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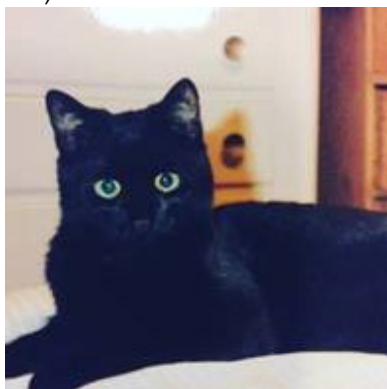
Dear Artists. 5th March 2021

Welcome to this week's newsletter where we start to plan the reopening of Art Matters and celebrate your artwork.

We hope you have what you need, are safe and well. We'll continue our calls to you and you are welcome to phone us in-between on the numbers below.



Carmen has been very busy these past few weeks. She's created a collection of elegant sketches like the one above and, in response to the current Animals theme, a picture of her cat, below!



Roadmap to reopening Art Matters.

Schools are to reopen from Monday and, as mentioned last week after the Government briefing, the second step in easing the restrictions will begin no earlier than **12th April**. This date is dependent on the four tests the Government have set out:

1. Vaccine continues to be deployed successfully.
2. Vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing the virus.
3. Infection rates do not surge.
4. Assessment of risks is not changed by new variants.

At this moment in time the figures appear to be going in the right direction and we can be hopeful that 12th April is when Art Matters will reopen for sessions. This week we have started to look at our Risk Assessments, safety plans and timetable in preparation. We'll continue to be vigilante and to keep you informed of our progress through this newsletter and in conversations. For all the Government advice please visit the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021/covid-19-response-spring-2021>



Nelly the Elephant. From the sketchbook of artist Barry.

'Animals' – this month's theme...

Art Matters theme of the month continues..... We would like to thank everyone for their creative contributions for February's theme of "Favourite things". We are pleased to announce our Theme for March will be..... "ANIMALS" so get creative painting, drawing, sewing, printing, carving, sculpting, creatively writing or photographing all aspects of "ANIMALS". Don't forget the Spotify Playlist as well!

Art Matters Playlist.

Last months 'Favorite Things playlist' is below. All of these songs can be listened to and enjoyed on the Spotify Art Matters playlist.

My Favorite Things	Julie Andrews
Respect	Aretha Franklin
Favorite Shirts	Haircut 100
If I Could Turn Back Time	Cher
Sweet Child O'Mine	Guns N'Roses
Everybody Hurts	R.E.M.
Dance Me To The End Of Love	Leonard Cohen
Blowin' In The Wind	Joan Baez

Proud Mary	Tine Turner
When We Were Young	Adele
Since I Left You	Celeste
Ali Baba	John Holt
Fisherman	The Congos
Queen Of The World	Claudette Lloyd
Walk The Dinosaur	Was Not Was

<https://open.spotify.com/>



The cats whiskers. Stan! Gerri's cat.

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.



A host of golden Daffodils. Thank you Molly.



Nothing equals the beauty of silence.

Thank you Raj for the words and the image for your thought for the day.

Feedback.

Please find attached the Satisfaction Survey carried out by Richmond Fellowship at the end of last year. Thank you to everyone for your positive comments and making Art Matters what it is.



*My boy cat JD. He's a handsome one, but he only let's you stroke him when he wants to.
Have a nice day. Hionoula x*

Good to meet you JD!

A promotional banner for a 'Working Together Forum'. The text 'WORKING TOGETHER FORUM' is in large, bold, purple and teal letters. Below it, 'ONLINE VIA ZOOM' is written in black. To the right, there is a graphic of a calendar page showing '20 MAY' in teal. A handwritten-style teal note says 'Save the date' with an arrow pointing to the calendar. At the bottom, a purple bar contains the contact email: 'Contact pqiservicedesk@richmondfellowship.org.uk for further details'.

The Richmond Fellowships Working Together Forum – more details to follow.



Everybody needs good neighbours! Thanks Lucy!



Deanna is painting on fabric.

All the images can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.

Contacting Art Matters:

artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

Staff mobile numbers:

David: 07741 817654 – 9:30 – 4:00. Tuesday to Friday.

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Rita is on leave this week.

Mark: 077886 191154 – 9:30 – 4:00. Monday – Friday.

Please continue to listen to Government advice, look after yourself and stay in touch.

Until next time.

The Art Matters team.

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