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JUNIOR ART SHOWCASE

We have recently been hosting some very furry visitors in the Junior Art room. The teddy bears arrived to have their pictures done by the Year 1 classes. They sat very still while the students observed them. One drawing from each class was selected and projected to create a large image that was faithfully traced onto cardboard. Year 1 students were experimenting with using the three primary colours in different amounts to mix variations of brown. They tore their painted brown paper into small pieces and using a collage technique to give the teddy artworks stylish fur coats for winter.

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Year 2 students were tasked with providing the picnic. The bears have survived the past couple of weeks in the wilderness of our temporary F Block Art room on a diet of cakes, biscuits and tea. Most commonly asked question in Year 2 Art: “Can I eat the biscuits?” While the bears otherwise appeared to have lovely manners, they were not prepared to share. Year 2 learnt paper weaving and created eye-popping chequered effects using complementary colours for their picnic rugs. They observed real tea sets and added decorative patterns to their drawings.

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Our classroom installation is still a work in progress, as the teddy bears seem to have insatiable appetites and think life is just one extended picnic. And remember:

If you go down to the Art room, you'd better not go alone.

It's lovely down in the Art room, but it's safer to stay at home.

For every bear that ever there was,

shall gather there together because

today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

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