

Netherbrook Primary School **Arts Policy 2008**

The Aim of the Netherbrook Primary Arts Policy is:

'To recognize and celebrate the distinctive creative contribution that the Arts make to the holistic educational development of every pupil at Netherbrook Primary School'

The Objectives of the Netherbrook Primary Arts Policy are:

- ✓ *To ensure that all our pupils have the entitlement to a broad, balanced, dynamic and exciting Arts experience, embracing Art, Music, drama, Literature, Media and the new technologies, at all stages of their Education*
- ✓ *To develop pupils' aesthetic, artistic, creative and intellectual capabilities through differentiated and challenging Arts activities within and beyond the taught curriculum*
- ✓ *To build self-confidence, self-expression, critical awareness and a sense of personal achievement in all our pupils*
- ✓ *To provide a variety of contexts for pupils' display, presentations and performance, both within and beyond the school premises. To ensure appropriate publicity to celebrate pupils' successes*
- ✓ *To celebrate our cultural and ethnic diversity and to appreciate the quality of creativity in the Arts in our local community and in the wider context*
- ✓ *To raise the profile of the Arts and to emphasize the importance of aesthetic development and the encouragement of creativity and artistic expression through school activities*
- ✓ *To integrate school activities into the wider curriculum in relation to their impact on the Arts*
- ✓ *To ensure that Netherbrook Primary School maintains the highest standards of Teaching and Learning in the Arts subjects. This will be reflected in teacher assessments and the pro-active engagement of pupils in creative Arts activities. This will be supported by high quality CPD for all teaching staff*
- ✓ *To encourage every teacher to recognize and develop the distinctive contribution that they make to each pupil's Arts experience*
- ✓ *To develop the school premises as a showcase for pupils' achievements in the Arts*

- ✓ *To allow every pupil to experience significant contact with the work of professional artists in a variety of media, both within school and at other locations, such as Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and Walsall New Art Gallery*
- ✓ *To ensure that the school embraces all opportunities to improve the environment and resources for Arts education*
- ✓ *To promote aesthetic sensitivity throughout the school with regard to display, the quality of in-house publications and resources for learning.*
- ✓ *To engage pupils, teachers, support staff, governors, parents and carers in the support of the further development of Arts opportunities for the benefit of our pupils and the wider community*

The Evaluation of the Netherbrook Primary School Arts Policy will be by:

- *Annual review of the Netherbrook Primary School Arts Policy to ensure that it continues to reflect the aspirations that we have for a holistic Arts experience for our pupils to ensure breadth of creative understanding*
- *Annual Reports to Governors on the examination performance of all subjects engaged in Arts Education*
- *Termly Headteacher's Reports to Governors that celebrate Arts activities and events at and beyond Netherbrook Primary School*
- *External reports from those engaged in assessing and reviewing the quality of Arts Education at Netherbrook Primary School: Ofsted, HMI, ITT providers and Dudley LEA*
- *Making a specific commitment in the School Improvement Plan to continue to develop the Artsmark principles*
- *In House assessment, by audiences and participants, of the quality of the experiences that we offer our pupils throughout the school year, including evaluations by pupils, parents and the wider school community*

Arts Expertise of Staff:

National Curriculum Arts Subject	Coordinator
<i>Drama</i>	<i>Mrs H Nock Literacy Coordinator position held since July 2004</i>
<i>Music</i>	<i>Mrs L Frost Music Coordinator position held since September 2000</i>
<i>Art & Design</i>	<i>Mrs S Clarke Art & Design Coordinator position held since June 2001</i>
<i>Dance</i>	<i>Mrs J Saxon Position of PE Coordinator held since Sept 2002 Mrs J Barfoot (Dance Leader)</i>

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