

RESPONSES TO PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE – ARTS CURRICULUM (ART, MUSIC, DRAMA, DANCE) – July/September 2017

Year Group	Do you feel Arts is important in Primary School Life	How does it impact on your child's behaviour/emotional wellbeing & academic achievement?	Do you support our educational visits & extra-curricular arts activities	As a result of your child's experiences, have you taken part in any Arts Activities?	Examples of Arts Projects that have really impressed you?
Reception	All YES 100%	Main comments throughout were :	All parents support our education visits & extra-curricular arts activities.	Many families have explored Arts activities outside school as a result of their child's experiences at school	Most questionnaires referred to specific activities/projects for the particular year group, some of these were:
Year 1	All Yes, just one NO 99.5% (no reason given)	Improves confidence/self esteem/self awareness	Many parents get involved with the activities wherever and whenever possible	The most visited places were:	
Year 2	All YES 100%	Improves relationships/life skills	Some parents would like to be more involved but other commitments prevent this	Museums Theatres Galleries Places of historical interest Dance/art classes or workshops Animal sanctuaries Royal observatory Places visited as a school group, eg Scarborough Robin Hoods Bay	Model village & others All music activities Egypt Sewing/weaving Vehicles/transport Castles & bridges RHB play/poetry Joseph & other productions, including class assemblies Trips & residentials Handprint & other displays Drama club India Day
Year 3	All YES 99.5%, just one NO For Music & Dance	Enables expression of feelings/creativity/imagination			
Year 4	All YES 99.5%, just one NO Plenty of artists – need more scientists/policitians	Learning is enjoyable & fun Improves emotional wellbeing			
Year 5	All YES 100%	Gives a child a well-balanced/ rounded/holistic approach to life			
Year 6	All YES 100%	Cultural enrichment Provides a stress free break to academic work			

Sample of some of the additional comments entered on the forms:

“Cultivates imagination and creativity and an acknowledgement of multiple types of intelligence; She (child) is shy by nature but when she performs, she comes alive; Gives children a wonderful creative outlet; Can set up life long hobbies; Children excel at performing, it brings out their desire to do their absolute best; Weaving – a real skill children wouldn't often come across outside the school; Has found skills and interest in all areas of the arts he didn't know he had; The Arts curriculum provides foundation for success in all areas; Creative activities help with problem solving, resourcefulness, spiritual growth and provide an outlet for unstructured self expression; Every child is an artist; Thank you for all the wonderful experiences”