

ST. ALDHELM'S NEWS

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a long but very busy January in school with lots of learning opportunities going on each week for the children. Please read on to see the events children have enjoyed this month: Y5&6 'Hoodwinked' Performances [page 2&3](#), Y4's trip to the Museum of Somerset [page 4](#), Y3's Egyptian Workshop [page 5](#), Personal Safety Week [page 6&7](#), Cross Country Race at Millfield [page 8](#), Celebration Worship [page 10](#), Community News [page 12&13](#).

We also enjoyed inviting the older members of our village community into school this month for another successful lunch. A selection of Y2 and Y4 children hosted, served and chatted with our guests, whilst Y5&6 entertained with songs from their play. The event was very well received and more feedback about our incredible children here at St Aldhelm's was shared by the visitors.

Thank you to everyone for taking care with the icy and snowy mornings we have had this month. Should we make the decision to close school it will be posted on the school website on the homepage at 7am. This decision will always be made with everyone's safety in mind.

In February, we take part in the National Safer Internet Day on February 11th 2020, within a Safer Internet Week. It is such an important part of children's education as we all know the time spent on devices continues to be a key part of our social culture today. Please see [page 9](#) for more information and for links to up-to-date resources for parents and carers.

We look forward to seeing parents for the Spring Music Concert (Violins), Kilve Parent Meeting and Learning Showcase this month.

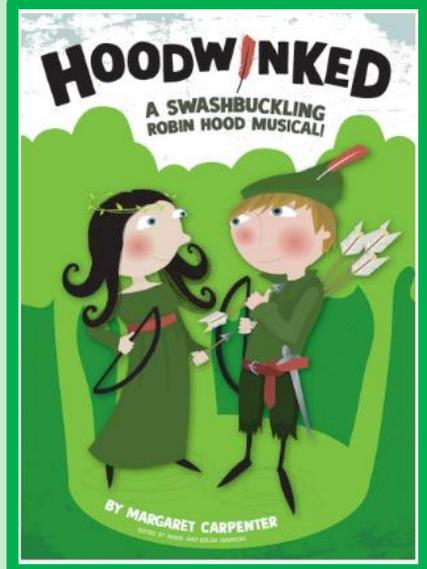
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Mrs P Cohen
Headteacher

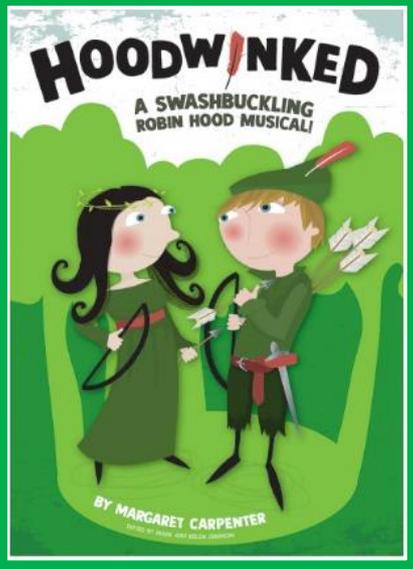
SPRING TERM DATES:

03.02.20	Term 3 continues Global Value Week – Climate Change; Clubs - Session 4 this week Celebration Worship 2:30pm
04.02.20	YR & Y6 NHS Measures Check
05.02.20	Spring Music Concert – Violins - 9:30am
10.02.20	Safer Internet Week No Clubs this week
11.02.20	National Safer Internet Day 2020
12.02.20	Film Night for Key Stage 1 & EYFS - 3:30-5pm Parents to collect from main entrance
13.02.20	Y5 Enrichment Day at Whitstone Y5 Kilve Parent Meeting 3:30pm
14.02.20	Y5 Last Swimming Session Learning Showcase 2:45pm
14.02.20	End of Term 3
24.02.20	Term 4 Global Value Week – Fairtrade No Clubs this week
28.02.20	Y4 Swimming starts (Fridays in Term 4; last session 27 th March. No session 3rd April)
02.03.20	Clubs – Session 5 this week
04.03.20	NSPCC Assemblies for all children
05.03.20	World Book Day – see page 11
06.03.20	Celebration Worship 2:30pm
09.03.20	Clubs - Session 6 this week
10.03.20	Y2 Heritage Trust Toys and Games Workshop
11.03.20	Y5 Kilve Residential (11-13 th March 2020)
16.03.20	Clubs - Session 7 this week
18.03.20	Y5&6 NSPCC Workshops Y3&4 Spring Performance 2pm
19.03.20	Y3&4 Spring Performance 5:30pm
20.03.20	NSPCC Event
23.03.20	Clubs - Session 8 this week (last session)
30.03.20	Parent Consultations 3:30-6:30pm Sign up for Summer Term Clubs this week
31.03.20	Maths Problem Solving Day
01.04.20	Easter Service 9:30am – St Aldhelm's Church, led by Y2 & 3
02.04.20	Parent Consultations 3:30-6pm
03.04.20	Celebration Worship PTA Easter Bingo End of Term 4 – Easter Holiday
20.04.20	Term 5 starts for everyone Healthv Minds. Healthv Bodies Week

