Waltham Gateway Academy

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Bright Future Fridays (BFF)

NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

What a wonderful half term it has been with our Bright Future Fridays focus " I am an ARTIST" inspired by the book 'Be a Maker' by Katie Howes! Our incredible classes — Barn Owls, Kestrels, Eagles, Robins and Chicks — have been busy connecting with the wider community through exciting activities, creative projects and meaningful experiences. We are so proud of every single one of them!



Class Highlights





Barn Owls

The Barn Owls explored, 'The Artist I' m becoming– Who am I now?' They explored how a range of artists express themselves; went on a virtual tour of the Cleethorpes Art trail and developed their own artistic ideas. We finished our learning by visiting Tollbar Academy and used Clay to create a monster that expressed our personalities.





Kestrels

The Kestrels explored, 'Art in nature– How magnificent is the world around me?' They explored art within nature and science: focusing on scientific detailed sketches like a Botanical artist, floristry and landscapes. Look how incredible their final pieces were!





Robins and Eagles

The Robins and Eagles explored, 'All about me – How can I express myself?' The children used watercolours to paint their facial features; took selfies and sketched self portraits and created collage faces.

Chicks

Our youngest learners, the Chicks, explored,' Making my mark– Who am I?' The children had fun exploring different types of art using paint, dance and making lots of mess with colour mixing for picasso style faces.

Special BFF Music workshop







To celebrate the International day of music on the 1st of October, the children participated in a musical workshop with Mr Booth. The children had the opportunity to learn about instruments from China; they listened to the instruments being played and then had the chance to have a go themselves. The children then created a soundscape about Dragon Island; adding music to the background to represent the water, the footsteps, the storm, the animal noises and inside the temple. It was a fantastic experience!

Upcoming BFF Events

Next half term, we will be looking at:
I am a Designer & Maker
I am a linguist (National linguistics Day 26th November)
I am an Entrepreneur
We are looking forward to engaging with STEM activities; a special Spanish BFF and a Christmas Enterprise market to wrap up 2026!



If any of our families or members of the community can support us to bring these "makers" to life then please contact us on enquiries@walthamgatewayacademy.co.uk