

The *Young Arts* team enjoyed another full year of activities in 2013. Our plan had been to match, if not cap, the previous year's achievements. We trust we succeeded in our objective.

Motivating local youngsters to engage with the Arts is our aim, so we try to seek out ways to nurture their interest and creativity. In 2013 we involved more young people than during any previous year - and this is how we did it.....

Our on-going relationship with St. Joseph's School and College leaves us full of admiration for their work. In



turn, our funding helps both staff and students to make their artistic dreams a reality.

Using the year's Cranleigh DFAS grant, the school's once drab playground was brought to life with some striking murals, made by learners in the school's own workshops. Now vibrant colour and design enhance the space, making it a stimulating space for the children to enjoy.



We're equally committed to supporting the Arts at Wey House School, where the creation of an "outdoor classroom" was top of the agenda for 2013.

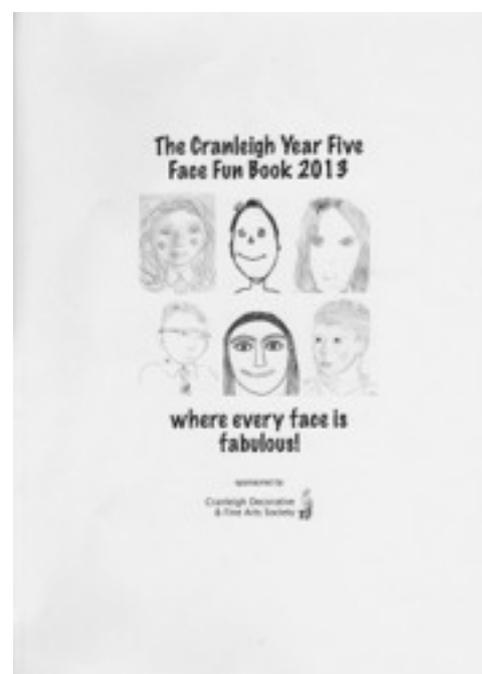
Drawing on their experience gained during a previous metalwork project - and with their customary gusto - the boys worked on a statue that would both decorate and enliven their new learning space.

A donation from Cranleigh DFAS helped to translate their vision into a magnificent metalwork heron that now surveys the ponds in the newly planted natural setting.

Forging relationships with local schools is important to the *Young Arts* team, as is attempting to inspire as many local youngsters as possible to participate in artistic activities. With that in mind, for the Autumn of 2013, we devised the "Year Five Face Fun" project, involving all 118 Year Five pupils from Cranleigh's three state primary schools.

Young Arts supplied each 9 or 10 year old with a pack containing everything they needed to produce their own self portrait during class time. Teachers were very supportive of the project and the talent and enthusiasm of the children was clear from the results of, what proved to be, a hugely popular activity.

To local acclaim, we held an exhibition of all the drawings at Cranleigh Arts Centre. This was followed by a lively judging event, when the NADFAS *Young Arts* Chairman presented prizes and the "Surrey Advertiser" was on hand to record the event. As they left, each child was delighted to be presented with a book featuring all the self portraits - a lasting record of their artwork.



It's always gratifying when the effort of the *Young Arts* team is recognized, so we were proud to discover that our Society had nominated us for the Marsh Christian Trust Award for Volunteering. Competition is fierce, so we felt doubly



honoured to receive an award. This was presented to us by the Duchess of Gloucester at a ceremony at Kensington Town Hall in November.

The whole of Cranleigh DFAS deserves to share in our achievements in this and every year. Without their generous support, none of our *Young Arts* projects would be possible.

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