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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would want them to do to you." - Matthew 7:12

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

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Ann Edwards Primary School receives prestigious Artsmark Award

Pupils and staff at Ann Edwards Primary School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award.

Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports them to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education across the whole curriculum, bringing learning to life for children and young people.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Award, Anne Edwards Primary School had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Ann Edwards Primary School was supported by Real Ideas in planning and developing their objectives. Real Ideas worked alongside the school at various stages to support their Artsmark Award achievement. The Artsmark assessor commended Ann Edwards on:

- 'Your deep commitment to the Arts at Ann Edwards C of E Primary School is palpable in your documentation. You recognise their value supporting your Christian ethos and in bringing children joy – how wonderful! You are offering a rich arts curriculum, and are seeing the positive effects on pupil well-being, creativity, personal development, and their language skills.'
- 'Music is one of the strengths of your curriculum, with class lessons delivered by a specialist music teacher; peripatetic instrumental lessons on offer for pupils in a range of instruments; steel pan workshops; whole class woodwind lessons for Year 5; and investment in Charanga. The various musical talents of the school have rightly been endorsed by gaining the Music Mark – well done!'
- 'Pupils enjoy regular opportunities to showcase their work in productions, assemblies, in your school gallery, at the local church, in an arts trail, and in performances (ranging from the local duck race to Young Voices), raising the profile of the Arts with parents, carers and the local community.'
- 'The introduction of a new drawing scheme of work has raised standards in sketching, and children now confidently use a range of drawing equipment. Workshops led by a professional artist further boosted children's enjoyment and understanding of different drawing techniques.'
- 'You have made a positive start to gathering the views of your children about your arts provision through your Arts Council.'



Dr Darren Henley OBE, Chief Executive of the Arts Council, said:

“I would like to congratulate Ann Edwards Primary School on their Artsmark Award. Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, balanced and creative curriculum, young people have the opportunity to develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life.”

For more information or images, contact the school office on 01285 860335.

Information About Artsmark Award

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings. It can help unlock young people’s potential, building their confidence, character and resilience.

Artsmark’s clear and flexible framework can be used to embed creativity across the whole curriculum, address school improvement priorities and bring learning to life in every single lesson.

Artsmark is open to primary, secondary and special schools, pupil referral units, youth offending teams and sixth form colleges. Artsmark is awarded at three levels; Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Visit artsmark.org.uk for more information.

About Arts Council England

Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people’s lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to visual art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Between 2018 and 2022, we will invest £1.45 billion of public money from government and an estimated £860 million from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country.

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