

ARTIST OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER 2023

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. Mrs Britten our Art and Design subject lead shares the artist of the month via the school art notice board. The artist of the month winner will be announced in an assembly at the end of each month.

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the basket next to the art cabinet next to the staff room or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'.

This month's artist is: **Sarah Yates** - A Street Artist, Mural Painter, and Graphic Designer From Yorkshire England



Peregrine Falcons (2022)
The Museum of making Derby



Kingfisher and Magnolia (2023)
Gable end A6 Belper

Sarah Yates was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England in 1987. Her spray-painting journey began in 2008 when she first picked up a can at the age of 19 during her Graphic Design Degree with idea's to merge graphics with nature. A great deal of her inspiration comes from nature. She particularly likes painting birds which are inspired by walks along the canals and rivers with her mother, when she was a child. Sarah loves bright colours and painting on a large scale as a graffiti artist. She paints murals and on canvas for projects, events & galleries within the UK and internationally.

In Sarah's art, birds become gargantuan: vast wrens give side-glances from several feet up, colossal kestrels peer down over the shining beam of a lamppost. Her use of colour is fantastic, and the birds are bursting with detail. She finds it easier to paint the details on a larger scale but doesn't worry if it goes wrong – that's when she paints a flower or a leaf to hide the mistake.

Follow the links to take you to Sarah Yates website Fauna Graphic to find a little more about her work and see her in action.

<https://www.faunagraphic.com/>

This month why not create your own piece of art inspired by nature and the work of Sarah Yates. You could create a piece of art using pastels, paints, collage, use an ipad to

create a digital piece of art or create a bird sculpture. I look forward to seeing your creations.