



Community Development Group



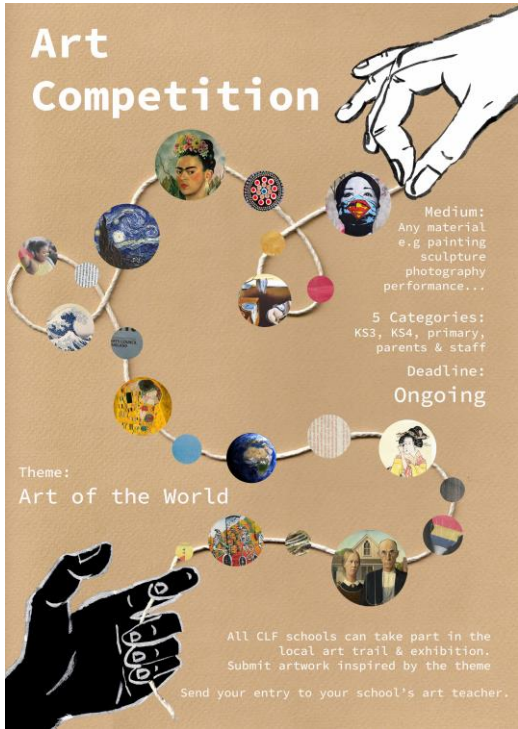
Welcome

To the third edition of the CDG newsletter. It has been lovely to see students and staff back in the Academy after such an extended break.

Once again, plans for the CDG have been hampered by Covid – something you will all be painfully familiar with. However, wherever possible and within guidelines, we are continuing to work on a range of projects with many others planned for next year.

We would love to hear from parents and carers who would like to get involved – and in particular anyone with an interest in the outdoors, gardening, the environment, creative arts or food which are all projects we are considering in various forms!

If you can spare us some of your time, please email BMACommunityGroup@clf.uk

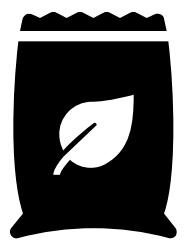
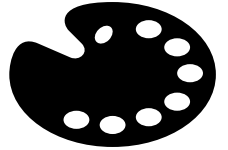


Art Trail and Competition

The joint deadline for these has been pushed back to May 2021. We would love to see entries from Parents, Carers and Staff as well as students who may also find some of their regular classwork is suddenly snapped up and entered too!
Please email BMACommunityGroup@clf.uk with any questions or asked your art teacher.

The creators of the three best pieces of independent work submitted for newsletter no.4 will each get a **£10 voucher**. Entries will also be displayed in the Library Gallery or on the screens around the building.

Creative writers in the school and community can also scoop some **£10 vouchers** for articles we publish. Written work will also be considered for display.



EnvironMET

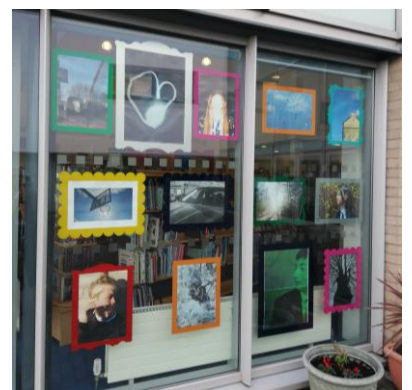
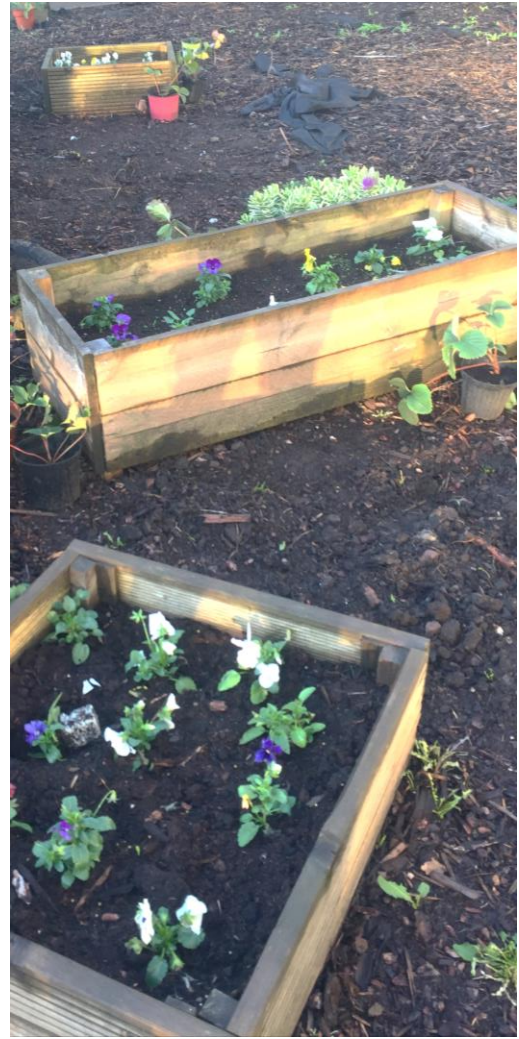
This differently-creative project involves students developing a wildflower/allotment/wildlife area within the Academy grounds. They have already planted some winter flowers, strawberries and will plant out vegetables and bulbs for spring colour.

Students will dig over the ground, plant seedlings, build hedgehog tunnels and a bug hotel - and fence in the areas. The students will also be positioning the raised planters they have made for vegetables.
As many materials as possible will be re-used e.g. planters are being re-made as some were rotten. Fencing will come from pallets which Skanska are storing for us.
Led by our DT Department, EnvironMet will give students some colour in the school and encourage them to think about where food comes from, the types of food they eat, how we can provide nature with homes and how they help us to continue to grow food. We also hope to create a wildlife pond and add trees to the site.

There will also be an area where students can just sit and contemplate life, the universe and everything!

The Community Development Group will be supporting with funding for wet weather gear, gloves, compost, plants and a few other items.

We would be grateful for any donations of plants or materials, and if anyone has skills in planting, growing or carpentry who might like to get involved (in accordance with any Covid 19 measures) and if you can help or would like to get involved please email....



Logo competition

We are launching a competition to find a logo for the Creative Community Times, the future name for CDG's newsletter and we are therefore inviting students to submit their ideas for a design for our logo.

The logo should illustrate the core themes of the CDG – Community, Respect, Working Together, Shared Values, Caring.

The winning entry will be adopted by the CDG and the creator will be asked to become part of the CDG student input team, helping us with the design, layout and creative content of future newsletters as well as having opportunity to be involved in considering ideas for new projects. They will also win **£15 of vouchers**.

Silva Swift writes (and gets a £10 voucher):

Albert Einstein once said "everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid". And Eleanor Roosevelt once said "Do what you feel in your heart to be right, for you will be criticized anyway". Two influential people who believed in the same thing. Just because someone doesn't agree with what you do or what you think, it doesn't mean you should just give up.

Albert Einstein didn't just give up when one experiment or theory didn't go to plan and President Roosevelt did not become president by giving up when a small majority of people gave him hate for the things he tried to change. I think what they are saying is that if you give up you are not going to succeed. If someone says your efforts are a waste of time and you stop trying then of course you won't achieve your goals.

So the next time someone tells you that you can't do something don't give up and keep going. If you believe you can, then you're already halfway there because a winner is a dreamer who doesn't give up.

