



Headteacher Blog – Every Child is an Artist

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Delamere we believe in providing a rich Arts education for all children.

The Arts includes painting, sculpture, drama, dance, poetry, music, photography and more!

The benefits of learning through the Arts have been well documented.

Children are highly engaged through the Arts; just this week I have sat in Annual Reviews hearing about one of our children who sings all day every day, and another one of our children who despite her profound physical difficulties will work really hard to move her hands and produce a sound from the guitar.

Children gain confidence and self-esteem through the Arts; over the last couple of weeks I have had the pleasure of seeing two of our children's work exhibited in public galleries – Damaris' work is currently on display at HOME in Manchester, and Issac's Starry Sky artwork has been selected to display online as part of the @VanGogh Alive exhibit. I can only imagine how proud their families must be of these amazing achievements.

Children's communication skills develop through the Arts; over the last few weeks all the class groups have enjoyed exploring the Oily Cart theatre experience. The excitement of the children (and adults) acting out the story, trying out the props, taking part in the activities and talking to each other about the experience has been wonderful!

See our school Facebook pages for more photos and videos of The Cart in action

<https://www.facebook.com/Delamereschool>

Learning through the Arts helps children with the development of motor skills, language skills, social skills, decision-making, risk-taking, and creativity.

The Arts provide challenges (and fun) for learners at all levels.

Art education connects students with their own culture as well as with the wider world.

Next week I will be delighted to welcome students from the Northern Ballet School who are coming to spend the day at Delamere and give our children a dance experience to remember!

This weekend I will be enjoying an exhibition called The Infinity Rooms by the Japanese artist called Yayoi Kusama. The children have previously been inspired by her work to create a

fabulous spotty installation at our school which makes everyone smile when they see it. Art is uplifting!

We are so lucky in Manchester to have many free Arts & Culture opportunities on our doorstep. Why not visit The Lions Den at Manchester Art Gallery? Or have a go at one of their Open Door sessions for children with Autism?

<https://manchesterartgallery.org/learn/families/>



Take care until next week,

Sally Judge