

Schools Project

Varndean School, Balfour Rd, Brighton, BN1 6NP



Conceptual artist Anna Dumitriu worked with students from Varndean School to create artworks inspired by microbes. This project began in July 2007 as part of 'Normal Flora' Dumitriu's major on going art project about our sublime microbial world. The students produced artworks based on the laboratory findings of bacteria, moulds and yeasts collected all over the school, from the drinking fountain to the books in the library. The artworks were displayed at the private view on the 15th July 2008 when the entire school became a major conceptual artwork, featuring their installations, interventions and performances.

Downs View School, Warren Road, Brighton, BN2 6BB.



For this 8 week art project from September to November 2007; 3 Rocket Artists worked with 3 supporting artists and 18 Children and Young people from Downs View School. The Rockets are a group of artists with learning disabilities who work alongside art students from the University of Brighton to make artwork at the Phoenix Arts Association. The workshops included working with children from early years classes through movement, music and painting workshops and Year 8 and 9 classes on printmaking and painting. The work produced included large-scale paintings on canvas that were put together to construct a tent, creating a brightly coloured, relaxation space for children throughout the school to spend time in.

Patcham High School, Ladies Mile Road, Brighton, BN1 8PB



Patcham High ran animation workshops in the school in 2007, using the funds to buy Stop Motion Pro software and to employ Blue Star Animation to train up 6 members of staff and 42 students. The students made short animated films as part of their training which were screened at the school. With this gained practical experience Patcham have continued to use the animation software in a number of other projects.

St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Davey Drive, Brighton, BN1 7BF



Artists Natalie Gore and Luke Perry worked at the St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School for six months in 2008, to create a nautical themed playground art installation, a new space for play and creativity. The piece takes the form of a sunken ship and incorporates artwork made by the children during the artist-led workshops.

Downs Infant School, Ditchling Road, Brighton, BN1 6JA



Photographic artists Helen Cammock and Janine Boyer worked with 120 year one pupils at Downs Infants in June 2009. The theme of the project was 'Recycling' and each class were offered different activities and encouraged to think creatively in small groups to produce a different series of images for permanent display in their school. The children had the opportunity to use professional photographic equipment and learn digital editing in Photoshop.

Carden Primary, County Oak Avenue, Brighton, BN1 8LU.



Carden Primary commissioned a timber outdoor amphitheatre to be made and positioned outside on the grassland between two classroom blocks in 2008. The amphitheatre can be used for performances, recitals and outdoor assemblies in the summer. It has tiered seating and a collapsible back drop for additional scenery and set designs.

Downs Junior, School, Rugby Road, Brighton BN1 6ED



Artists Ade Lovejoy, Jill Parsons, Hannah Barker and Ingrid Plum worked with pupils from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 at Downs Juniors as part of the school's 'Art Week' in June 2009. The theme for the project was 'the beach' and each year group focused on creating different parts of a beach installation. They created a skyline backdrop, sculptural seagulls, a carousel, a beach hut with an octopus in residence and a performance piece. At the end of the week all the artworks came together to form a beach scene with a final performance piece.