to support our young people.

We have lots of programmes happening to support our young people in preparing for the world of work - you will see some updates throughout the newsletter! Thank you for your continued support in all we do.

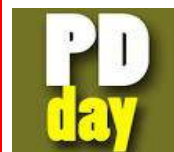
IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- We break up for February half term on Friday 14th February 2020 and pupils return to school on Monday 24th February 2020.
- The 2 week Easter Holidays begin on Monday 6th April 2020 and pupils return on Monday 20th April 2020.
- School will be closed for May Bank Holiday on **Friday 8th May 2020**.
- May Half Term starts on Monday 25th May 2020 and pupils return on Monday 1st June 2020.
- School breaks up for the Summer on Friday 17th July 2020.



OTHER EVENTS:



• School will be closed to pupils on the following dates due to PD Days:

- **Monday 20th July 2020**

ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all parents/carers who support the school by ensuring good attendance.

Amethyst class are the top attendees for this half term with an **INCREDIBLE 100%!!** Closely followed by our **Ruby, Sapphire** and **Emerald** classes who achieved 97.55%, 97.28% and 93.75% respectively.

We also have a record number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term: Ryan Ablett-Largan; Daniel Bradbury, Alfie Brown; Tyler Carse, Cody Clifford, Tyler Dörner, Kai Fryett, Jayden Haslem, Dylan Hillsley, Stuart Hood, Benjamin Illidge; Kenzie Randall, Adam McCormick, William Millward Bennett, Callum Raywood, Jason Cartwright, Corey Lee Smith, Jakob Delaney and Kieran Whitehead —a huge well done to you all!!!

Just a reminder that if your child is going to be absent please call the school office on 01642 779292 and select option 1.



DINNER MONEY

Just a reminder that school dinner money needs to be paid to the school office promptly. Primary Pupil Meals are £2.05 per day. Secondary Pupil Meals are £2.20 per day.



SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS

Again, this half term our pupils from KS3 and KS4 have visited many places as part of their Outdoor Education lessons. They have visited: Preston Park, the Municipal Golf Course, Billingham Forum for both ice-skating and swimming; Bowling at Planet Leisure, Cod Beck in Osmotherley and mini golf at Holey Moley's.



On Friday afternoons a mixture of Primary, KS3 and KS4 pupils have been continuing to enjoy sporting activities at Grangetown Boys Club as part of our enrichment offer.

EQUESTRIAN STUDIES

Dylan, Charlie and Mollie have carried on with their Equestrian studies in this cold and wet weather and have developed their horse management skills. A big congratulations to all three of them who have started to learn to canter. This started by accident but their riding ability has improved and they have all built great relationships with the staff at the stables and also the horses they look after and ride.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

We would like to thank all parents/carers for their continued support with school uniform. We now have the majority of pupils wearing uniform every day. Please remember that if you would like to order any extra items of uniform for your child then please just give the school office a call.

Our uniform comprises of:

- Light blue Polo Shirt or Short-Sleeved Shirt
- Navy Blue Sweatshirt or Cardigan or Blazer
- Grey School Trousers / Skirt
- Navy Blue Tie
- Black School Shoes



PRIMARY SWIMMING

This half term Amethyst class have been enjoying their weekly swimming lessons at Redcar Leisure Centre.



COUNSELING SERVICE

We have a counsellor from 'Acorn Children and Families Well-being Limited' who visits the school each week. If you think your child would benefit from some time, please speak to your child's tutor.



PRIMARY NEWS

Primary have been learning about World War II this term and life as an evacuee. Sapphire class practised listening to the air raid siren and hiding until the all clear! Sapphire class have also practised cooking war time ration recipes, which were surprisingly tasty. They planned an end of war VE style celebration where we shared the ration food, made our own bunting, had a go at jive dancing and sang along to "Run rabbit, run rabbit" as well as creating our own versions of the song and singing them.



EMERALD CLASS NEWS

Emerald Class have had Gram Seed visiting. Gram has been teaching us about life choices and about how making the right choices in life can make a huge impact. Gram has been explaining to the pupils how he has made the right choices and how they have changed his life.



The Pupils in Emerald Class have also enjoyed learning about Child's War. They have been learning about Anderson Shelters and really enjoyed making them.



