

Ferryhill Primary School

Department of Art and Design

Lockdown Day 36.

Good morning fellow artists

I hope you are well and that you had an exciting week. I had a good week, but as a painter I faced a minor disaster. I ran out of my favourite colour. Those of you who know me well will know that this is the colour yellow. This put a stop to my painting activities on large canvases and forced me to do something else.

I couldn't stop thinking about yellow though. This morning I went down my street and took pictures of everything yellow I could find.



This bush is 'Canadian Broom' the owner told me – from a safe distance, of course.

Then there is the double yellow marking that inspires so many of the local traffic wardens to issue parking tickets. Never park on double yellow!



Yellow car (no backsies) and a hardy dandelion plant benefitting from the lack of traffic in the street.



Do you know what these two things are?



Decorating Easter eggs is very popular in Germany. I think there may be some Germans living a few houses down from me as they decorated a whole bush outside their door with painted Easter eggs. I painted this one, sneaked over one night and hung it into the same bush. It is still there....

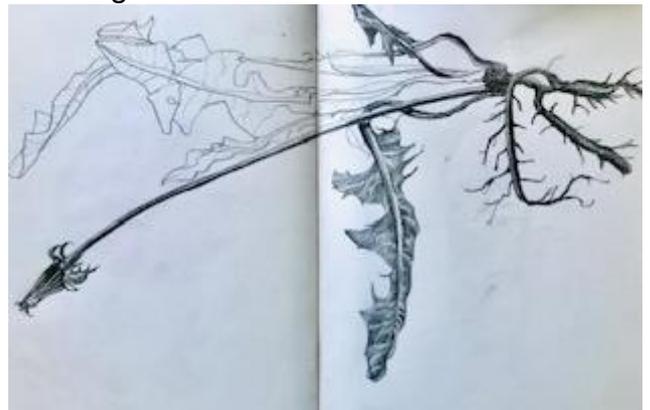
Is there anything yellow in your street?

This takes us to today's task.

- **Find a dandelion plant and dig it out.** Make sure you do not break off the root. We need the whole plant.



- Put it on the table and make a line drawing. You can do this with pencil or if you are courageous you could take a black felt tip pen or a gel pen. Make the drawing as large as possible. Working on a large scale makes it easier.
- Add some shading to make the plant look three dimensional. Apply pressure to your pencil and use the full spectrum of grey shades. As you can see in my drawing of a dandelion plant you needn't shade in every single detail. Just focus on the exciting parts.
- If you have time, draw your dandelion plant from various angles.



Does the flower change over time? Compare a young plant with an older plant. Draw all stages of the life cycle of a dandelion. What happens once the yellow flower has gone?

Continue if you want to become a doctor, a herbalist (finding the right herbs to improve people's health), a botanist (an expert on plants), a nutritionist (an expert on food) or simply a child asking a lot of questions.

- Where does the name dandelion come from? What does it mean?
- Which part of the plant is edible? (according to Wikipedia)
- Can any part of the plant be used as medicine?
- Where do you find the plant?

These are the questions and answers from last week's quiz.

- 1 Why do water paintings not last very long on the sunny side of the pavement?
Answer: The pavement becomes a 'radiator' in hot sunshine and water paintings dry up.
- 2 Name as many parts of the foot as you can.
A: Heel, toes, nails, arch, muscles, nerves, ligaments, tendons (Achilles tendon), skin, and many more.
- 3 How many bones are there in a human foot? 26.
- 4 What is Dr Hugh Herr famous for? Look at the online clips! You will love this!
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z6_0nI5U-Qg
Dr Hugh Herr invented the bionic foot.
- 5 Why did Eduardo Paolozzi spend time in jail?
Eduardo Paolozzi spent a brief spell in jail in Edinburgh during WW2. Although he was born in Edinburgh, both of his parents were Italian which made Paolozzi Italian, too. During the early stages of the Second World War Italy and Germany were allies and therefore – from a British perspective - Italy was regarded to be the enemy, too.

There are lots of exciting projects inspired by work by Eduardo Paolozzi, but I will reserve them for when I see you face-to-face.

