



## Art is a lot of fun

FROM Monday 17th to Friday 21st November the pupils at St Catherine's have been entertained by an interesting and enjoyable art week which was organised by Miss Chappell (Year 3 teacher) and funded by Awards for All.

We have interviewed a few of the pupils and teachers about what they thought of art week.

The arts week kicked off with storyteller Roger Day wowing the school and parents with tales from around the world.

Year 5 and 6s began their adventure of arts week by sculpting pieces of wire to create an Indian dancer.

Meanwhile in the other parts of the school the children were making other interesting things including plaster of Paris hands by pouring the

plaster in kitchen gloves.

Hedgehogs (the youngest children in the school) were carving faces of themselves in clay.

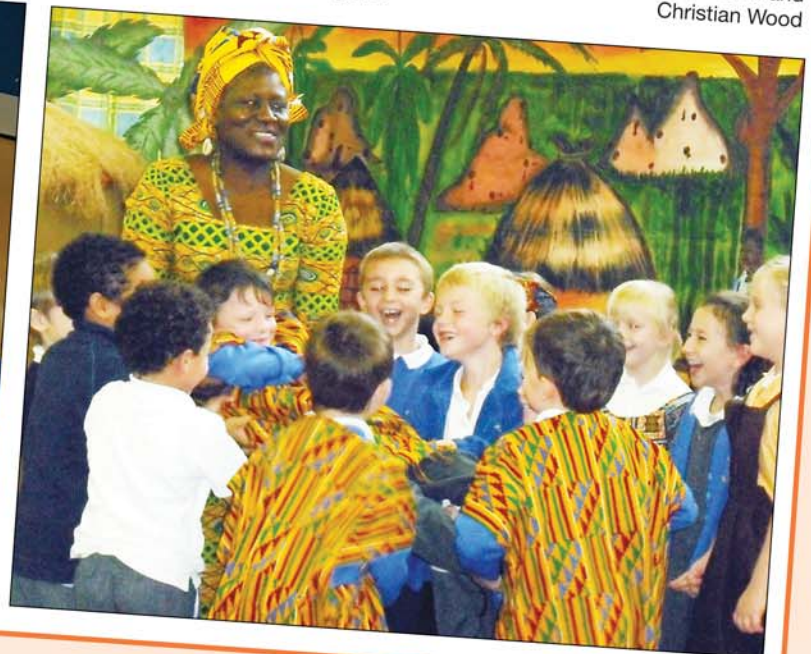
Monday, after school, Textile club was held in Owls class, where families could join together to make banners that the whole of Swindon could see.

The after school club achieved two lovely banners, which will be hung in St Mary's church.

Afterwards we asked Mrs Martin, headteacher, her opinion on art week.

She said: "I was very happy about doing art week and I am very proud of the children and their standards in art."

Hannah Baxter, Daniel Perrin and Christian Wood



## COUNTDOWN TO 2009

THE countdown has begun until the start of 2009 – and we want to know what your New Year Resolutions are going to be.

Maybe you have decided to work harder in French, do all of your homework on the day it is set, take more photographs of you and your friends or you want to spend more time with your family.

Whatever you are planning to pledge for the next 12 months we want to hear about it.

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# GETTING FRESH



SINCE September 28th I've been living at the University of Sussex. Located in Falmer, the campus is just outside of Brighton itself, so a ten-minute trip on the train or slightly longer on the bus will take you to the city centre.

It's wonderful being so close to the sea and this is one of the things I enjoy the most.

Usually a trip to the great British seaside would be reserved for hot summer days or family holidays, but I have been to the pier many times and quite often tread the pebbles that make up Brighton's beach; it's very kitsch but also charming.

Being on a campus is like living in your very own village full of students; we

**LUCY Westcott, 18, has just started a degree in American Studies at the University of Sussex. The former Ridgeway pupil wanted to tell everyone what life was like in her university town**

have everything here such as a laundrette (not used very much!), shops and several bars.

We even have our very own nightclub, so really there is no reason to leave.

It's also the only University in England located in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, so with the exception of my fellow students running around

at ungodly hours making music with cutlery and pans, it's very peaceful. Living with other people has been enjoyable; I am in halls instead of flats, with twelve people both to a VERY small kitchen and shower, but we have learned to live together and are now very close.

It has been a learning curve but everyone is respectful of each other. We're very proud of our

house (Kent House), which holds 100 people.

I have, like about 99% of other students on campus, caught the dreaded, awful Fresher's Flu, which consisted of a nasty cold and whooping cough.

It lasted for about 2 weeks but it's started to leave everyone's bodies now; for a while I was unable to hear anything in my lectures for the sound of everyone sniffing and coughing.

When I became ill with Fresher's Flu I came back home, but I think it was partly because I missed Swindon so much!

I am extremely happy here in Brighton and I strongly recommend it to anyone applying to universities this year.