

ALT BRIDGE CULTURAL NEWS

Arts Mark

Alt Bridge aiming for a prestigious Artsmark Award .

Pupils and staff at Alt Bridge have embarked on an exciting journey to gain a prestigious Artsmark Award. Last year was a momentous year for the programme, as it celebrated 20 years of arts, culture and creativity in schools.

Our aim is to embed creativity within the school to build young people's confidence, character and resilience through creativity bringing learning to life through arts and culture. We aim to support the health and wellbeing of pupils through arts and culture to foster and hone pupils' passions for their art with open minds in order to enjoy engaging with the arts throughout life.



We have been working towards the Arts Mark criteria over the past two years:

Value and Ethos- Promote arts and culture in values and ethos

We continue to promote a lifelong love for learning and enjoyment of arts and culture through a range of experiences and opportunities. As part of our KS3 curriculum, all pupils have the opportunity to take part in Art, Music and Drama. At KS4, we offer our pupils a range of suitable arts qualifications. This ensures they can increase their, skills and understanding of arts and cultural subjects.

Children and young people engagement- Engage children and young people

We continue to showcase and display pupils' fantastic work effectively. As shown in previous newsletters, we have a range of exhibition spaces in school and work towards a summer showcase. At Alt Bridge, we plan lots of opportunities for pupils to attend arts and cultural events. We are so lucky to have so many wonderful connections in our local area.

Curriculum design- embed a diverse curriculum.

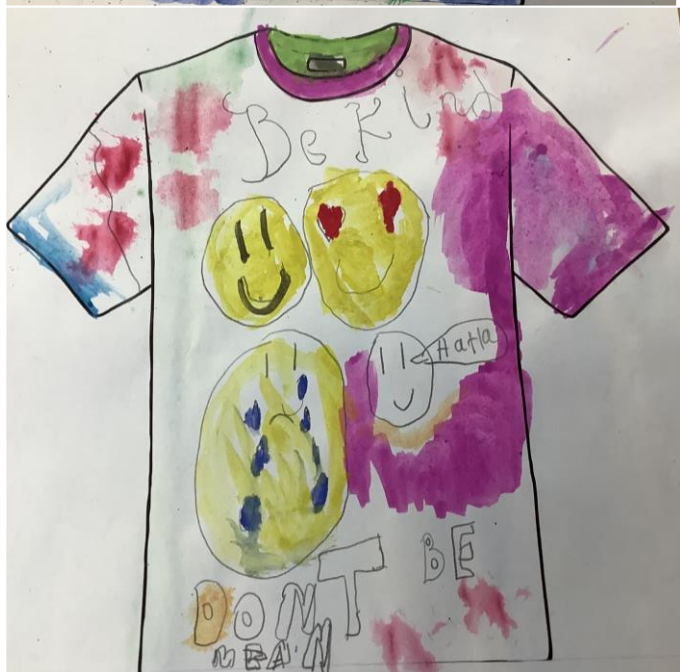
The value and impact of a broad arts and cultural curriculum is embedded in our curriculum. We are very proud of the work pupils are creating.

For further information see [Curriculum Offer – Alt Bridge School](#)

Anti Bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 took place from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. The theme was Make A Noise About Bullying. The week kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November, where adults and children wore odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. Pupils attended assemblies focusing on wellbeing and promoting a positive message.

Pupils have been taking part in a t-shirt design competition that promotes a positive message. Here are some of the creative entrees.



Collaborative project

We continue to promote the positive message of being kind as one of our school core values. Pupils have worked together to create a kindness display.



Educate awards

We are proud to announce our Arts department was shortlisted for an Educate award this year. Our music and drama department were thrilled to be nominated for the WOW recognition award for the amazing work they did with Liverpool Hope university 'unity through song'. This category is in recognition for achieving an outstanding performance, success or achievement. This award is designed to recognise the real stand out and totally inspirational project by a school.

Lambanana competition

We are lucky to have purchased a Lambanana sculpture.



Pupils have been creating some fantastic designs focusing on zones of regulation. We look forward to announcing the winning design soon, which will be getting painted on the sculpture and displayed in our beautiful garden.

Road safety

The Box Clever Theatre Company were in School on 15th November to perform a play about the importance of staying safe on the roads to all Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. This play has been performed across the country by a cast of young, talented actors.

Some of our pupils took part and volunteered to come on stage. They showed what can happen when using phones while crossing a road -using role play. The Box Clever Theatre Company were so impressed by the pupils' interest in the play, participation on stage and questions and feedback to the discussion at the end.



What's on?

Two new Saturday Art Clubs at Kirkby Gallery, Saturday 20 January to Saturday 23 March 2024:

The little BIG Art Club for 7-13 year olds

The Young Makers Group for 14-17 year olds

The little BIG Art Club is a fabulous opportunity for young people aged 7-13 to try new and exciting techniques, have fun and make new friends. Central to the course is gaining confidence in drawing and learning new ways of further developing their creativity.

The Young Makers Group is designed for young people aged 14-17 who wish to develop their practical art skills further and their knowledge of artists past and present.

Members have fun and make new friends while gaining confidence in expressing themselves, each week learning new ways to further develop their creativity. All art materials are included in the price.

Here are the course dates in full for both the little BIG Art Club and the Young Makers Group:

20 January, 27 January, 3 February, 10 February, 17 February, 24 February, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March, 23 March.

The sessions start at 10.30am and end at 12.30pm.

Please note, on Saturdays, Kirkby Gallery is only open 10am to 1pm.

Both courses are led by professional artists. It costs £75 for the 10 weeks and all art materials are included in the course price. Booking is essential as places are limited.

For further information, and to book email: galleries@knowsley.gov.uk

