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### **Lingwood Primary Academy receives prestigious Artsmark Award**

Pupils and staff at Lingwood Primary Academy are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Award. Artsmark is Arts Council England's award for schools and education settings that champion cultural education. It celebrates settings that embrace the arts across the curriculum, bringing them to life for children and young people.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Silver Award, Lingwood Primary Academy had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and balanced curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

The panel made the following comment about their submissions:

*Your school's enthusiasm for the arts comes across admirably in your Case Study. You have taken significant steps to increase the range of your arts offer, to strengthen the cross-curricular role of the arts and to engage parents through performances, exhibitions and your impressive story cafes. You have attended to areas in which staff were less confident, providing some CPD in Art, for instance, to good effect. Altogether, you have laid good foundations. To build on them, you should now develop deeper partnerships with arts providers, to offer continued CPD across the arts and to collaborate to create high quality teaching resources. You could further develop pupil voice and choice in planning and delivering authentic arts and cultural experiences by establishing a school 'Arts Council'. You might also look at ways in which pupils take ownership of their engagement and personal progression within the arts, perhaps by revisiting the idea of Arts Awards. Your commitment to the arts is impressive and will find you increasingly able to provide evidence of their positive impact on outcomes for children, staff and the school as a whole.*

*Congratulations on your Artsmark Silver Award!*

## **Bringing learning to life through arts and culture**

Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England, said:

"I would like to congratulate Lingwood Primary Academy on their Artsmark Silver Award. As an Artsmark school, Lingwood Primary Academy exemplifies how the Award can help schools to achieve a broad and balanced curriculum, ensuring that each of its pupils is given the opportunity to explore and build a love of the arts that will remain with them as they go through adult life."

For more information or images, contact Holly Hinde, at Lingwood Primary Academy.



## **About Artsmark Award**

The Artsmark Award has been created to help unlock the potential of children and young people, to develop their character and talent, and increase their knowledge and understanding. In short, Artsmark has been designed to bring the arts and culture to life in every classroom.

Awarded by Arts Council England, Artsmark is designed by schools, for schools, to help them deliver high quality art and cultural education.

Across the country Artsmark is rewarding more and more schools and education settings for championing the arts and culture. Artsmark schools gain access to exceptional resources as well as networks of the country's most treasured cultural organisations, helping them develop and strengthen their art provision.

Visit [artsmark.org.uk](https://artsmark.org.uk) for more information.

## **About Arts Council England**

Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. We support a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries – from theatre to visual art, reading to dance, music to literature, and crafts to collections. Great art and culture inspires us, brings us together and teaches us about ourselves and the world around us. In short, it makes life better. Between 2018 and 2022, we will invest £1.45 billion of public money from government and an estimated £860 million from the National Lottery to help create these experiences for as many people as possible across the country.

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