

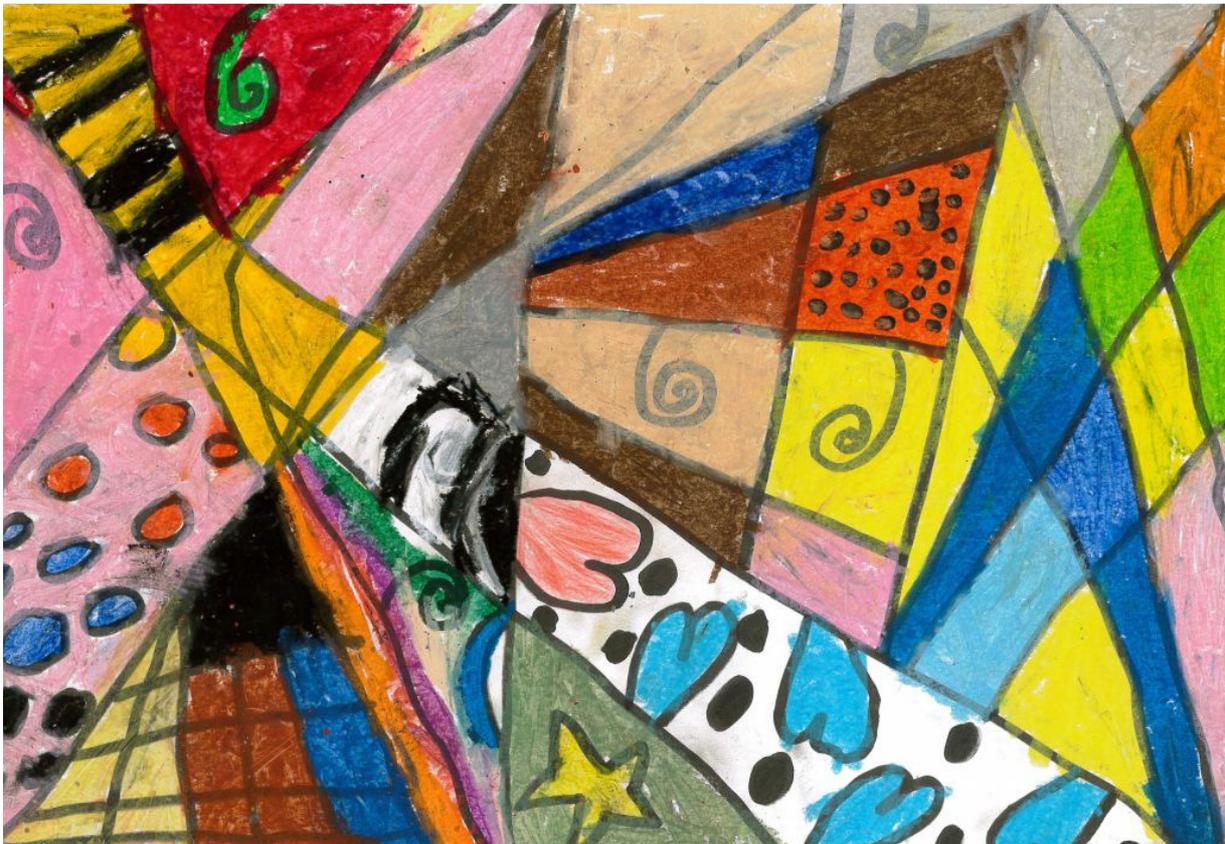
# R.E. NEWS



## Art In Heaven

We decided to use The Spirited Art Competition, as inspiration for our RE teaching and learning in the summer term 2015. This competition is always very popular with UK schools and apparently averages over 2,000 entrants per year. There have even been entries from places as far away as Australia and South Africa.

The artwork is judged by RE Today Advisers and students and we were thrilled to see that one of our Stoborough pupils; Zoe Macbeth (age 6) was awarded a winning place this year.



**"I See God"** The title I have chosen is 'Where is God?' In my picture I used red and black spots on top because ladybirds are so small and beautiful. I see God in the spots of a ladybird. I put a yellow star on my picture because when I look up at the stars God is there. I used green because the grass is green. When I play in my garden, God is watching me play. I put in orange and black stripes for a tiger because I see God in a tiger. The red heart and the blue heart are there for my Mummy and Daddy because I love them and I see God in their hearts. I used light blue because when I look up to the sky I see God in the sky and it makes me feel happy. I put in yellow because God is in the sun. I put pink there because I see God in our skin.



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## Spiritual Garden Opening

10/11/15

It was a rather blustery day, when we all gathered together to open our beautiful Spiritual Garden. The service began as Hilary Bond talked about the importance of gardens in The Bible, encouraging the children to imagine that perfect haven of peace in The Garden of Eden and then to consider a more disturbing scene in the garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus healed a Roman soldier as he was arrested.



Miss Corbin gave thanks for all who had contributed to the garden in some way ...

- Children who submitted designs
- The PTA who gave money to purchase garden sculptures
- Mr McEwen's Art club and Mr Castello-MacPherson for the mosaic /tiles
- Mr and Mrs Smith for landscaping and planting
- Mr and Mrs Stephens for garden planning, the beautiful wooden cross, chimes and of course weeding!
- Mr and Mrs Hallisey for even more weeding, planting, planning etc

It was then time to go outside where Canon Simon led us in a moment of prayer, cut the red ribbon and declared our Spiritual Garden open.

We are hopeful that the garden will be a peaceful retreat in the busy school day for anyone wishing to sit quietly, reflect, listen and take in the beauty of this delightful place. Classes are encouraged to take their worship sessions outside and no doubt Xplode club will also enjoy making use of this very special prayerful space.