

# YOUNG SEASIDERS 2024



Westminster Primary Academy - the winners of the Young Seaside's 2024 competition

## A picture special celebrating our arts and crafts contest



Young Seaside's 2024, Mereside Primary



Young Seaside's 2024, Hambleton Primary



Young Seaside's 2024, Gateway Academy

Blackpool Mayor Gillian Campbell at the opening of the 2024 Young Seaside's exhibition with Marc Potter from Blackpool and the Fylde College

# Pupils express ideas and personalities through art



School children from right across the Fylde coast have let their imaginations run wild and made this year's Young Seaside's Arts and Crafts Exhibition another success story.

Over 50 primary and secondary schools have taken part in The Gazette's annual art event, which is sponsored by Blackpool School of Arts College

Brightly coloured paintings, papier mache models and pieces of pottery are on display in this year's competition. The exhibition takes place at The Gallery based within Blackpool and The Fylde College University Centre on Park

Rd, Blackpool, FY1 4ES until Friday 5th April.

Marc Potter, Head of Digital and Creative Innovation said "Once again the Young Seaside's Exhibition has provided us with a kaleidoscope of brilliantly creativity art. The young people's work dazzles with its vivacity, showcasing the creative talents nestled within our schools. A resounding applause to the teachers and parents who tirelessly stoke the fires of inspiration in our budding artists".

Local schools were also tasked with the theme of 'Planet Earth' in the group work section. Colourful and

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imaginative floor standing pieces were created for this year's show. But it was Westminster Primary Academy that impressed the judges this year and they

scooped the top prize in the group work section at the exhibition.

Headteacher Beth Lathan from Westminster Primary Academy said: "We are absolutely delighted to have won The Seaside's Competition 2024. The children have worked so hard on their pieces of art as both individuals and in their group. Teamwork and cooperation as well as creativity and artistic talent have all been combined by our fabulous children to achieve this result. The teachers have been working hard to help the children express themselves artistically across a whole

range of cross curricular subjects which was demonstrated beautifully in the Rainforest based group piece. I am extremely proud of what they have achieved. Well done Westminster artists."

The Blackpool School of Arts deeply values its relationships with local schools, collaborating closely with teachers and educators to empower young people with the guidance and opportunities needed to pursue their desired vocations. In hosting the Young Seaside's Schools Arts and Craft Exhibition, we endeavour to ignite inspiration among students

and honour the abundant creative prowess and artistic finesse flourishing throughout the Fylde Coast community.

Each year the success of the Young Seaside's Exhibition is thanks to a dedicated band of people. The hard work of students and staff from all the schools taking part goes from strength to strength - The Gazette wishes to thank all the schools that have made this year's exhibition another success. Extra special thanks go to our sponsors Blackpool School of Arts and Aaron Tonks and his team at The Gallery for erecting the exhibition.