



## Bernards Heath Junior School

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### Arts Week 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to our Arts Week, which will run from Monday 30th June to Friday 4th July. Our theme this year is based around the work of sculptor Antony Gormley, best known for his work with human forms. He is the creator of the Angel of the North and Another Place, on Crosby beach near Liverpool.

We have many activities planned for the children, as well as visitors from our school community's artists, who will be talking about their artworks, running workshops or speaking about their job and its connection to art. Thanks to all the parents who have already agreed to do this.

During the course of the week, the children will be working with cocktail sticks, marshmallows, acrylic paint, white pencils, bread, clay, paper, card etc. As you will appreciate, the cost of materials for all the children to participate is quite considerable. We ask for a contribution of £5 towards the cost of the materials, you can make the payment for this through School Gateway.

During Arts week, the children will be able to submit work for an **art competition**. Children may submit one piece of work to each category. It must be all their own work. The children's work can be linked to Antony Gormley's sculptures or can be any theme of their choosing. Children should bring their artworks on Tuesday 1st July. Parents can view the exhibition after school on Wednesday 2nd July if they wish. Children will have an opportunity to visit the exhibition throughout the school day on Wednesday 2nd July.

The categories are:

1. **2D art** – e.g. painting, drawing, charcoal, collage etc. Less than A3 please.
2. **3D model** – e.g. junk modelling, textiles, clay, recycled materials, natural materials etc.
3. **Photography** – less than A3 please.
4. **Lego model** – base less than A3 please.

There will be a prize for each category for each year group. I hope the children enjoy producing their artworks.

We will also be having the '**Fifth Plinth**' in the library as a countdown to Arts week. The fourth plinth is in Trafalgar square and was originally intended to hold a sculpture of a horse, but the sculpture was never displayed due to lack of money. It remained empty for 150 years. Since 1998, there has been a rolling programme of sculptures displayed on it.

For 100 days in 2009, Antony Gormley coordinated members of the public to take stage on the plinth for an hour at a time. This created an artwork that "became a portrait of the UK, now."

We are going to have the 'Fifth Plinth' in the library made of stage blocks that everyone can see. For our countdown to Arts week, we are going to have a different piece of artwork on the plinth each day. If your child would like a slot for a piece of their artwork on the plinth they must come and see me (Miss Taylor in 3T) to sign up. They must come and see me by **Friday 23rd May**.

I will document the Bernards Heath Fifth Plinth with photographs, which will be shown, on our school Instagram page and in our final Arts week assembly in front of the parents and the whole school.

All Art week events will be documented on our Instagram: Bheathjuniors. You may like to follow this to see what is happening in school.

Parents are invited to attend the Arts week assembly on **Friday 4th July at 2.30pm.**

I've attached a list of places where you can see Antony Gormley sculptures around the UK. If you are in the vicinity of one of his sculptures, you may choose to go and have a look. I have tried to be accurate but please check it is still in place before making a visit. It would be great to hear about your trips and see photographs of the sculptures.

Many thanks in advance for supporting our Arts Week,

Katherine Taylor

(Art and Design Coordinator)