

Students explore creative potential

Pupils at a community primary had the opportunity to take part in a creative adventuring workshop as part of the school's arts development programme.

Students from the youngest three classes at Howard Community Primary, in Bury St Edmunds, welcomed charity Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination – an arts and wellbeing charity working with artists and communities to explore creative connections between local spaces, nature and art – into the school and immersed themselves in 'artsclaping.'

Artists Filipa Pereira-Stubbs and Caroline Wendling from the charity started the project on Monday.

Small groups of the students went outside into the school fields to engage in different workshops, but also spent time inside in a purposely-built workshop space.

Caroline said: "The school was able to offer us a very special room that we were looking forward to transforming with the children into an atelier – an artist studio. This atelier has a beautiful view of the school grounds, and we were imagining a myriad of possible bridges to bring the inside outside and the outside inside. We wondered

with the children about whether we will be able to fit the sky into the room?"

Filipa said they were both 'delighted' to be working with the school in their 'extraordinary school grounds'.

She added: "This is a lovely time of the year, and we are enjoying our adventures into the outdoors and art. Together we can all become artists and adventurers."

During one of the workshops students were encouraged to count in hands.

Filipa invited the children to use their bodies to measure their friends, the trees, the world and the space around them.

Acting headteacher Alison Weir said the art project had given the students a perfect opportunity to connect with nature.

She said: "This project is providing our EYFS and Year 1 pupils with a wonderful experience by using art to connect with nature, whilst nurturing their literacy and wellbeing at the same time.

"This is the first of many arts projects planned for this coming year. This is an exciting time for the school and will provide many opportunities for our pupils."



Students from one class lying down in one of the 'artsclaping' workshops

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