**Sharks Governor Visit – Autumn 2023**

It was lovely to visit Sharks class for their first art day of the year. They were studying Andy Warhol’s work and the ‘Pop Art’ Genre’.

The class had been studying the Pop Art style and creating a fact file about Andy Warhol himself in the morning prior to starting to experiment with his style using different mediums. Pupils were colouring Any Warhol using pencils and pens and then using their ICT skills were colouring in images of themselves in the same style.

All pupils very engaged in the activity, experimenting in different colour schemes they could use in the pop art style. They were happy to share their work with me and their enjoyment was clear to see as they talked about which of their practice versions they preferred. It was lovely to see the pupils commenting and giving positive feedback to each other.

The staff were actively encouraging the children to experiment throughout the visit, with key messages that it is ok to make a mistake and try again, building resilience subtly through this activity.

The lesson moved on to the drawing of Andy Warhol’s ‘soup can’. The pupils were engaged by a video which took them through this process in small steps, to ensure they had time to build their picture and practice techniques at this practice stage. When the children went on to draw it again for their final piece, they had access to a laptop to rewatch the step by step video to go at their own pace.

The class had a visual image to refer back to, throughout the lesson and staff were available to all to give advice around techniques, such as placement on paper and provide feedback on work.

It was lovely to see the pride the pupils were taking in what they were achieving and the process of sharing their work with the class and hearing the positive responses from classmates was a delight to see.

As always it was lovely to have the opportunity to visit the pupils and staff in Sharks class and to see such a positive exploration of a subject.

Kind regards

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