



Tuesday 30th January 2024

To Whom it May Concern,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the new term. *Please pass this email on to the Art Coordinator or relevant member of staff regarding Woodbridge School's Young East Anglian Artists competition:*

Now in its third year, it is clear the Woodbridge School's Young East Anglian Artist competition is continuing to grow into a community centred philanthropic event. In 2023, its second year, we raised just under £2,000 for Cancer Research, over doubling the total for the previous year. This year, we hope to build the competition even further, opening up to over 150 schools across the area.

The theme for this year will be **'Connections'**

The theme of "Connections" serves as a poignant reminder of the ties that bind us – the connections within our communities, families, and the shared humanity that unites us all. As we explore these intricate threads, we are reminded of our collective responsibility to support one another. YEAA not only celebrates creativity, but also champions the cause of Cancer Research, symbolizing our commitment to supporting those affected by cancer.

Artwork can be completed as a home project or within class time and should be 2D, no larger than A3 size.

We ask that all artwork is submitted by Friday the 17th of May.

We have once again been given the opportunity to exhibit the shortlisted artwork from participating schools in **the John Gibbins Gallery in Woodbridge from the 21st to the 23rd of June**. Local artists will serve as our judges, choosing work to be exhibited as well as winning and runners up from 4 age categories: Nursery & Reception, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6. First place artwork will be framed and children chosen for first, second and third place in each category will also receive a medal.

We ask that a minimum entry donation of £2.50 is paid per child. Copyright to the image will also be handed over, but artwork will be available for purchase, with priority being given to the artist's family. All profits from the exhibition will be donated to Cancer Research.

This year we are also working with children's illustrator and author David Oates, who has produced a fantastic video to inspire children. This, alongside a fundraising pack and video from Cancer Research will be circulated to all schools who would like to take part.

If your school would like to take part, please do email me by Friday 16th February to let me know, so that I can add you to our mailing list for 2024.

Further information will be relayed in due course and if you have any further questions, please contact me at yeaa@woodbridgeschool.org.uk and I will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

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