TOPAZ CLASS NEWS

Topaz class have started a collaborative Art project with Northern School of Art, aiming to produce a large scale piece of art to display in the new build. The project is also providing them with opportunities to understand Art as a viable career route and working with Post Graduates is allowing them to extend their knowledge of further and higher education.

MATHS NEWS

Students in year 9 and 10 have been working hard over the last couple of weeks to complete their AQA Entry Level certificate. Well done to all the students who have completed it!!

Topaz- A big well done to all the students in Topaz class, they have worked extremely well this half term and have been completing work which has a focus on collecting and interpreting different data.

Pearl- The boys in Pearl class have worked hard to complete their Entry Level certificate and have moved on to coordinates and angles - lets hope they can find the treasure.

Jasper- Jasper class have had a focus on angles and Pythagoras Theorem this term and all student have been learning the different formulas to use.

Opal- A big well done to the boys in Opal class who have been trying hard to practise for their up and coming Functional Skills Level 2.

AQUAMARINE CLASS NEWS

Aquamarine class have been working with the Princes Trust in our outdoor learning lessons. We have been learning how to light fires, build dens and tie knots.



CREATIVE LESSONS

Secondary students look forward to a range of creative lessons on offer by Miss Cutter throughout the week. Students take part in Art, Creative Skills and Food Technology.

I hope you look forward to learning about the students' creative adventures in each newsletter; remember to follow our Twitter and Facebook pages to see snippets of exciting art fun in-between each issue.

Secondary - Art

KS3 have been investigating British Artists, in particular Damien Hirst and his use of butterflies and patterns in his modern paintings.

Students have had such fun in exploring the various ways to respond to artist work this half term.

Students noticed that Damien Hirst's art pieces reminded them about the intricate look of a stained glass window, we have been trying to create our own colourful pieces to fill the windows too!



Damien Hirst—Artist

To work confidently when producing a print of an insect



To produce an observational drawing.

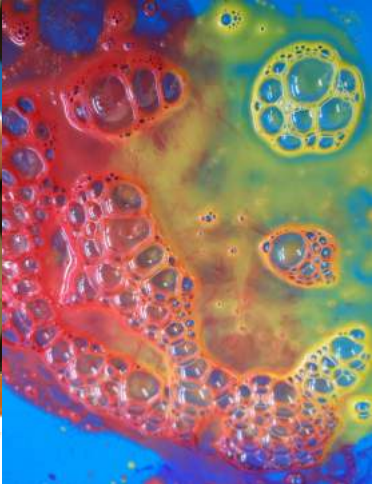


Ruby have even had the experience of drawing from real life, looking at Miss Cutter's bizarre dead bee and wasp collection!!! As she always says' "all in the name of art!"

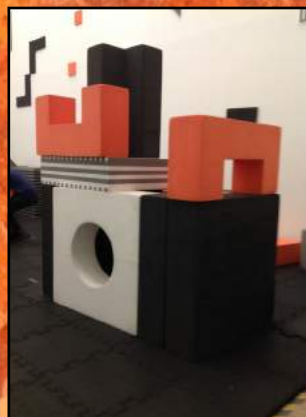
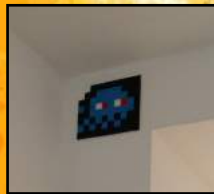
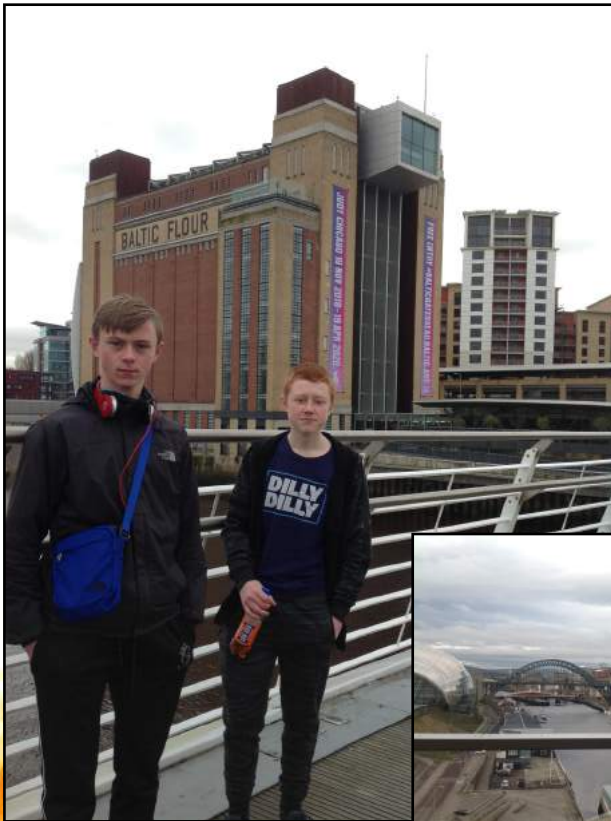
Students have been exploring abstract and unusual painting techniques to produce backgrounds, before printing their choice of butterflies on top.



