



HARROW WAY COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Right Respecting School Award



'UNICEF UK is pioneering an initiative in UK schools called the Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA).'

Harrow Way School is now in its second stage towards achieving RRSA. In our application for the award an idea about a mural painted in our school by our students has emerged. A whole school competition was launched by Art Teacher, Mrs Gibbs, and Head of Religious Studies, Mrs Delany, in November 2008. Open to all students, the challenge was to come up with an idea for the mural. Everyone was invited to take part in the competition and to use their creativity to draw their ideas for the mural. The response was fantastic!

Winning ideas for the mural



Harrow Way students from all years have taken part in the competition to determine the best idea for the mural. The ideas were inspired from the articles of the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Articles 2, 24, 29 and 31 from the convention have influenced many of our students.

Harrow Way's Gifted and Talented artists then chose their favourites from all these entries and using them as an inspiration have started to create their own mural compositions. On 20th November 2009 Harrow Way's



G&T artists were invited to take part in a workshop led by Bulgarian artist Alexi Iliev. During the workshop the students were introduced to the mural technique of secco, a dry wall painting technique, which enabled them to paint their own mini murals on special wall boards that Alexi had prepared for them.



Alexi working with Harrow Way G&T students

WINNERS

Descriptive writing
Drawing
Collage
Illustration

Catherine Upfold
Megan Rolfe
Kayla Crisp
Sophie Roberts

Runners up:

Chelsea Wickenden

Robbie Spencer
Stacey Robinson

Carlton Leonard
Cassie Weeks

"By the children, for the children."

Project leader and Art Teacher Jenny Gibbs said: "My vision was to create a mural, based on UNCRC, made by the children, for the children." "We were very fortunate to have Alexi work with us on this. These students are already very able but working with someone like Alexi and learning a new technique has really inspired their creativity. I think the final mural will reflect both their skill and his influence and it will act as a centrepiece for our school." The proposed 2.7m x 2.7m mural, which is to be painted near the Reception area, will focus on celebrating the rights of the child in the UK and how fortunate many are.

Artist Alexi Iliev

Artist Alexi Iliev is usually to be found working on conservation of the Royal Collection of arms and armourer at Hampton Court Palace. During his career he has worked on restoring monasteries, churches and listed buildings in Bulgaria and since his residency in the UK has taken part in many projects such as restoration of the King's Library in the British Museum, restoration of a number of sculptures by Anthony Gormley and many monuments in Brussels, Dublin and London.



Working together, we all succeed!

Hilary Delany, Head of Religious Education and Citizenship concludes: "This school is on a journey towards achieving the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award and it is our imaginative approach with cross-departmental projects that helps our students both learn the important Citizenship message but really embrace the learning



The whole school has embraced the idea of the mural. Everyone has been waiting impatiently to see the mini murals so that they can vote for their favourite. Votes flooded in, with every student, teacher and employee at Harrow Way excited to see the winner. First prize – to be painted in the allocated area near the main Reception.

Learning for life, success for all!

When all votes had been counted, the winner was identified! The Headteacher, Mr Currie, proudly announced that the winner of the mural competition was Zoe Russell, a talented year nine student. Well done to Zoe and everyone else that entered for having worked so hard to make this possible. We hope to have the mural completed by the end of the summer term!

WINNING MURAL Zoe Russell, Y9

