

PLAYGROUND MURAL 2014/15

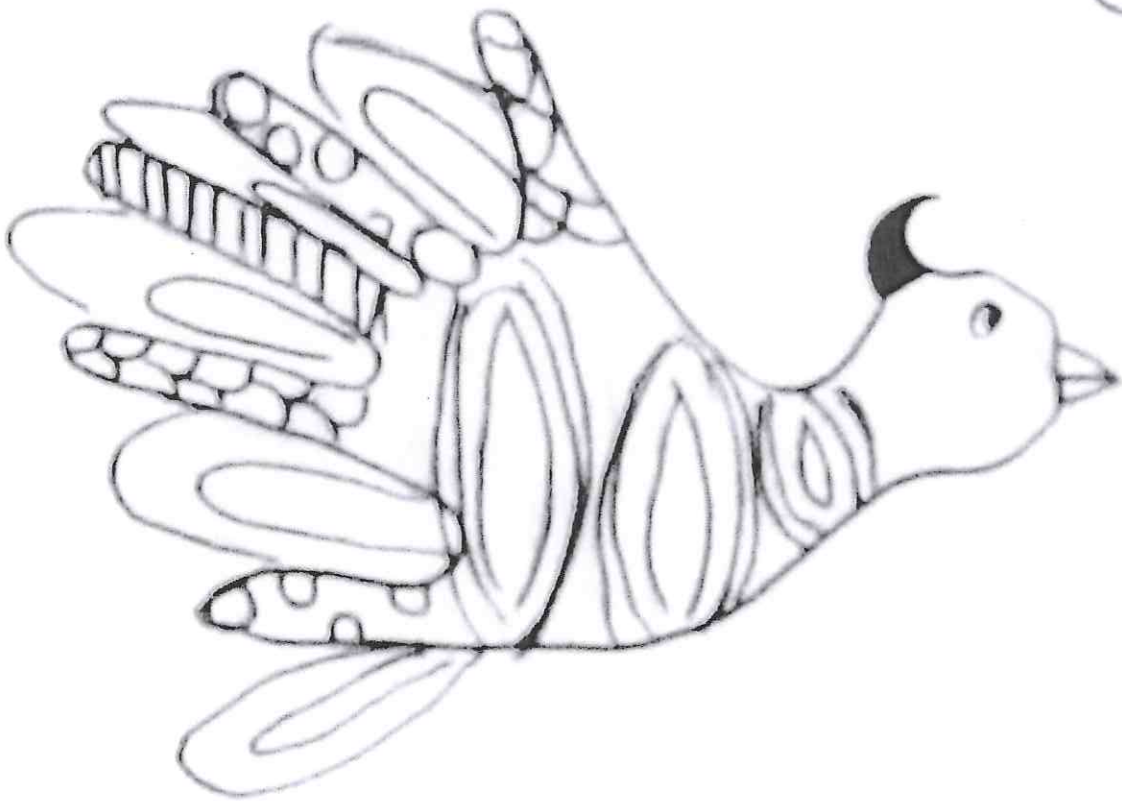
I've been thinking about the school and about what it represents. The left hand wall in the playground is about the the children as they arrive at the school to participate in their education. The symbols on the wall represent ideas, learning, friendships, diversity, and the schools ethos. As the image moves past the school symbol and on to the right hand wall, each pupil in the school would be represented in a group moving from one wall to the other (or one stage to the next) towards a future imagined by the children themselves.

It would be a major part of the mural, BUT, I think it would be wonderful to engage with every child in the school to design a 'wish or a dream for the future' on a template that would form each of the dots that you can see emerging from the school, turning the corner and moving towards the future.

On one of two paintings that we made this year with the 5th classes, a pupil traced her hand and turned it into a bird shape (see attached). Her fingers became the birds wings and body. I think it's a gorgeous image and, if you could imagine 200 or so hand-shaped birds emerging from the school (in a rhythmical fashion like starlings gathering), each with a visual representation of a wish or a dream for their own lives...it would form an incredibly striking image with a powerful collective message from a group of very important voices in our community.

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Wishing Bird Template



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