

Timings of School Day:

Primary 8:40am - 2:15pm

Secondary 8:40am—2:10pm



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Academy

"AIM HIGH AND THRIVE"



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Newsletter — Autumn HT 2 2019



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of the term I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support. The majority of students are consistently wearing school uniform.

We have had a number of fundraising events for various charities which have been successful, and we are hearing lots of positive feedback from parents and carers in review meetings.

All of the staff at Mo Mowlam would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and hope you enjoy your time together over the festive break.



IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

- The Christmas Holidays begin on Monday 23rd December 2019 and pupils return on Monday 6th January 2020.
- 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.
- 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:
 - Friday 31st January 2020
 - Monday 3rd February 2020
 - 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 **AMAZING 99.64%** closely followed by our **Emerald & Ruby** classes who are both at **96.88%**.

We also have a record number of pupils who have achieved 100% attendance this half term: Ryan Ablett-Largan; Alfie Brown; Travis Dixon, Ellie Earl, Kai Fryett, Jayden Haslem, Benjamin Illidge; Kennedy Mackie-Walker, Adam McCormick, William Millward Bennett 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

This half term our pupils from KS3 and KS4 have visited many places as part of their Outdoor Education lessons. They have visited: Skinningrove, Billingham Forum for both ice-skating and swimming; the gym at Redcar College, Preston Park, Romano Park, Summerhill Park, the driving range, roller skating at Planet Leisure and mini golf at Holey Moley's.



At the beginning of this half term all of our Primary pupils enjoyed a trip to Preston Park Museum. The purpose of the trip was to experience being in a Victorian School and to see what Victorian life was like.

Some of our KS4 pupils have visited the Cenotaph in Southbank, Middlesbrough as part of their PSHE Citizenship module.



Some of our Primary pupils had a brilliant time at Play World in Eston as part of their PSHCE lesson. The purpose of the trip was to show that they are able to follow instructions and to further the relationship between the children.

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

We held a competition in school for pupils to design a Christmas card. The winning entry was to be used on the Trust's official Christmas card.....

The WINNING design was created by Hollie Jones— a massive well done to Hollie!!



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER

Everyone in school enjoyed a school Christmas Dinner on Thursday 13th December 2019.

Tables were decorated and Christmas crackers were pulled!!





Secondary ENGLISH KS3

Another amazing term!

Pupils have been studying the mysterious play – An Inspector Calls.

KS3 have explored the themes of growing up, judgment and the social class system.

Shout out to the fantastic Topaz class for giving 100% this term!

Secondary ENGLISH KS4

Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

This term has had KS4 delving into the world of science fiction and gothic. Through Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde pupils have had some fascinating discussions on what is good and evil, questioning which is stronger.

Well done Jasper and Opal Classes.



KS3 Topaz Class are raising money this year for the RSPCA.

Thank you to staff and pupils who have helped us raise £40 this term.

We are excited to see what we can raise by the end of July!



CREATIVE LESSONS

transitional and 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 Tech.

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 the Mexican culture and celebration, Day of the Dead.

Students have been looking at folk art, celebratory artefacts and the work of Frida Kahlo as a significant Mexican.



To plan a range of ideas to support final design, when creatively producing an element for a costume.

To produce a skull design out of a block of soap.



Brandon in Aquamarine was great at dressing up in Mexican inspired clothing and using his face painting designs to complete a full face up, with the help of Miss Cutter!



Topaz and Ruby students worked well when furthering their skills with sculpture and carving, inspired by the Mexican sugar skulls.

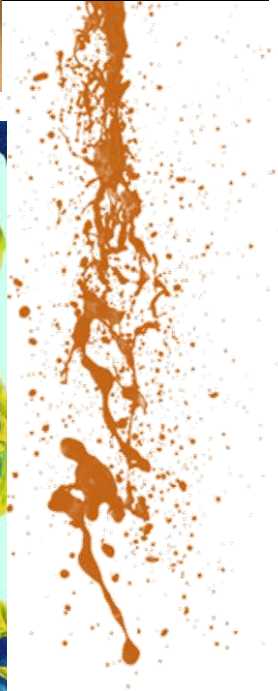
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Topaz were investigating the use of filters within photography and in particular the use of thermal imaging.

