

Fowey Festival of Arts Children's Art Competition 2024

The Arts Society Mid-Cornwall was delighted to sponsor the Young Artists element of this annual competition which attracts entries from young writers and artists across Cornwall. The theme this year was "The Beach".

Richard Brice, our Vice President and Young Arts representative on the Committee, went to the prize-giving ceremony on 20th April. He was extremely impressed with the high standard of work submitted. The paintings show how much the children enjoyed responding to the theme.



This is Fossie in KS1, collecting first prize for her painting Sailboat, Bucket and Spade.

The judges commented, "A cheerful picture using mixed media clearly depicting a beach. Fossie has used a bright palette of colours obviously mixing her own colours as shown in the range of yellows, oranges and reds in the sunset over the sea. We like the use of cut out shapes of the bucket and spade in the foreground. There are pleasing equal proportions of sand sea and sky. The boat sets an effective sense of overall perspective. A clear winner in this age group".

The next wonderful painting is 'A Fun Day out at Readymoney' by Wilby, in Year 3, awarded first prize in the KS2 class. He also won the overall prize as he was voted by visitors to Fowey River Gallery as Fowey Festival Young Artist of the Year.

The Judges said, "The green sea monster is clearly having fun, bright alert eyes and a very toothy grin! The picture is instantly engaging! He is clearly stepping towards us with one leg forward, the other back. Wilby has designed the figure of his creature with some thought- webbed feet, big nostrils, spikes on his head and skin of varying greens. The sky is painted with controlled brushstrokes, above a lively and sparkly sea with white horses confidently flicked on with the brush. The wall and cliff have great texture achieved by colour mixing and careful application and are clearly Readymoney. We love the Cornish flag too".

We love the photograph below of Inigo with Richard Brice. His painting, 'Sunset Waves' was second in the KS2 class.



He is so obviously thrilled to have won a prize.

The Judges commented, "Brilliant brushwork using different techniques for sky, sea and sand. The addition of the birds flying across the setting/rising sun give a sense of scale and depth to the picture. Judges loved the detail of the clouds behind the bird and across part of the sun created by leaving the paper white. It is a really mature solution. By painting lines in the varying blues in varying thickness the sea has great movement; this is very effective use of colour and line. A beautiful picture."

We have not got room to show all the prize winners here, but please do have a look at them on this page on the Fowey Festival website.

[All-Results-for-website.pdf \(foweyfestival.com\)](https://www.foweyfestival.com/All-Results-for-website.pdf)

Artist's Workshop Project at Fowey Primary

Every year we spend a part of your subscription to encourage young people to get 'hands on' experience of art creation, learning about the various forms art takes and so come to love and appreciate all that the arts can offer.

This year in addition to sponsoring Fowey Festival Young Artists competition, we also funded a workshop with local artist, Sean Hewitt, for Year 6 pupils at Fowey Primary.

You can see the look of concentration on the children's faces as they watched Sean demonstrate various different techniques to make colourful seascape.



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The final photo of the children all holding up their work is wonderful. You can see how much they absorbed Sean's teaching, yet each painting is so individual showing how every child has been able to express their own personality.



Natalie Bevan, the teacher wrote "Thank you again for such a wonderful opportunity, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. It was a great experience for them, one I'm sure they will remember for a long time."

Our thanks to Angela Palin, for facilitating this project. She is the organiser of Fowey Festival Young Artists competition. Many thanks also to Richard Brice, our Vice President

and Young Arts Representative, who is standing down at the AGM after many years faithful service to the Society. Rosie Needham will take on this role.

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