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Dear Parent / Carer,

Re: Invitation to join the Arts Award programme

I am excited to inform you that as a trained Arts Award adviser I am able to offer the Arts Award Bronze programme to Year 6 pupils this year. I have spoken with the class and many children expressed an interest in completing the award.

Why Arts Award?

Arts Award supports children and young people to develop as artists and arts leaders, it:

- fosters creative, communication and leadership skills and builds self-confidence
- helps to prepare young people for further education and employment
- allows young people to gain a qualification in something they enjoy doing
- is portfolio-based and assesses personal creative development

How will it work?

This year, we will be offering two options for the Bronze Arts Award. Please note that due to the restrictions of the moderation, we are only able to offer limited places on the award.

Option 1: for those wishing to develop an art form outside of school time for part A (e.g. playing an instrument, learning a style of dance)

The award has four parts:

- Part A: Actively participating in an art form. For example, attending weekly dance classes/ music lessons or completing a self-study of an art form at home.
- Part B: Attending and reviewing an arts event. You will need to organise for your child to attend an arts event. For example, a show at a theatre, a music event or an exhibition.
- Part C: Researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson. This will involve completing a study (at home) entitled 'My Arts Inspiration'. For example, studying a famous musician/dancer/ artist/ photographer.
- Part D: Passing on an arts skill. This could be completed in school or at home and will involve your child organising and delivering a way of sharing their developed arts skills with peers or family members.

Option 2 - for those wishing to develop an art form within school time for part A

We are offering Bronze Arts Award to those children interested in developing photography skills.

The award has four parts:

- Part A: Actively participating in an art form. This will involve attending a short series of sessions run by Miss Thorp (a skilled photographer) to develop and challenge photography skills. These sessions will take place within the school day during the summer term.

- Part B: Attending and reviewing an arts event. The school will organise for the children to attend the Young Wildlife Photographer of the Year 2022 exhibition at The Natural History Museum in Tring.
- Part C: Researching the career and work of an artist or craftsperson. This will involve completing a study (at home) entitled 'My Arts Inspiration'. For example, studying a famous photographer.
- Part D: Passing on an arts skill. This could be completed in school or at home and will involve your child organising and delivering a way of sharing their photography skills with peers or family members.

Your child will record all their Bronze Arts Award work in an arts portfolio. The majority of this will need to be completed independently at home. The portfolios are then assessed by myself as an Arts Award Adviser and sent off for moderation at the end of this school year/ early in the autumn term. I will meet with the child to monitor their progress with their portfolios as they work through the award.

Bronze Arts Award is a level 1 qualification on the QCF (Qualifications and Credit Framework), with a credit value of 6. It is assessed as a pass or a fail, with Trinity College London awarding a certificate to those achieving a pass. A good level of enthusiasm for developing photography skills or another art form along with a commitment to completing the work for the award, both at home and in school, is essential in order to have the best possible chance of achieving a pass. Those children who do not have the portfolios completed by the moderation deadline will fail the award.

The cost to undertake Bronze Arts Award is £28.00 per child, plus the cost for transport to and from Tring museum should your child wish to take part in option 2. For those children in receipt of Pupil Premium, these costs will be covered by the Pupil Premium grant.

I hope this letter has given you a flavour of what Arts Award offers children, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to ask further questions or visit the website www.artsaward.org.uk

Please complete the form below and return to the school office to register your interest in putting your child forward for one of the places available on the Arts Award programme.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Davey
Arts Award Coordinator

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Please return to Mrs Davey via the school office. DEADLINE: Tues 31st January 2023.

*(child's name) would really like to be considered for
Bronze Arts Award.*

- ☐ I understand that my child will need to commit time at home to complete the portfolio.
- ☐ I understand there is a cost to the award and I am willing to pay this should my child be able to take part
- ☐ My child is in receipt of Pupil Premium.
- ☐ My child would like to take part in option 1 and their chosen art form is _____.
- ☐ My child would like to take part in option 2 and develop their photography skills with Miss Thorp.

Signature: _____