

Press Release



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Duns Primary School show off artist talent

An artwork challenge was set to all Border Primary Schools, by NHS Borders Art Group Chair Dr John Stephen last year, to produce artwork with a Commonwealth Games theme. The winning creation would be displayed inside the Borders General Hospital.

The winners of this challenge were Duns Primary School. With the help from parents and extended families the pupils from all sixteen classes worked together to create weavings inspired by their school logo.

Each of the sixteen classes created their own panels to be included in the display. Out of the sixteen four were picked by the 'Friends of Duns Primary' to make up the final display. With a lot of help from Janis Embleton, a local weaver from Swinton, the winning panels were turned into weaving patterns for everyone to weave.

Dr John Stephen said: "I am very proud to accept the loan of these weavings on behalf of NHS Borders. We are honoured to display this work until the new school in Duns is complete and ready to display them. This piece will be an inspiration for future generations of pupils."

He added: "The creation of these panels has been a whole community effort and the hard work from the Primary staff, including Christine Murphy Acting Deputy Head Teacher and Ms Alison McLeod, all the pupils and their families has been overwhelming. The end result is an eye catching piece of art, of which everyone involved should be extremely proud."

Duns Primary artwork can be seen by visitors to the new Outpatients Department on the ground floor in the Borders General Hospital.

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Notes to editors

Please find attached photos of the proud pupils of Duns Primary School with their own Commonwealth Games artwork.

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