

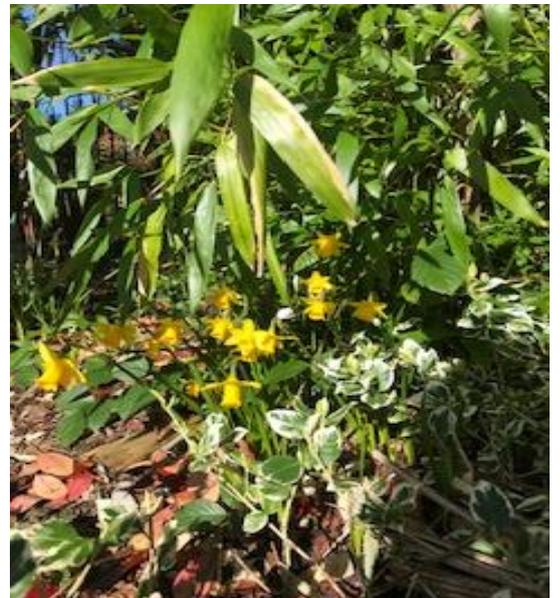
“I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright.”

- Millard Kaufman

Dear Parents & Carers,

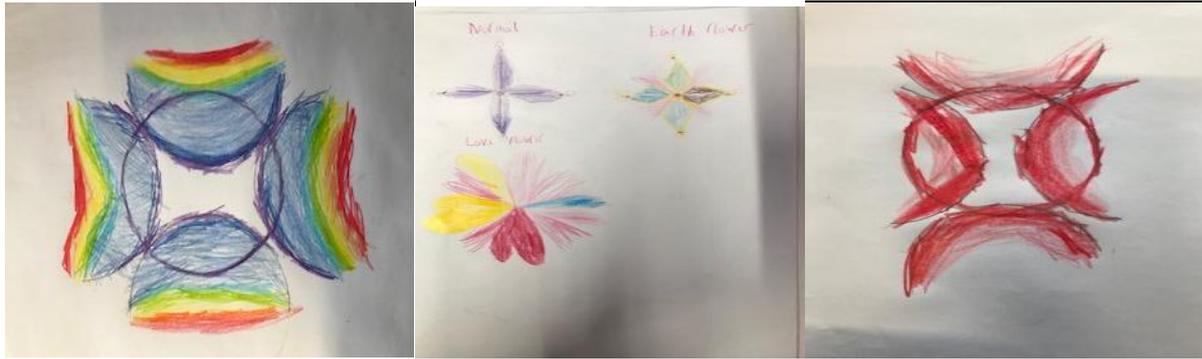
At Brantwood this week, the garden is springing into life. The warmer spring weather means our students are coming out into the garden during their breaks to enjoy the warmth and the sunshine.

In clay sessions, these beautiful jugs were made by three of our students. The working together of the three dimensions to make sense of phenomena and to find design solutions to problems is true 3-dimensional learning.



Learning astronomy through felting! One of our students is learning about the constellation Orion through 3-dimensional, practical crafts.





The KS2 class has been busy each morning through form drawing before their main lesson. They draw patterns using a 3 stage, step-by-step process. They practice drawing with a ruler, drawing curves and colouring their patterns using different shades.

Form drawing can be therapeutic and develops mindfulness and concentration. It also develops hand and eye co-ordination, developing fine motor skills in preparation for handwriting.

They learn about geometry through proportion, size, measurement, number and spatial relationships. The class enjoy this activity and are usually ready with their form drawing books and pencil cases at the start of the session.

One student was delighted with what they had produced, and said, “Look some beautiful coloured flowers.” Another said, “I feel good about what I have done.”

This is a well worthwhile starter to a session developing a variety of skills.



In wool craft a toy jellyfish was made in one session for a brothers’ birthday showing perseverance and a generosity towards others.

Eyam News



“Finally we have had some sunshine at Eyam and the goats are enjoying munching on hay. Students always rise to the responsibility of cleaning out, feeding, grooming and working hard on all aspects of animal husbandry. In other news the horticulture area is progressing well - and many students have been working away on the hard landscaping.”

Jim Hildyard.

Music at Brantwood

Next Friday March 20th there will be a short end of term music concert. It will be at 2pm in the Arnold Freeman Hall (above the Merlin Theatre) on the Tintagel site. Five students playing will be playing instruments. It should last for 20-25 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend, especially those who have young people performing.

Finally...

Many of our young people are understandably anxious about the spread of the Coronavirus.

Following government advice regarding COVID19 moving into the 'delay' stage, we continue to follow our response plan and remain open as directed.

Please continue to encourage your children to follow the advice from Public Health England with regards to self-isolation and hygiene precautions.

Should you have any concerns about any family member's health or suspect Coronavirus, you should follow Government advice to follow health care professional advice, including phoning your GP.

The most up to date guidance from the NHS and Government can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Wishing you restful weekend

Julie Neale on behalf of School Management Team.