'Hoodwinked'

The Y5&6 January Performances 2020





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Year 4 Trip to 'The Museum of Somerset'

Year 4 had a great trip to The Museum of Somerset in Taunton on Tuesday 28th February. First, we enjoyed sharing all of our Roman knowledge. Our guide was very impressed with everything we knew already. After that we dressed up roman armour, togas and poor slave clothes.



Then we had the opportunity to handle some roman artefacts. We worked as real archaeologists to try and identify what each item was, what it was made out of and what it would have been used for. Our particular favourites were the razors, bowl and roofing tile.



After lunch, we then explored the museum further. Some of our highlights were the huge roman mosaic from Low Ham Villa, all the different brooches like one Boudica might have worn. We also enjoyed finding out about the large collection of roman coins and the skeleton of the roman lady and her dog.



What a great day!



YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN VISIT



We completed a lot of activities. For one, we created a scarab amulet that we could take home. These were like good luck charms to the Egyptians. We could paint them using red, blue, green and yellow. Each colour had a special symbolic reference to the Egyptians.

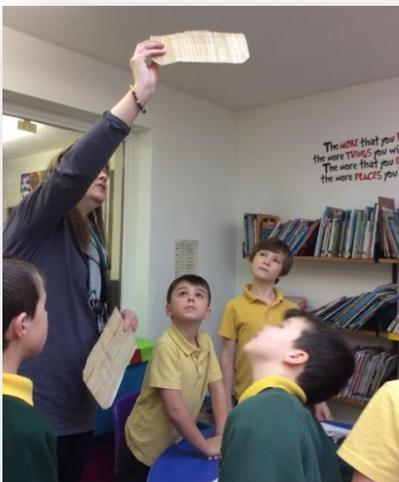


We became archaeologists and had to dig through sand to find ancient artefacts!

We looked at papyrus, paper made from plants.



We baked some delicious Egyptian date bread! It tasted good.

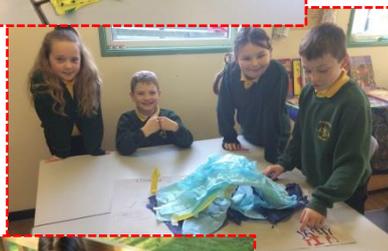
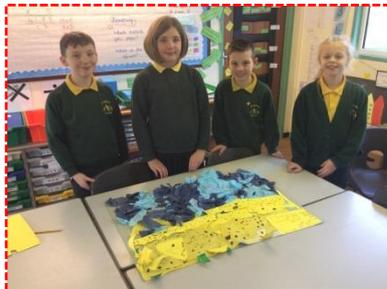


PERSONAL SAFETY WEEK

During Personal Safety Week, classes looked at different aspects of keeping themselves safe. From hazards, risks and dangers in the home and school, to safety out and about on the roads and in public places, to awareness and rules around water, to knowing about healthy and safe relationships. All involved identifying strategies to be safe and looking at the work of the emergency services too. Read on for some specific class activities:



