

## Abington Art Project

The Perse Art Outreach Project has set about to inspire and teach new creative skills to students in local primary schools. By introducing them to techniques which would otherwise be unavailable, they have been able to enhance their everyday art skills, generating an individual piece of art that is theirs to keep. Through making a silk painting we have worked in stages to develop key skills in creating a design and translating this onto silk, which is outlined and then finally painted. Different painting techniques were trialled; from colour blocking to blending and even blotting, everyone exploring and finding the most inspiring method for them.

Everyone showed enthusiasm, maturity and had a fabulous time producing creative outcomes, which were made with care and precision. Staff were surprised at 'how quiet everyone was' showing 'so much care and attention'. Individuals who struggle with the arts, as well as individual tasks, found they were fulfilled and enthusiastic to tackle all stages of the process, often surprising themselves with the impact of their final piece.

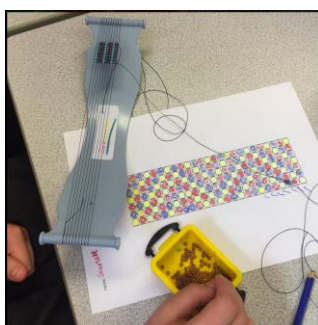
Each class had a different theme with a different set of colours, which are now all being combined to make banners which will line the fence in their playground, allowing all their friends and family to see both their individual work, as well as that of the entire school cohort.



## Beading After School Club

Offering an after school club for students in year 6 gave the opportunity to introduce students to a simple jewellery making technique. Students were using a loom to create a beaded bracelet, which they began by designing a pattern on paper. We worked to produce a design that incorporated our selected bead colours, then pursued the delicate task of creating a bracelet using the loom, which everyone found enjoyable, and at times, very challenging. The end product was a piece of jewellery which they took home to wear.

With the outcomes came great smiles and I have seen the bracelets being worn with pride, with many wanting to pursue different designs, styles and colour ranges in the future.



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