

**Art -July 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**   **Lock down art**

**Banksy** is a British street and graffiti artist. He likes to remain anonymous and not let people know his true identity. He often draws in high visibility public places such as on buildings or train stations. His paintings are often about politics, war and other important topics.





Spend some time looking at this art work. What do you notice? Look carefully at the doll the boy is holding. Why do you think she is wearing a cape? How do the super heroes in the bin appear?

Banksy may be best known for his street art, but he has been working within the constraints of lockdown to produce a piece paying tribute to the NHS.

The elusive (difficult to find) artist has created a piece called *Game Changer* that has gone on display, nicely framed, in a corridor at Southampton general hospital.

It shows a boy dressed in dungarees playing with a nurse superhero toy, with figures of Batman and Spider-Man discarded in a bin.

The nurse, wearing a face mask and a white apron featuring a red cross, has her arm raised as if she is flying, with a cape fluttering behind her.

Banksy left a note for hospital workers, saying: *"Thanks for all you're doing. I hope this brightens the place up a bit, even if it's only black and white."*

Banksy had some fun too in his bathroom during lock down.....don't copy this in your bathroom though!

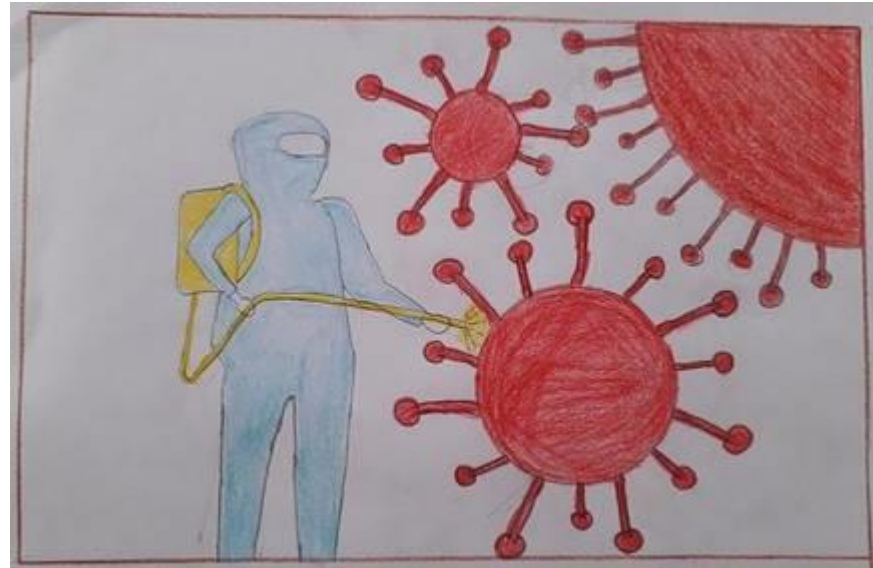
What do you think the tally chart symbolises?



We have all been through so much during lock down and it is a time in all our lives which we will never forget. We will all have experienced lots of different emotions from loneliness to joyfulness.

Think about those feelings and think about how art can express feelings. Look at these examples for some ideas.





As we come to the end of our school year we would like you to create an art work which depicts an aspect of lockdown that has created a strong memory or feeling in you. You can use whatever media you would like. Think about the materials we have used over the year .....Have fun.

Please can you keep them or take a photo if they are sculpture pieces and we can make a display of them in your new class. 😊