

Mother's Day activities in the art room with Reception

For the last few weeks the children in Maple and Oak class have been very busy in their art lessons making things for their mums.

They made hearts by gluing tissue paper onto a heart template and adding sequins and glitter, I then laminated them. (It keeps the glitter contained.)

They look very pretty on a window as the light shines through.

They have created a bowl out of clay, used stamps to add texture to it and painted it with acrylic paint.

They painted a beautiful flower picture which I used to create their cards and gift tags. The first week they used oil pastels to draw the stalks of the flowers and the sun, then painted the sky blue (we were hoping for a sunny Mother's day) and the grass green using liquid watercolours. You probably noticed as these paints do stain their hands a little bit. I always tell them not to worry as it will come off in the bath. I know this from experience as my hands are always much worse than theirs. The second week they used acrylic paint to make the flowers, some of them used a brush and others used their fingers it was their choice.

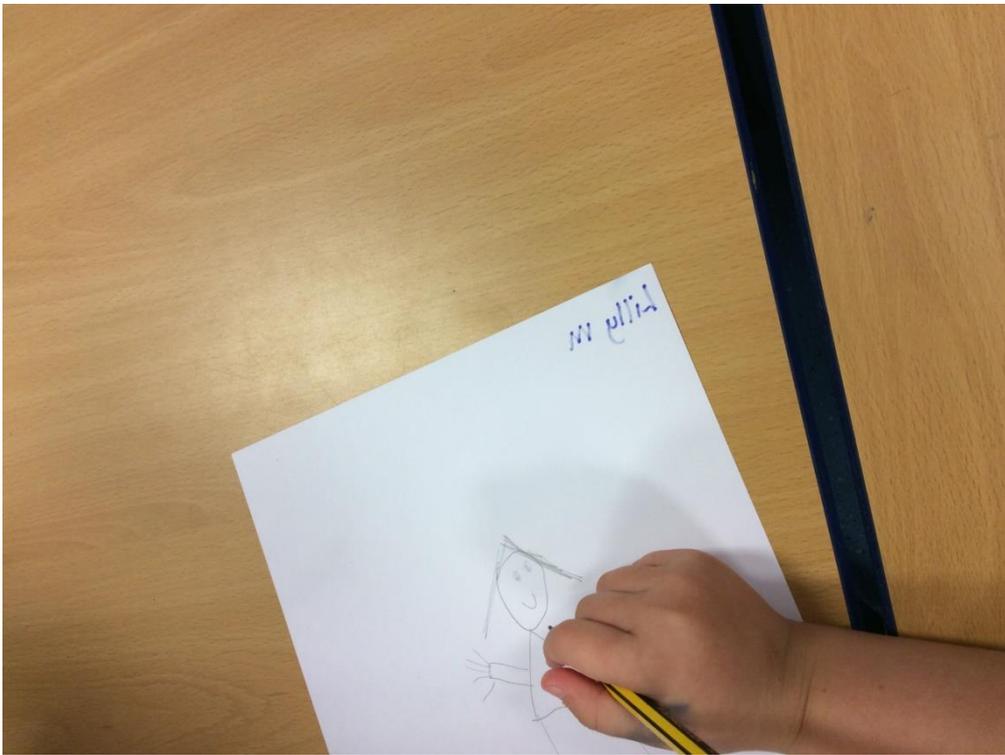
They also created a portrait of their mums. We talked about what a portrait is and how to draw a person before they started their portraits and kept reminding them to think about what their mum looks like. They did an incredible job and I was amazed at the quality of work for such young children. They also painted a sponged background for their portrait to go onto.

Last week I collected together all the work the children had produced and some lovely volunteer mums came in to help me, Mrs Brownbill and Mr K in supporting the children with writing the insert for their cards, their gift tags and a description of their mums to put on the bottom of the portrait. That's a lot of writing for a little person especially when they usually come into the art room to paint and draw, but they tried so hard! We also put some chocolates which were provided by the friend's of Wycliffe and the heart the children had made inside the clay bowls and wrapped them up and tied on a ribbon before sticking on the gift card.

I hope you enjoyed your Mother's day surprises made by little hands. I am so proud of all the lovely work they produce.

Every Friday morning they fill the art room with joy, enthusiasm, energy and immense creativity and I really enjoy teaching them.

Mrs Palmer (art teacher)



Drawing a portrait of a mum.



Painting flowers



Painting the clay bowls, using a sponge in a clothes peg to try to keep hands a little bit cleaner.



Making a sponge painted background for the mum portraits.

