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THE ART MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

MAYOR'S PARLOUR



The Art Ministry ran an art competition for Year 6 pupils from local Junior schools to produce a picture for the Mayor's Parlor. The brief was to depict anything relevant to the Castle Point area. The finished works were exhibited from the 8th to the 12th of November in the Atrium at Castle Point Council Offices. The Mayor chose the two winning pictures which were framed and hung. He

presented a certificate to the winners who were Westwood School and Leigh Beck School. Congratulations to both schools, and thank you to all the children who took part – your paintings were exceptional – well done!

When the Mayor finishes his reign, the framed pictures will be presented to the schools in question.



Winner Westwood School



Leigh Beck School



NEW TRUSTEE

We welcome new Trustee, Helen Rubenstein, to The Art Ministry whom we know will be an enormous asset to us.



We send "Get Well Soon" wishes to Angela who went into hospital on 24 February for an operation. Come back soon.

FUNDRAISING:



Jean, and husband John, kindly manned the Tombola stall at the Hullbridge Community Centre. We had a good day and were very happy with the result of £72.00 raised for the Art Ministry.

We thank all the kind people who donated prizes for this.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP US?

Have you anything we can have for Tombola prizes. The more we have the more funds we can raise.

Would you like to have fun and join our friendly team of fundraising volunteers?

Please contact 01268 750283



ROUNDTABLE
Southend No. 106

Following a letter to the Southend Round Table regarding a donation, Damon Langlois contacted us with regard to gleaning more information of The Art Ministry. Angela very kindly met him on a Wednesday afternoon in James' class. Damon appeared to be very interested in our work and subsequently the Southend Round Table No. 106 very generously donated £500.00 to our Charity which we are enormously grateful.

Angela will give them talk about our work if they should wish her to.

COLLECTIONS OUTSIDE MORRISONS:

On Friday 11th and Saturday 12th February we had a collection outside Morrisons and are pleased to announce that £157.70 was collected over a very cold and damp weekend. Thank you to all who gave their time.



LEIGH BROADWAY LIGHTS: by Abby Brealey



I had always been to Leigh Christmas Light switch on with friends and thought that it was something that The Art Ministry could get involved with. I then spoke to Leigh Town Council. As a charity I was told that we could have a table for free and I decided that we got involved with taking a collection and having a tombola. The road closed from 4pm to allow us to set up our stall and the public arrived from 5pm when it got progressively colder until the Christmas light switch on later on when it was absolutely freezing! I had the help of Jill Shepherd, Laura Smith, Betty McCarthy, Jayne Brealey, and Alasdair Crowe.

We raised around **£70** from the tombola and raised awareness of The Art Ministry giving out plenty of leaflets. I think this was a step in the right direction with our fundraising and I intend to get involved with the Christmas light switch on of both Leigh and Rayleigh next year.



Abby, Jill and Laura "Freezing"

THE DISTAFF CUB



Angela was due to give a talk about our work to the Distaff Ladies Club on Canvey Island. As she had to go on dialysis, I accompanied David who talked on her behalf.

David gave a very interesting and informative talk at the same time entertaining about 40-50 ladies with slides, displays and works of art from some of the students. He advertised the fact that we need Trustees and volunteers and that the ladies were welcome to visit the art room if they would like to.

Following some refreshments when I was giving out flyers and chatting to the ladies, the floor was open to questions. David then finished off with some jokes and we were then very pleased to receive a donation of £100 for which we thank them most sincerely.





THE ART MINISTRY EXHIBITIONS



The Art Ministry exhibited works of art from their various classes:

Hadleigh Library: Monday 24 to Monday 31 January 2011

South Benfleet Library: Monday 23 to Friday 27 May 2011

Hadleigh Library was set up helped by Abby Brealey and her mum.

Mr Crow was very popular. Posters and leaflets were present

A note from the Trustees

The Art Ministry is run by a Board of Trustees. We also, are completely unpaid volunteers. You probably all know some of us. Betty is Treasurer amongst other things; Jack is Safety Officer and deals with volunteer recruitment. Helen is in charge of fund-raising and Dawn, who may not be so well known, deals with Grant Applications.

As you must realise, with government and council spending being cut to the bone, charity grants are among the first things to go. As a consequence even the large, well-known charities are applying for the smaller funds that groups like ours would normally count on. Anyone with funds available is being so overwhelmed with

applications that they are raising the level of paperwork required all the time. Large organizations with professional fund-raisers are, obviously, in a better position than us to cope with this. Dawn and Betty have been working very hard to keep us going but, unfortunately, Dawn will soon be leaving us. The work will continue of course but funding is an ongoing problem. As volunteers, anything that we can do to raise funds and ease the financial burden will benefit us all. Fund-raising events have, in recent months, begun to help and more events are planned. However we are very short of people to help. If anyone has any ideas to suggest or any

time to give the fund-raising committee would be very grateful. If anyone would like to join the committee, that would be even better.



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MONDAY CLASS

We really enjoyed continuing with mosaics this term. One member made some pictures using buttons. Some made a dried flower arrangement on canvas. They have made wall art using toilet roll tubes and a table was recycled using newspaper and paint. Some decorated aprons using stencils and some wonderful clay pots were thrown on the wheel.

After half term the group have a choice of doing some clay work, pots, sculpture etc. We shall also be making wall hangings, stained glass

window art, a pom pom dog, mobiles, decorating glass vases and for those who like something a bit more challenging some oil painting.

One of our volunteers left at Christmas, Claire Brown, she was excellent with the members in the group and had some wonderful ideas for projects. She will be missed by us all but we wish her all the best in her next role.

Elaine Debenham and Joan Elliot joined us as volunteers shortly before Christmas. Joan has worked

with me before at the Art Ministry, they are both popular with the group and we hope they are happy to stay with us.



CHARITY DINNER



On Wednesday 19th January we had a charity meal at the Tandoori Parlour in Benfleet. This event included a lot of organising on Abby's behalf although the charity benefited from a healthy amount of money at the end of all the work.

The event was very enjoyable and successful raising a very healthy amount of £659.83.

We would like to thank all the people who

donated raffle prizes for this event and to Abby for all her hard work. We hope that Abby will feel she can organise another one in due course.





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Fabric Hanging



Following a very long wait, the wall hanging, so lovingly stitched by the Fabric Group, is now up and hanging in the Tyrell's.



CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Childrens Christmas party

The Art Ministry had a Christmas party in December for the children of the Monday class. Everyone played games, had party food and really enjoyed themselves.

We were very lucky as we had a visit from Santa again this year, he said the children had all been very good and each received a present

