



Dermatology workshop led by artist Clare Hudman at Linden Primary School  
Image: Tracey Fahy

**Artists:**

Annabelle Craven Jones, Jamie Gutch, Claire Hudman, Natasha Rampley

**Funders:**

The Pied Piper Appeal, Gloucester Round Table

**Collaborators:**

Tewkesbury Primary School, Littledean Primary School, Linden Primary School, The Milestone School, Holy Trinity Primary School



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GRASP (Gloucestershire Royal Hospital's Artists in Schools Programme) involved more than 250 children, 30 teachers and 20 hospital staff members. The Trust was opening a new Children's Centre and, through this project, took the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to children and families.

Through five primary school artist residencies, local children found out how a modern hospital works, and hospital staff engaged with children outside a treatment situation. Artists then distilled this dialogue into entertaining and educational permanent artworks for the hospital which could be displayed in areas that might not previously have been child-friendly. Key learnings were captured afterwards during a tea party, in which the children answered 'quizzes' to evaluate what they had gained from the programme.

GRASP effectively demonstrates that an imaginative partnership between the education and health sectors facilitated by the arts, can provide health education, build new skills, raise confidence and pride, and give a lot of pleasure.

***“Children can obviously be in a very distressed state when they come to hospital, and anything which helps take their minds off what's happening to them has got to be good.”***

Joanne Wiggett, Paediatric Nurse, Gloucestershire Royal Hospital



Finger painting workshop led by artist Jamie Gutch at Milestone School, Gloucester  
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