



In July some of our Year 5 pupils worked with Will Chapman, a Graphic Communication lecturer from Cirencester college. He guided them through the Art and Design process, starting with them being given a brief and culminating in them painting a mural in the Year 5 corridor. It was a brilliant experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by staff and children alike and I am hoping to repeat the process next year with another group of children (and a different corridor in the school!) Below is a piece written by Will at the end of the project.

Amanda Snaith.

'Whilst working with the children, I was completely awestruck by their enthusiasm and passion for creativity and the Arts. We sometimes forget that there are many real world applications of our creativity, in this instance the creation of a mural. The children took this idea and began to understand the effects that art and design can have on the wider community, for us it was the task of brightening up the environment surrounding the year 5 classrooms and giving the students a sense of pride and accomplishment. We can create, and should continue to foster this most natural human ability. The Year 5 students reminded me of how a youthful sense of wonder and excitement at the thought of painting the wall could ignite so much potential within us. This was further evidenced when the children were invited to Cirencester College for a creative workshop and tour where their behaviour was exceptional. They demonstrated excellent manners, strong questioning and expansive creativity. It was an amazing visit and they were a credit to Robert Le Kyng.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the staff and students at Robert Le Kyng for making my experience fun, comfortable and enriching, even when we were taking over the corridor! I hope our work leaves a lasting impression on all who visit.'

Will Chapman, Graphic Communication Lecturer, Cirencester College