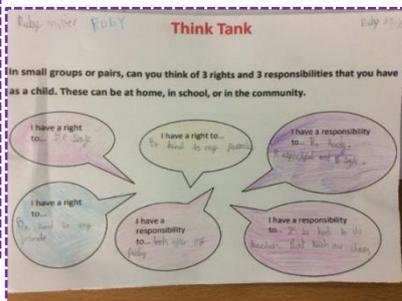
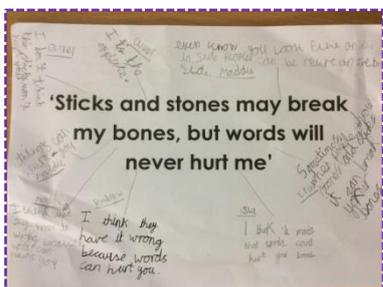
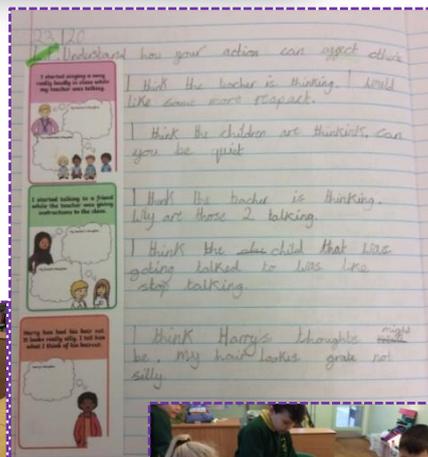
For personal safety week, Year 4 focused on keeping safe outdoors. We began by exploring our school grounds identifying potential hazards, risks and dangers then how we could minimise these. After that, we thought about keeping safe around water. The children were all very knowledgeable and shared lots of sensible ideas. We worked in groups to present our personal safety top tips in a creative way.



As part of our Police project in YR, we have been talking about staying safe inside and outside school. We have been reading the story 'We are gentle... we don't hurt others'. Using examples from the story the children have demonstrated positive ways of staying safe in our play in and outside the classroom.



Children in Year 3 looked at healthy friendships and relationships during Personal Safety Week. We explored our rights and responsibilities and did a lot of investigative work into how our actions may affect others.





We investigated risks, hazards and dangers in the home.



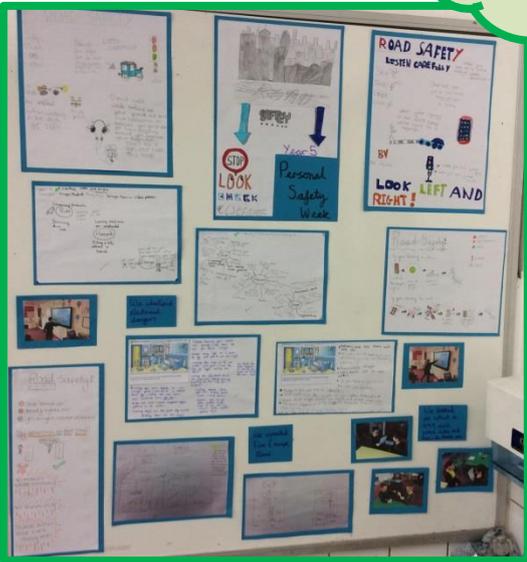
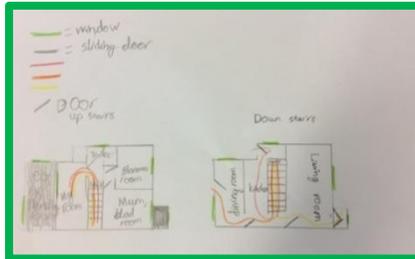
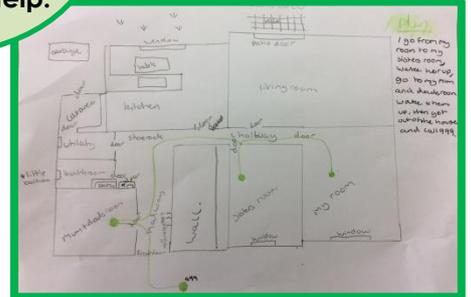
Year 5 Personal Safety Week



We looked at the emergency services and how we get their help.



We thought carefully about our homes and created Fire Escape Plans.



Year 5 were so interested in the Road Safety assembly we took part in, that they wanted to create posters to help remind people about how to be safe. All this work has been put into a display in our classroom.



