

Arts

School children inspire muralists

A MURAL inspired by artworks by Grainville students was unveiled recently at the school after they had the opportunity to work with international artist Matt Dufour.

The French artist, who goes under the name of Atma, worked with Grainville's art department as part of the Skipton School Mural Project and artworks by the students also formed an exhibition featuring the designs behind the mural.

The Skipton School Mural Project is a community enterprise produced by ArtHouse Jersey which sees talented artists leading workshops with local schoolchildren to create 15 different murals at schools across the Island.

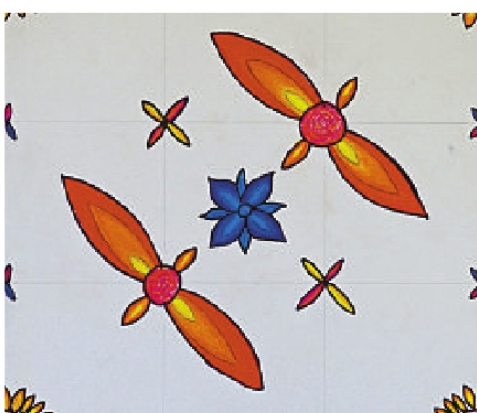
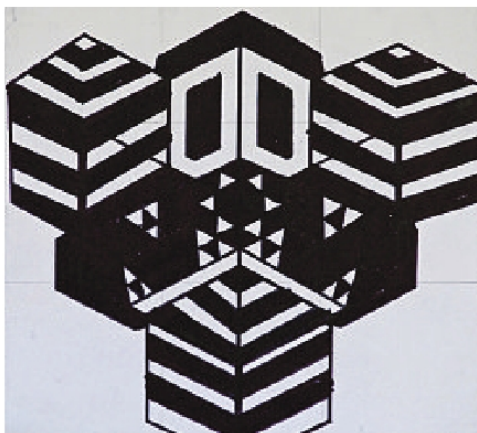
The project, sponsored by Skipton International, invites the children and artists to come up with designs based on a chosen theme, such as mental health, community and inclusion. These designs go on to form the basis of a large-scale mural which the artist paints at the school.

Mr Dufour, along with Marc McClure, who are both part of the London-based mural collective Wood Street Walls, were invited to take part in the project to create new murals at Grainville and Le Rocquier schools.

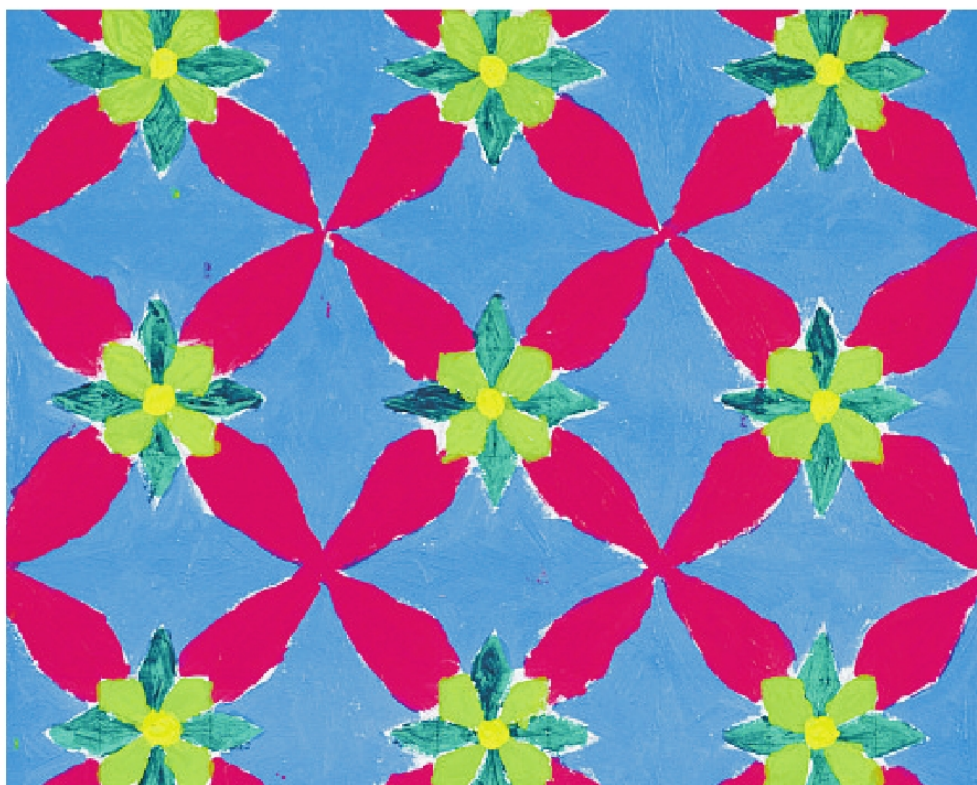
Thomas Dingle, director of ArtHouse Jersey, said: 'It was clear from the moment we approached Wood Street Walls about the project that we share a similar perspective on commissioning professional artists to create new works of public art.