They then produced oil pastel, thermal colouring inspired, drawings of skulls. After which they transformed these into fantastic digital patterns! Their finished patterns certainly wouldn't look out of place in any upscale designer store,



To select and apply a chosen colour family to signify tone.



To produce a digital repeated pattern.



After learning facts around Frida Kahlo's tragic life, Aquamarine and Ruby students worked well in producing a collaborative, large scale mosaic painting of her. Inspired by her own painted 'The Frame' self portrait. The end result is both bold and vibrant with colour, I'm sure she would have loved it as much as everyone else!



To explore and recreate Frida Kahlo's likeness in a stylised portrait.

To create a piece of work to join a larger collaborative piece.

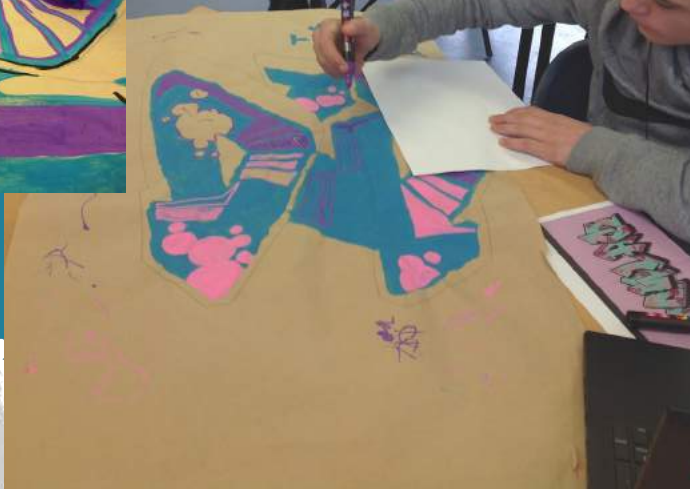
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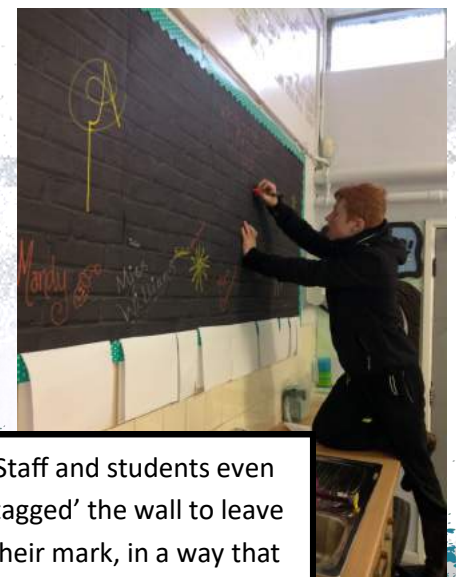
During KS3 Pearl and KS4 Jasper's art lessons they have been working on the theme of Graffiti.

They have produced this collaborative piece of work for all in school to become involved in, if they wished too.

Both Pearl and Jasper were involved in working as a team to create the



To present and display a collaborative mural inspired by street art and graffiti.



Staff and students even 'tagged' the wall to leave their mark, in a way that made Miss Cutter happy!!



To identify the four kinds of graffiti typography and to create your own 'tag' design.





Christmas JUMPER DAY

On Friday 13th of December, Mo Mowlam Academy celebrated Christmas Jumper Day in aid of the charity, Save the Children.

We raised money to give to the great cause and had lots of fun and laughter in the process!!!



Dabbing through the snow and a merry Santa floss, fundraising never felt so fun!!