In Year 6, we explored how to stay safe online, in particular within the online gaming community. We started the week by looking at what PEGI ratings mean and why they might be important. The children showed a good understanding of the ratings and were able to articulate why different games may not be suitable for all. As the safety week progressed, we explored why it is important to stay safe online and how to do so.

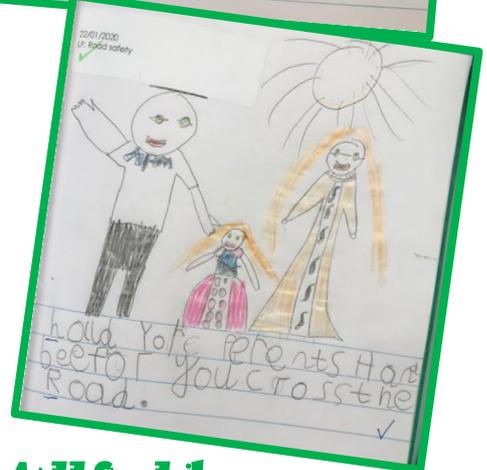
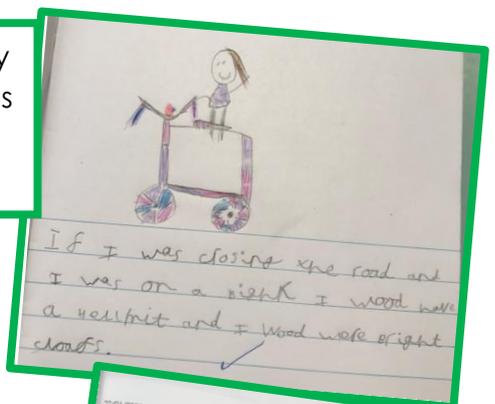
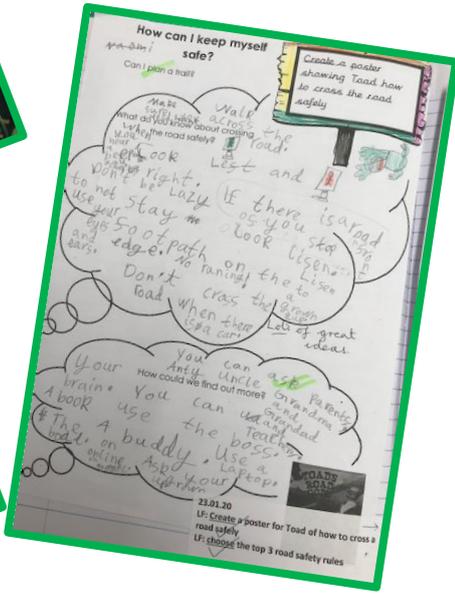
Year 6 looked at real case studies of different experiences of children online. Year 6 explored what we would do if someone we didn't know tried to persuade us to meet up or do something they weren't comfortable with. The children identified the following actions they would take:



- Tell a trusted adult if someone you don't know tries to persuade you to meet up, requests information including pictures, acts in an inappropriate way or says inappropriate things
- Do not accept friend requests from anyone you do not know in person
- If you have already accepted a request, you can always block someone

We were very impressed with the mature approach of Year 6 in addressing a difficult topic and their ideas on what they should do if any potentially dangerous situations arise while they are online.

Year 1 and 2 explored road safety and came up with their own ideas about how to keep safe crossing the road...



Cross Country Race at Millfield

On a very cold and muddy Tuesday afternoon, 9 runners from St Aldhelm's headed to Millfield to compete in the Mendip School's Cross Country Race. All the runners showed great resilience and perseverance through the extremely tough conditions. We had runners in all four events. Lola G in lower school girls, Alfie, Corey and Jamie lower school boys, Freya B, Freya E and Katherine upper school girls and Harry G and Finley upper school boys. It was fantastic to see the children cheering on their team mates showing such amazing team spirit. The children should be extremely proud of themselves and their achievements.



A reminder, that running club takes place after school on a Friday 3:30-4:15pm. We welcome more runners!

Safeguarding our Children

Next week is our Safer Internet Week, where all classes will be thinking about their online activity, how they behave online and the benefits and awareness they need to know about to be safe online.



National Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday 11th February. It is a good time to remember our role as adults, supporting children to be safe online. Spend time to talk to your child about what they are up to online. Feel confident to ask questions and establish rules in your home. You may find the following websites helpful in keeping yourself up to date, making yourself aware of new software, apps and games and in answering questions you may have.



<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020>

Look for this button on the website page as well as other useful information:



<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

Looking for advice on where to begin?

The Parent and Carer Toolkit is a collection of three resources designed to help you talk to your child about their online life, manage boundaries around family internet use and point you in the direction of where to get further help and support.



<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

Talking to your child about online safety

Tips on how to start the conversation with your child.

[Learn more](#)

All adults at school, in our communities and at home, have a duty and responsibility to safeguard our children. This means we ensure their safety and well-being at all times. Don't forget the important part **you** play in keeping your child safe online at home. Visit the sites for information, advice and resources but most importantly talk to your child, understand what they are doing and support them to be safe online.



A big well done to all the children who received certificates in this month's Celebration Assembly! ☺



Advance notice for you to begin thinking about:

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2020

At St Aldhelm's this year, the theme is going to be 'Guess my Favourite Traditional Tale.'

Children are asked to dress up as a character from their favourite traditional tale with a maximum of two props. In class, the children will then take turns to guess their favourite tales. Children will also be given an opportunity to act out a small scene from their chosen traditional tale. This is an ideal opportunity to discover new books for children to explore and share our love of reading as well as compare a range of stories.



Thank you for your support with helping your child to decide who they will be and finding or creating a costume.

Lunchtimes

We are really lucky to have a school kitchen on site that prepares a variety of meal choices with fresh ingredients each day. There is always a main option, a vegetarian option, jacket potato and filling or picnic plate. We can also cater for different dietary needs, should this be required.

If you would like your child to try a school lunch, please visit [Wisepay](#) for details of the menu choices and to pay (if your child is in KS2). If you have any further feedback about school lunches please let the school kitchen or office know – we always look to improve and increase the number of children having school lunch.

We are also noticing the creative and healthy packed lunch boxes children are enjoying from home. Please check that your child does have enough food though as they do need sustenance for the afternoon's learning!

St. Aldhelm's Community News

St. Aldhelm's PTA

The PTA are running two events this term. The KS1 Film Night and the Easter Bingo.

If your child would like to come to the film night please sign up at the school office. Children will be supervised at the end of the school day to the Y5 classroom where they will enjoy watching the film together. PTA and staff will bring children to the main gate at 5pm to be collected.

There will be more details for the Easter Bingo to follow.

We are thrilled that our fundraising will allow us to buy the new library furniture. Monies from the film night will go towards new library books for children to enjoy in school.

JOIN US FOR FILM NIGHT



Wednesday 12th February
3.30pm

Key stage 1 - Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2
£3 - includes a hot dog, popcorn and hot chocolate (veggie and gluten free options available)



St. Aldhelm's Church News

Next Messy Church

Sunday 1st March 2020, 4 – 6 pm at St. Aldhelm's Church

This is an event for parents, carers and children of all ages. Do come along and join us!

All children must be accompanied by a parent or carer.

A contribution for the pot would be much appreciated but is in no way obligatory.

If you would like to come or would like more details, please contact Joy Lees by Friday 28th February on 01749 880260

FEBRUARY HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS CLUB AT SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE

All Star Multi Sports return to SMLC this half term for more fun, games and sports! At just £15 per day, the club is running Monday-Friday, 8.30am-3.30pm and will accept children aged 6-11. Get the kids away from their devices and enjoy fun, sporting activities with friends they know, and ones they haven't met yet. Wear them out and give them something to tell their friends about when they are back to school: football, hockey, basketball, team games, gymnastics, boxing... the highly trained All Star Multi Sports coaches are led by the kids, so everyone gets to play their favourite sports, and try new things.

Places are limited, so please book now: 01749 346644 or see our website for more information: www.sheptonmalletleisure.uk

FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

JUST £15 PER DAY!

MULTI SPORTS KIDS' CLUB

MONDAY 17 - FRIDAY 21 FEB | 8:30AM - 3:30PM EVERY DAY

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN AND GAMES, AS THE ALL STAR MULTI SPORTS TEAM RETURN TO SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE FOR A WHOLE WEEK OF FUN THIS FEBRUARY!