To experiment in various ways in order to make abstract painted backgrounds.



arts award



Secondary - Art

As part of their year 11 Art Award level one portfolio building, students visited the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art. Whilst there, they interacted with several exhibitions and art gallery assistants. They were even invited back stage to see a secretive graffiti piece by the world renowned artist, Invader.

Year 11 also visited a more local gallery, MiMA in Middlesbrough. Quite the art experiences.

Mindful MINUTES



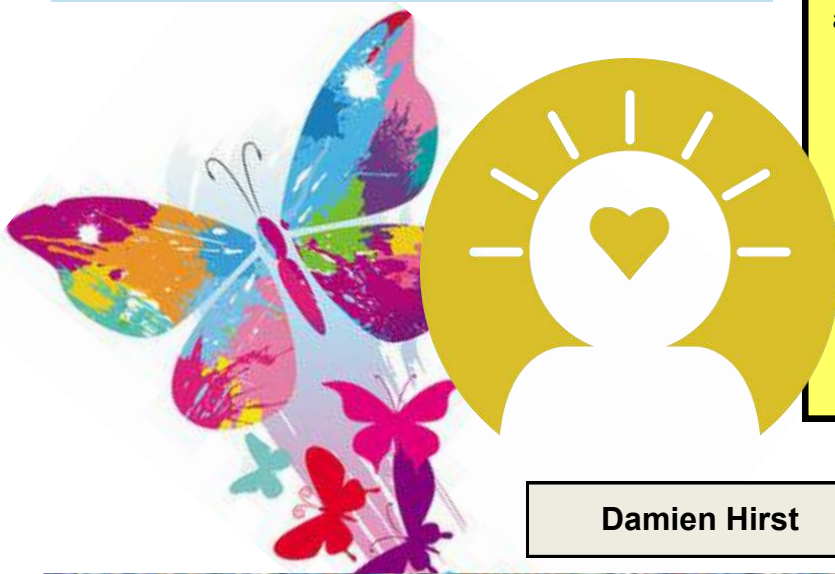
Coffee Break—Mindfulness Activity

It has been proven that being creative and taking part in art can lower stress and relax the mind. Look at all the colouring books available to children and adults alike.

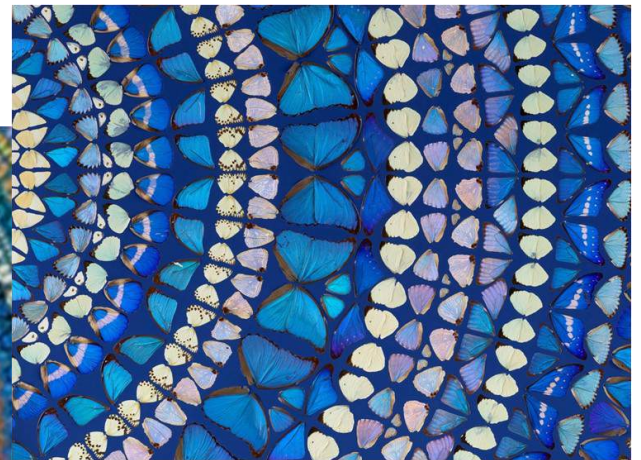
Take five minutes in your busy days after work, school or even when watching TV to colour in the sheets provided. Be inspired by Ruby class and their recent art looking at Damien Hirst and his use of butterflies.