Mindful MINUTES

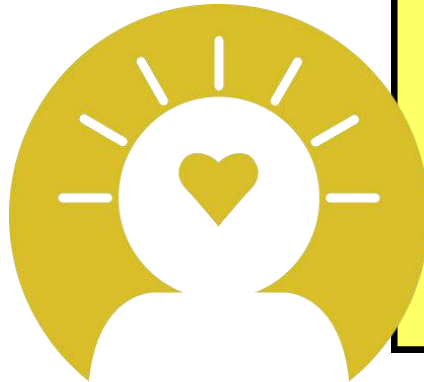


Coffee Break—Mindfulness Activity

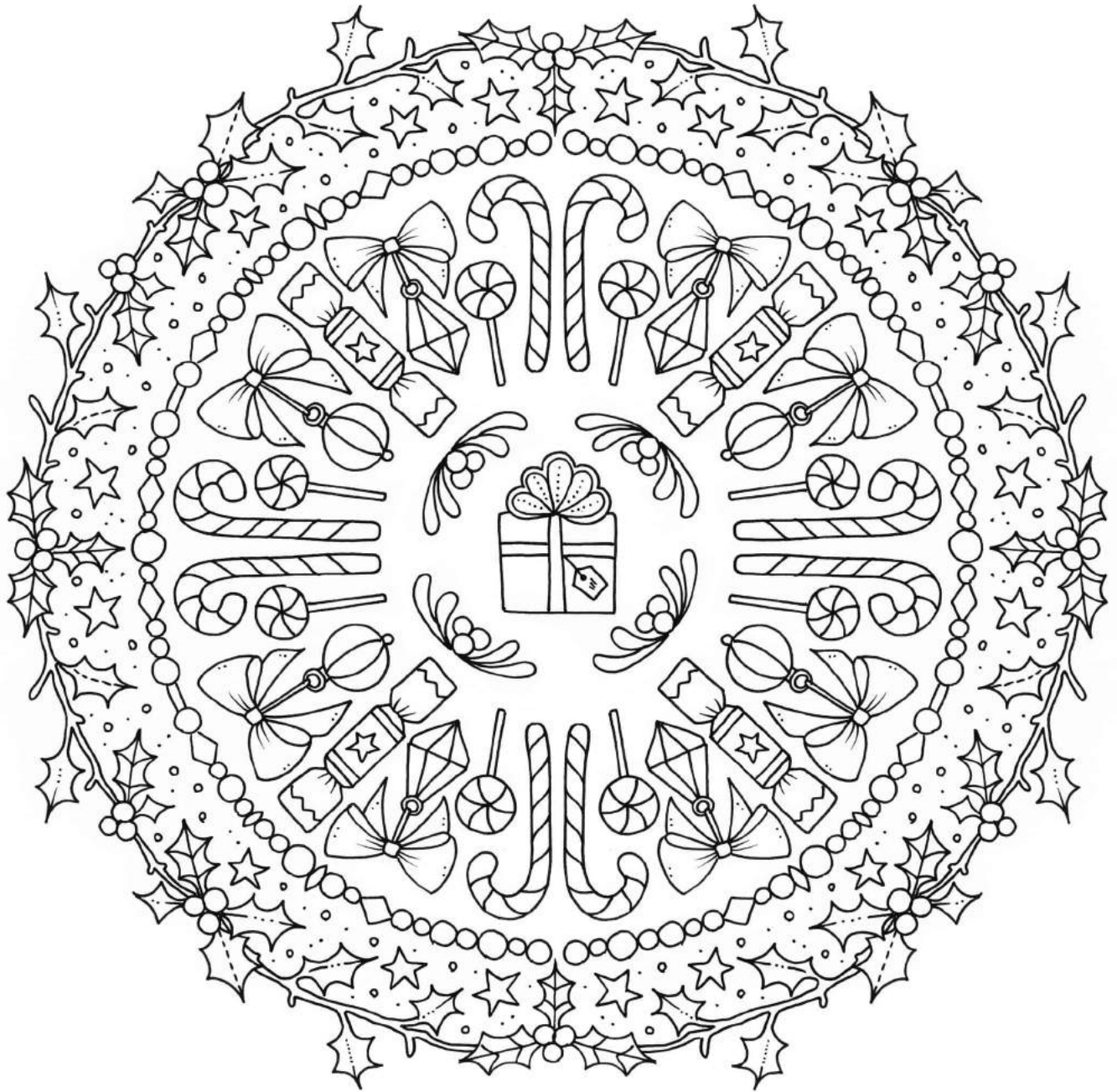
It has been proven that being creative and taking part in art, can lower stress and relax the mind. Look at all the colouring books available to children and adults alike.

Take five minutes in your busy days, after work, school or even when watching TV to colour in the sheets provided. While inspired by the mindfulness colouring artist Johanna Basford and her art, 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!







#JohannasChristmas
Johanna Basford