FOR CHILDREN AGED 6-11

Play all of your favourite sports, and try something new!

TOP QUALITY SPORTS COACHES (ALL DBS CHECKED & FIRST AID TRAINED)

There will be football, basketball, boxercise, gymnastics, cheerleading, hockey, and loads of other fun team games.

WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT PREVIOUS ALL STAR HOLIDAY CLUBS...

"Helen absolutely loved today... She said if there were more she would definitely go!" - Hilary R
"They had the most amazing day! Thank you so much for the wonderful camp!" - Leam M
"Huge thank you for today, all buzzing and talking about everything they did!" - D Edwards

ALL STAR MULTI SPORTS

SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE

TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE, GIVE US A CALL: 01749 346644

MORE INFORMATION: WWW.SHEPTONMALLETLEISURE.UK
SHEPTON MALLET LEISURE CENTRE, CHARLTON ROAD, SHEPTON MALLET BA4 5PD

ALL THE WORLD'S OUR PLAYGROUND

THEATRE :: CIRCUS INSTALLATIONS WALKABOUT ACTS

A FREE FESTIVAL CREATED AND PROGRAMMED BY CHILDREN IN SHEPTON MALLET

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2020

Don't miss this FREE family festival! With Circus acts in the market square, a 35m giant sea lizard that fits 18 children inside it, a re-telling of Hansel and Gretel by PuddleBoat Theatre, walkabout theatre acts readings, workshops and several free shows!

EVENT: 10AM - 4PM SHEPTON MALLET

All events are free but some require booking. For full programme and tickets visit makethesunshine.co.uk or @makethesunshinecic

Logos: Arts Council England, Wells Festival of Literature, and various local organizations.

Can you help volunteer on Saturday 7th March 2020 for All the World's Our Playground Shepton Mallet?

From giant lizards, whose tummies can store 18 children, to dazzling circus acts. From theatre shows to street theatre acts: Shepton Mallet is getting ready to host a curious range of fantastic acts and performers this March.

The Festival entitled All the World's Our Playground is a collaboration between our school and five other partner schools and Make the Sunshine CiC.

All events will be free for local families to attend and the acts chosen bring to life some of the themes and issues the children have been exploring in their play (which some children will perform in on 6th March). The festival acts have been designed and chosen by a student programming panel as well as through a vote on election day in December.

But to make this happen we need your help! Can you volunteer to support the event? If so we would be very grateful if you could give a few hours to help out.

Look out for an email in your inbox, or call or pop into the school office for further details of how to volunteer. Thank you!

2020 BLACK SWAN ARTS BLACK SWAN YOUNG OPEN

Black Swan Arts in Frome is proud to announce the launch of the Now in its seventh year, the **Black Swan Arts Young Open** has become the most successful and prestigious art competition for young people between the ages of 8 and 19 years old, as well as the **BIGGEST** young art competition in the South West, attracting hundreds of entries from individuals, schools and youth groups.

Entries to the 2020 competition will be judged, curated and displayed in one of the region's leading **contemporary art galleries** and, as in previous years, prizes will be awarded in three age-group categories. These unique prizes will be in the form of **creative workshops** with practising and successful artists as well as individual prizes and certificates, to the winners in each category.

So, if you are between 8 and 19 years old, would like the opportunity to have your work exhibited at the **Black Swan Arts** gallery, as well as judged to win a prize, get creating NOW because the deadline for entering your artwork into the competition is **28 February 2020**.

We want to see original artwork in any medium or process that our artists can think of. The more unique the artwork, the better: painting, ceramics, modelling, drawing, inks, photography, video, animation, textiles, collage, linocuts, screen-prints, lithographs, collographs, mono-prints, sculpture, waxwork, graphic design, illustration, glass blowing, mosaics, stained glass, metalwork, woodwork, 3D printing and much more! For more information and to enter go to www.blackswanarts.org.uk Good Luck!!

21 MARCH - 25 APRIL 2020
ENTRY DEADLINE 28 FEBRUARY 2020
WWW.BLACKSWANARTS.ORG.UK

2020 BLACK SWAN ARTS BLACK SWAN YOUNG OPEN

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