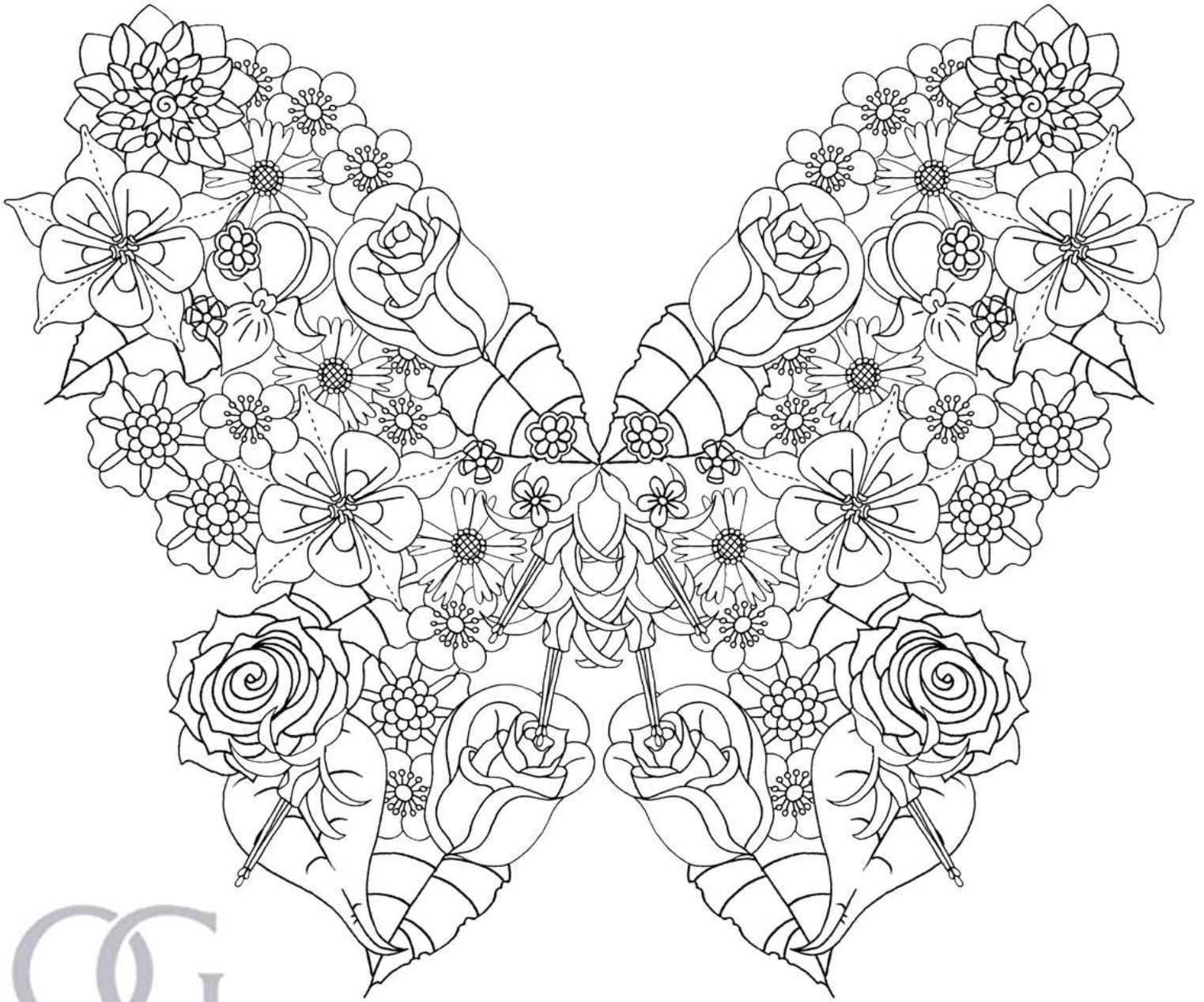
Complete the mindfulness colouring by artist Anastasia Catris, don't be afraid to use bright and bold colours for the sheer fun of it.

Students if you return your own coloured sheet, I will display them for all to see. I wonder how creative you might be!

