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Dear Caroline and members of The Art Society,

We cannot thank you enough for turning our dream of a humble mural into a fantastic reality which is anything but humble! The finished product is spectacular and the children are still enthralled by it, brushing their hand over it as they walk by or spotting something new which they had not previously seen when they are en route to assembly. We have proudly built it into our 'Tour of the School' when showing visitors or prospective parents around and all who see it are thoroughly impressed by its beauty.

It is hard to imagine how all of those raffle tickets could possibly have amounted to such a wonderful outcome! It makes me smile every time I think of it.

Caroline, thank you so much for supporting Leonie and me with this project and for being a part of it also. We really appreciated your visits and it was great that you were able to experience the process as well as see the finished result.

Thank you to all of the members who bought copious amounts of raffle ticket and who supported the project. Thank you also to all of you who attended the 'Grand Opening'. It was so lovely to see so many of you visiting our little school.

And finally, thank you of course to Leonie for devoting so much time and energy into making this work. I am still stunned by how much money you were able to raise! I am so very glad that I responded to your initial email just over one year ago! Who would have thought that one year later we would have completed the project, had it opened by Esther McVey and together baked enough artisan cakes to feed a considerable army of people!

You truly are a wonderful society and you have enabled each and every one of our children at to be part of something which will be present in our school for years to come. Art is a subject which does often get pushed to one side due to the current pressures from the government to meet targets for tests, but at Styal the children will always remember the rich experience of having a 'real' artist work with them to create a masterpiece.

Thank you and best wishes for the future,

Alicia Bellshaw
Deputy Headteacher
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