

“Missing You” – Pavement Art Response to #SchoolclosureUK

By Rowan Briggs Smith

In this resource, artist Rowan Briggs Smith shares the pavement artwork she created outside her school during the 2020 lockdown to express how much she missed her friends and teachers, and demonstrates how art can help us communicate our feelings and connect with our community.

During lockdown 2020 I decided to make a pavement artwork outside Comberton Village College. I know my friends are missing being at school, and that the teachers are missing us too. I wanted to use my art as a voice to acknowledge that.



With permission from the school, I decided that using the crossing outside the main entrance felt like the perfect place to make an artwork. I adapted the Kitchener "Britain Needs You" Poster into this "Missing You" message, with one side of the "missing you" representing the school and teachers, and the other "missing you" representing the pupils - meeting across the crossing. I decided to put the hands outside the frame of the rectangle.



The school currently only has about 10 pupils attending and similar number of staff (out of over 1600 regular pupils), but I thought it would be nice for them to be greeted by the artwork when they arrived on Monday, plus others could see it via social media ([Instagram here](#)). What surprised me was how many residents from the village and surrounding villages made special trips as part of their daily walk to come to see the piece. I've had so many messages from people saying how much they enjoyed seeing it. What means the most to me is the messages from my friends saying thank you for doing it and for creating something which communicates how they feel.



The whole thing took about 8 hours. I made the stencils at home the night before, and then got up at 5am on the Sunday to chalk it. I finished at 12.30 on Sunday, and I have a new respect for pavement artists - my whole body aches and I have no finger prints!





















I walked past it today, only 2 days later, and it barely exists (we had rain overnight), but I have amazing memories of it.

Thanks to Hungry for "In the Snow" (find on Spotify) in the video at the top of this page. And thanks to the support from staff at Comberton Village College.



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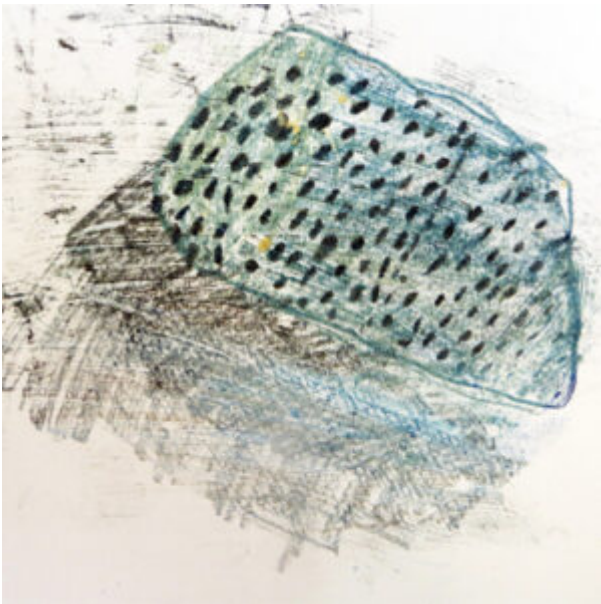
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The Story of Cupid and Psyche by Jacopo del Sellaio (1442 –

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In this post, Kate Noble, Education Officer at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge shares the story of Cupid and Psyche as depicted in the 15th Century painting by Jacopo Del Sellaio. This is one of a series of posts from Inspire: A Celebration of Children's Art at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge.

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Making A Creative Response – Physical to Aural

As part of the teenage #BeACreativeProducer Project, we have been exploring how we can trust and use “instinct” in relation to finding starting points to generate ideas and enable creativity. In this post, AccessArt Young Artist Alex Tunstall shares what happened when he received a “box” of physical stimuli to inspire an aural response.

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Modelling the Head in Clay Part 4 – Features

This is the final post in a series of posts following teenagers modelling a clay head over a term with artist Melissa Pierce Murray. In the final session of the series: Modelling the Head in Clay, we look at how to form the features: eyes, ears, mouth. We look at ways to finish and embellish the form using hair, clothing or inventing horns. In the class we talked about how the muscles attach to the bones, and how the skin smoothes over the surfaces.

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Part 3 – Skull

This is the third post in a series of posts we concentrated on creating a solid armature and clay foundation for our clay heads. In this post This post is the third in a series of posts following teenagers making a clay head over the course of a term with artist Melissa Pierce Murray. Here they concentrate on developing the shape of the cranium and forehead, the structure of the eye sockets, cheekbones, jaws and teeth.

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Part 2 – Preparations

This post looks at two preparations for making a clay head: drawing to help us learn to see the form in the round, and taking measurements from life.

This is the second post in a series of resources showing how teenagers modelled a clay head over the course of a term.

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Part 1 – Armature

Making a Steel or Wood Armature is the first in a series of resources showing how teenagers modelled a clay head over the

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