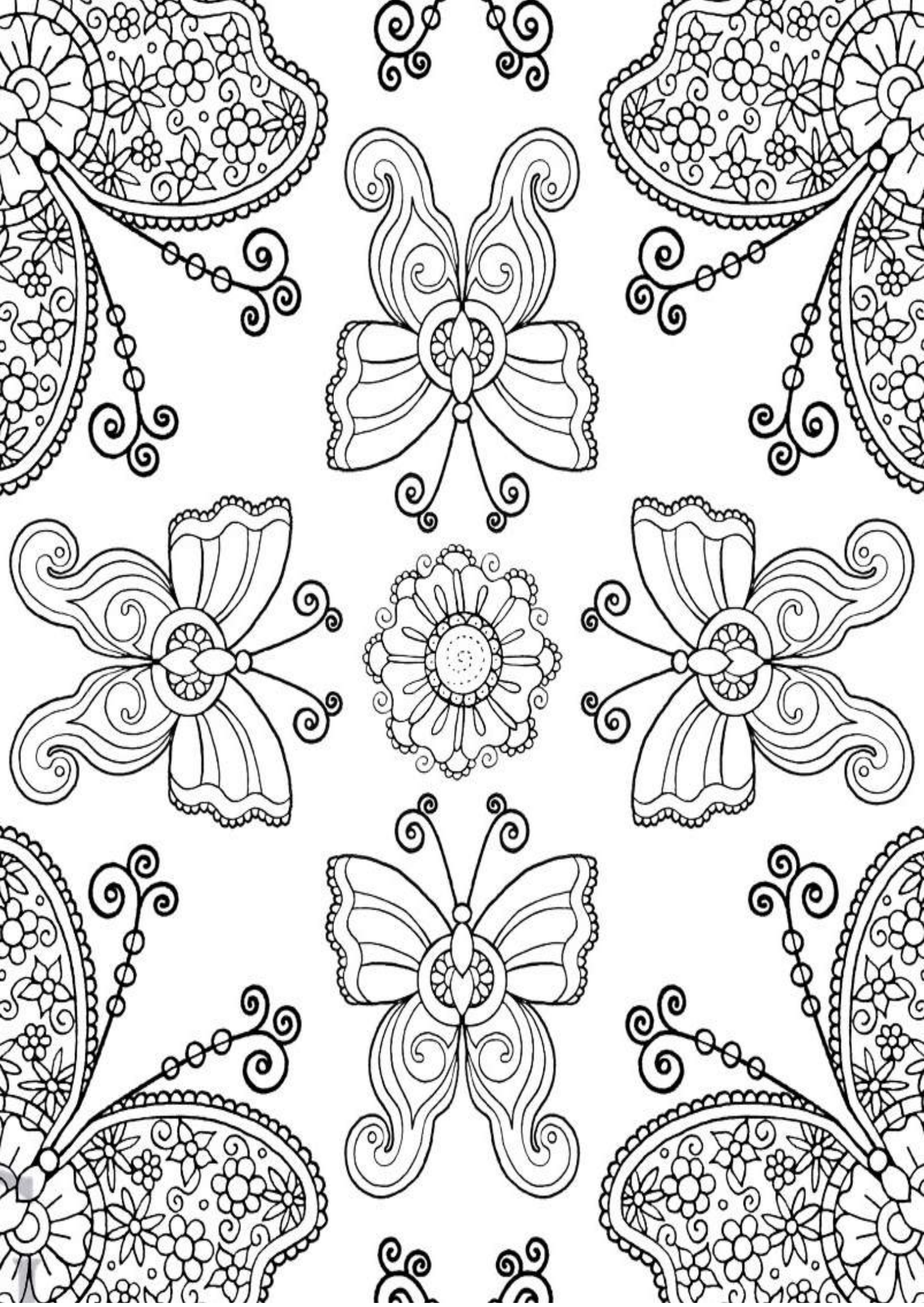


Damien Hirst





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Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 "Stand Together"

*'Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong,
be prepared every day to try and do some good'*

Sir Nicholas Winton,
who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe



Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 Stand Together



This half term, students in Ruby have been commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day (27th Jan) during their food lesson. They fully enjoyed working in teams to make the special sweet bread, Challah, to learn more around the Jewish people and why all life and customs are important with Miss Cutter.



#STANDTOGETHER

