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Kirton school recognised with Artsmark Gold Award

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Kirton Primary School has received a national award for the quality of its arts education.

The school, **named Primary School of the Year** at the 2018 Lincolnshire Free Press and Spalding Guardian Education Awards, has been given an Artsmark Gold Award by Arts Council England for the way teachers have made arts, craft and cultural learning a central part of its curriculum.

Executive headteacher Nicky Donley said: "The judges of the award said: 'Kirton Primary School is clearly committed to the arts and this is reflected in the high profile it has across the school.

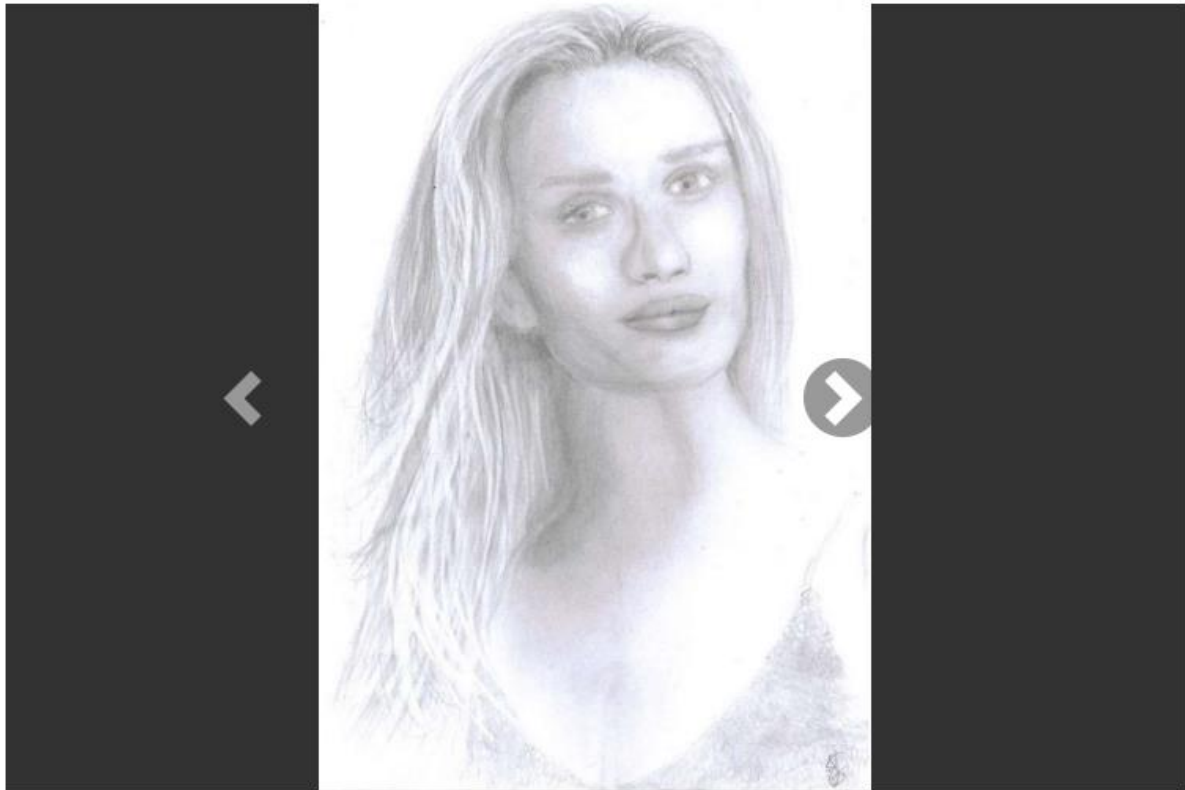


Artwork by pupils from Kirton Primary School. Photo supplied. (42423298)

"As a result of your Artsmark journey, you now have a carefully planned curriculum which links arts and culture to wider learning opportunities and to different areas of the curriculum, such as history and geography.

"Having a planned timetable of events during the year helps to ensure equality of opportunities for all pupils, such as watching and taking part in live performances, working with an artist-in-residence, visiting artists and professionals, and external visits.

"The focus on the arts is resulting in your pupils talking enthusiastically about their learning.



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"Well done on your achievements so far and I am in no doubt that you will continue to build on your good work.'

"Our whole school has been turned into an art gallery, with multiple sculptures, drawings and paintings.

"Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, only staff and children are currently able to enjoy these exhibits, but we are hoping to share them more widely soon."