They work very closely with local people in Walthamstow, including children, the elderly and other specific groups, to engage them throughout the creative process.

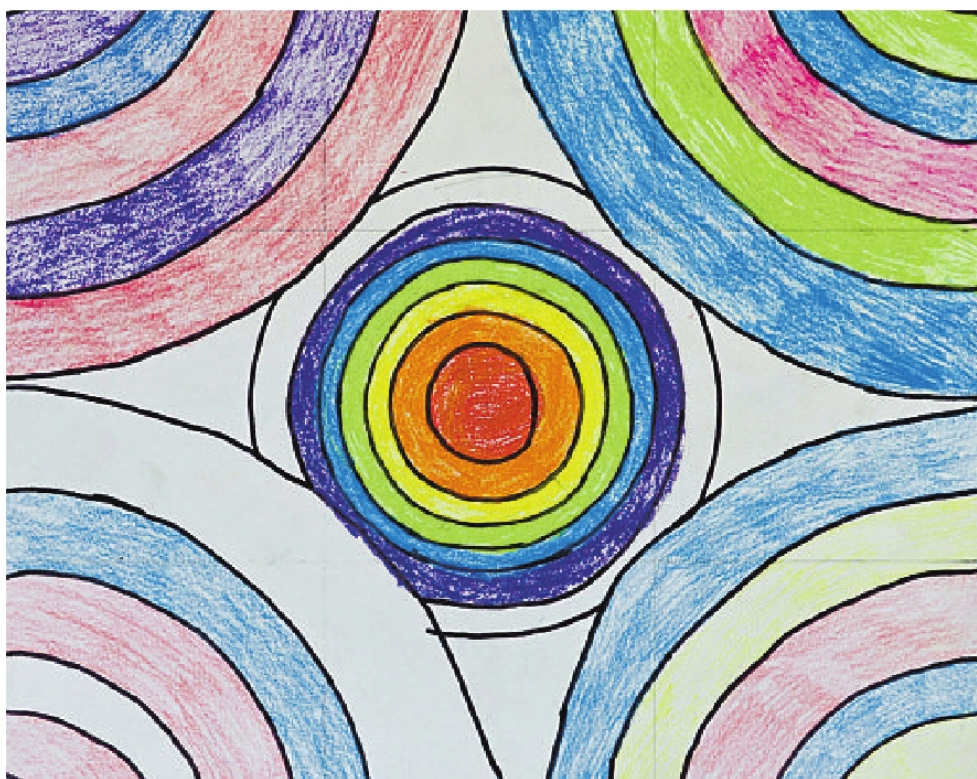
'Their murals never feel imposed and are something that residents can feel proud of, while visitors get a very genuine impression of the character of the community. We are delighted to partner with Wood Street Walls to secure Matt and Marc's participation in our project, as it's a great opportunity for artistic exchange between Jersey and London.'



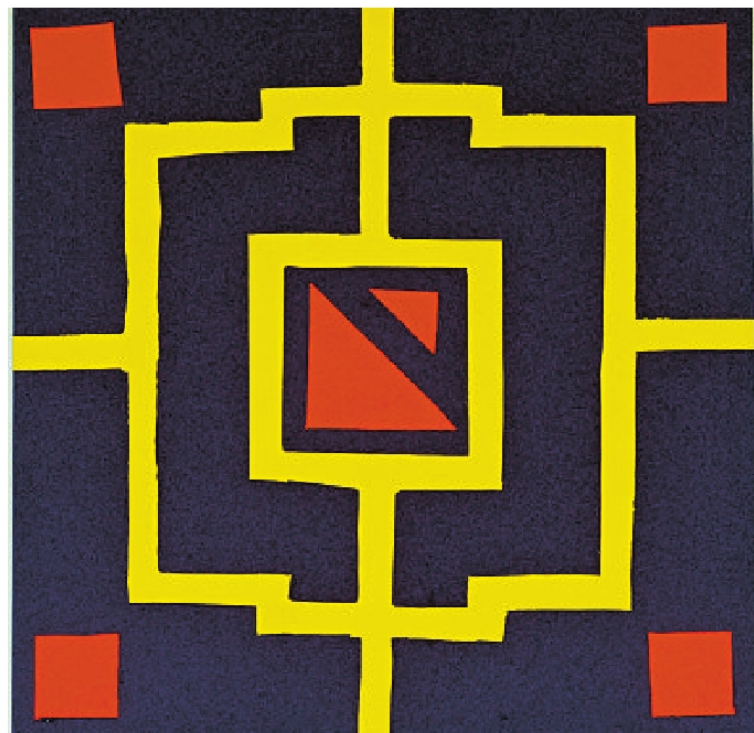
■ The large mural (which includes the works created by students) painted by Frenchman Matt Dufour, who goes under the name of Atma. Picture: ROB CURRIE (24745908)



■ Artwork by Tilly Woodhall



■ Artwork by Francisco Pinto



■ CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Artwork by Annabel Dougan, Ally Pereira, Macey Loake, George Stabler, Hannah French and Sadie Martingale