

LANSDOWNE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Class 9NT have designed the most magnificent mural which is now on display in an archway along Atlantic Road in Brixton. It is themed around the history of local entertainment in Brixton, It includes many references to our local heritage and culture.

There is a rich and proud story to tell, from Edwardian music hall through to David Bowie and contemporary urban music.

Local music venues are also celebrated in our designs.

This work was made possible with three workshops where the students worked alongside the artist Alex Bowie, we were also supported by our friends from The Brixton Project and the Arch Company.

Our work started out as paper designs, this then led to some printmaking. All students recently attended a launch event where the artwork was unveiled. Helen Hayes, the local MP for Dulwich and West Norwood, along with Bell Ribeiro Addy, the MP for Streatham, came along to offer their support.

We were also joined by Councillor Sonia Winifred, the Cabinet member for Culture at Lambeth Council. Much to our surprise there was also a very enthusiastic visiting party of dignitaries from the Caribbean. Students had time to explore and find their own artwork. They felt a great sense of pride in seeing it on display.

The artist Alex Bowie then said:

"It has been an honour and a privilege to work with the Lansdowne students. What you see is 100% of the original artwork. I'm very happy that this is now on display in the heart of Brixton."

The students were then presented with a mini replica of their artwork by Alex. We will proudly display this back at school.

Helen Hayes MP was also very enthusiastic:

"It's important to have history interpreted. The Lansdowne students have done a remarkable job. Every time people walk through the arch they will be able to see the happiness and joy from this project."

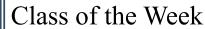
We celebrated the work of the Year 9 students in our assembly. Everyone has worked really hard with Miss Line and Donna, our teaching assistant. The more we are involved in the local community the more we all have a sense of ownership.







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Congratulations!











Lansdowne's Historical Brixton Mural



Hopefully they will return again soon!!

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