



The Eliot Bank and Gordonbrock Schools Federation



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Gordonbrock Awarded Artsmark Gold!

We are delighted to inform you that our school has been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports settings to develop and celebrate their commitment to arts and cultural education.

The submission to Artsmark includes writing a Statement of Commitment to the Arts in school, with clear goals for development. Then, delivering, developing, delivering and evaluating those goals. Finally, writing a Statement of Impact on our community.

The Artsmark Team made the following comments about Gordonbrock's submission:

Your firm commitment to providing rich arts and cultural opportunities for your pupils is impressive and is evidently enriching the learning for all pupils through exciting cross-curricular and extra-curricular learning opportunities, which are having a measurable impact on children's enjoyment and achievement.

Your Artsmark journey has clearly been linked to the school's strategic priorities, by encouraging pupils to engage in critical thinking using Kagan cooperative learning strategies and develop a growth mindset whilst participating in arts activities.

Your partnerships have been fruitful in providing staff with high quality, external continuing professional development opportunities. As a result of the school's special relationship with the Trinity Laban Dance School, teachers receive regular, high quality professional development in dance and choreography, and have developed a six-week scheme of work for each year group. Pupils have evidently been inspired by working alongside dance specialists and started to develop ownership of their own performance material.



Music is another strength of your curriculum, with class lessons delivered by a specialist music teacher, who also leads singing assemblies and two school choirs. Lewisham Music Service provides peripatetic instrumental lessons for pupils in a range of instruments, and the various musical talents of the school were recently endorsed by gaining the Music Mark – congratulations!

Going forward, you should begin to plan how you can share your work and promote the Arts within the wider educational community.

Congratulations on your Artsmark Gold Award!

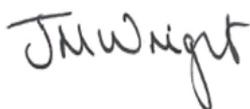
We would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff, visiting professional and pupil who has contributed to our Artsmark journey.

A special mention goes to Charlotte Bradbury and Gill Norris who have led on this piece of work so brilliantly – thank you both for your enormous commitment to our school.

We are delighted with this achievement and we hope that, during this incredibly challenging time for everyone, you will be able to enjoy this news too. You will see the Artsmark logo (below), proudly displayed on our headed paper from now on!

Thank you for your continued support and partnership – we should be very proud indeed of our talented children.

Yours sincerely,



Jane Wright,
Head of School.



Maria Gilmore,
Executive Headteacher.