

HOPEWELL HILL

ST. STEPHEN'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

ART PROJECT



Age Suitability:	10 -12 years	No. of Participants:	9	DURATION	series of 6 WORKSHOP
Project led by:	Aoife Barrett and Monika Rycerz				
Summary	<p>'Hopewell Hill' is the result of a collaborative project between the students of St. Stephen's Junior School, Cossham Memorial Hospital, Fresh Arts and artists Aoife Barrett and Monika Rycerz.</p>				

Description :

This project was commissioned by Fresh Arts, the arts programme managed by North Bristol NHS Trust. The project was supported with funds from Southmead Hospital's Cossham Charitable Funds. For more information, contact fresh.arts@nbt.nhs.uk or via www.fresharts.co.uk

The aim of the project was to introduce the schoolchildren to a new set of artistic skills, to help them express themselves through art and to explore the nurturing and community environment of Cossham Memorial Hospital. Aoife and Monika delivered a series of six art workshops to nine Year 5 and 6 students from St. Stephen's Junior School. The workshops took place during the autumn of 2014 and included a visit to Cossham Hospital to learn about its unique and rich history. Back in the classroom the children explored a variety of printmaking techniques and created a limited edition artist's book which tells their story of Cossham and explores their ideas on place and local distinctiveness.

The final piece, 'Hopewell Hill', included a large scale which is a collage of the collograph and mono prints created during the workshops by all nine accomplished young artists. The prints are entwined with sections of the 1903 ordnance survey map of the area and reflects Cossham Hospital's identity within the local community, as seen through the schoolchildren's eyes. The children's drawings and prints can also be found hidden around the hospital as wooden plaques and vinyl stickers.

Through the project, further positive community links have been made between the hospital and St. Stephen's Junior School. Louisa Wilson, head teacher of St. Stephen's, said:

"The children have thoroughly enjoyed working with professional artists on this amazing arts project. It has allowed them to contribute to something within their local community and to show off their creative talents." While one of the students, Jan Palacay, said : **"I think it was great because I got to do art that I have never done before"**.

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