ARTS UPDATE

2016 has been an excellent year so far within Music, Dance and Art, and students have had lots of fun whilst creating and participating in exciting and imaginative work.

In Dance, students have participated in a range of activities based on curriculum and class themes, and experimented with resources such as hula hoops, shakers, fitness balls and costumes. Two current focuses include popular culture and around the world, and next term some students will learn a “dance through the decades”. Graduating students have been working well towards a beach party dance.

In Music several groups have been enjoying singing the repetitive lines in our “Danny The Dinosaur” book - some students using a simple voice output device. We have been choosing the animals for “We’re All Going To The Zoo Tomorrow” and “There was An Old Lady Who Swallows a Fly”. Some groups have been learning to read rhythms, and playing these on various melodic and non-melodic percussion instruments. Several groups have also been learning about the instruments in the orchestra and all students are involved in activities requiring them to play to a beat. Choir is learning “Somewhere Over The Rainbow” and our ukulele trio can now tune their own instruments!

There have been many fabulous pieces created in Art recently using the following themes: “Advertising” - making adds for cereal, soup, bottled water, toys and 3D models of take away food; “Fairy Tales” - paintings, drawings and collages of dragons, castles, trolls and characters from popular books. Other themes have included “Superheroes”, “The Hobbit”, “Dinosaurs” and artworks were created using acrylic paint, watercolours, pastels and printing techniques.

All students have produced some lovely art pieces this semester. Well done everyone! Jo, Wendy and Dan