

Brave Young Makers: Year Three Pupils at Ridgefield Primary Transform Materials into Birds and Insects

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This workshop presented year three pupils at Ridgefield Primary School with real design and making challenges as they worked to a brief to 'create birds and insects for their school tree'.



Pupils at Ridgefield Primary School with their finished sculptural birds

The tree was a naked steel structure, badly in need of adorning and standing in the school's 'nature garden' next to a pond, nest boxes and meadow flowers all beautifully maintained by the pupils under the stewardship of Mr. Pillin, the school's site manager.



Bird suspended onto the school 'tree' made by staff and pupils at Ridgefield Primary School



Finished bird by a pupil, suspended on the school tree

The challenge for the year three pupils was to produce finished sculptural pieces, which would be strong enough to withstand wind and rain, in a day. Sculptures would be made by transforming materials from a near by [Bits and Bobs](#) scrap store.

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