



## Getting Creative at Heart of the Forest School

We have been really fortunate to have made contacts with outside agencies who are willing and able to support our pupils in some new and exciting projects.

Next week some of our pupils with a talent for creative writing and drawing will be involved in a project with the Dean scribblers, with support from the Foresters' Forest project they will learn about some of the wildlife in the Forest and meet some of the animals and trees on the way. Through working with a local author they will produce a book of illustrations and writing and their work will be exhibited in public venues ( to be announced) in the Forest and their work will be published and available to our school community.

We have just found out that we shall be involved in the Clem Burke project (some of our older readers may recognise this name, as the drummer in Blondie). This is a funded research project to monitor the effect of drumming on the health and well-being of young people with learning disabilities. Look out for details and I shall be selecting suitable candidates soon.

<https://clemburkedrummingproject.org/academics/dr-clem-burke/>

Once again we shall be taking part in the special school singing festival at the Bacon theatre we have just received a link for all the songs and we shall shortly be taking part in rehearsals. The school works with the Music Works and all the special schools in Gloucestershire to create a truly special event. This builds on previous events and promises some new and exciting developments. New recruits, young and old, wanted! Please also come and see us on the day- evening of June 18th!

Finally, our KS4 pupils and KS5 pupils we shortly we offered the opportunity of taking part in some volunteering opportunities with the Forestry commission, which will count toward some of their accredited learning.



Some of the awesome opportunities which our pupils have had recently with visiting the Light installation at Gloucester Cathedral and with having the unique opportunity of interacting with the musicians and the wide variety of instruments provided by "Travelling by Tuba".

Kind Regards Howard Eason.