

Outdoor Studio

Victoria Primary
School





Every year since 2012, Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop has been running a year-long schools programme with the Primary 5 classes from the two local primary schools, Trinity and Victoria. Each year all of the P5 pupils from these schools visit the Sculpture Workshop for an hour a week to make work in our shared learning studio.

After pausing face to face work for many months we were excited to start piloting workshops with small groups of pupils from Victoria Primary School at the end of last year. We wanted to make a space at ESW where the P5s could freely play with materials and their imaginations in an outdoor setting.

Together we looked at and talked about the work of artists and architects; Ifeoma Anyaeji, Mike Kelley and Kunlé Adyemi who created imaginary worlds, creatures and even schools that float on water. Working with recycled packaging, fluorescent tape, coloured papers and acetates the P5s made their own imaginary worlds and as the winter days grew darker we introduced finger lights, torches and overhead projectors into the mix. Apple juice cartons were transformed into robots with rubber bands as mouths, plastic bottles and recycled cans became contestants on the second season of a game show and a bottle rocket was made for Beyoncé the hamster.

As always the P5s work was too good not share so we have collaged some of their creations below to share with you all.



Underground

Forest

Is anything made here?

What is the weather like?

Space

What might I find here?

What grows here?

Underwater

Earth

Where is this place?



Who/What lives here?





Our plan was to work with all the P5's from both schools at least once this year, but our face to face activity is paused for now. We are however finding other ways to connect with this year's P5s and cannot wait to welcome you all back again soon.

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For 8 years, ESW has consistently fundraised to support the substantial staffing and project funds needed to deliver this innovative Schools Programme and the two schools make a welcome contribution too.

