



IMAGINATION STATION: Artist Donna Newman, of Eden-Designs, has been creating art work on the walls all around the building. Donna is pictured with the paintings she has produced in the reception class reading corner. The pupils pictured (from left) Abid Hassan, Safiya Bhagatte, Omid Faizi and Blessing Zolua. Pictures: Mark Radford

YOUR schools **Aiming to raise aspirations with lots of fun new activities**

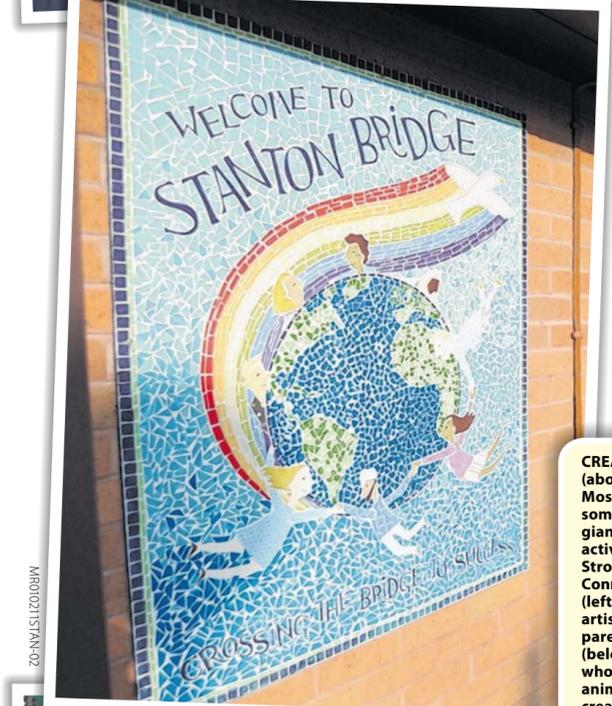


SIGN LANGUAGE: Stanton Bridge pupils (from left) Sanna Ehsan, Brynley Rowley, Hibo Mohammed and Ahsan Ahtasham pictured with the new school sign

By Cara Simpson

CHILDREN may enjoy watching them but it's not every day that youngsters get to create their own cartoon. But talented pupils at Stanton Bridge Primary School, Foleshill, have done just that after taking part in their own animation project. Professional animation artists visited the school to help them produce the cartoon which pupils named Alex and the Case of the Golden Key. School teachers plan to enter the entertaining animation into The Coventry Schools Digital Media Awards. The fun activity formed part of a revamp of the Oliver Street school's curriculum, which saw the introduction of more creative activities and a greater emphasis on learning through play. The change has been implemented in a bid to improve the school's current Ofsted rating, which is already judged as "satisfactory". Nicole Fowles, deputy headteacher, is confident the changes will make a difference. She said: "Stanton Bridge is already a good school but we want Ofsted to rate it as outstanding. "The children are really enjoying their new curriculum because they are able to

access lots of different activities." Local artist, Donna Newman, has recently brought added colour to the school surroundings by making a new school sign, designed by one of the pupils, and producing a banner explaining the school's six core values - confidence, independence, aspiration, honesty, harmony and respect. Her input has been a welcome addition to the learning environment along with exciting new play equipment. Teachers and pupils at Stanton Bridge are also working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award, a fast-track scheme which recognises schools that give parents and guardians more involvement in the working of the school. Ms Fowles said: "One of the things we are most proud of is the way the school does not focus on people's differences but celebrates what we have in common. We are all human and we are all trying to get along." Sofina Islam, school headteacher, said: "We are trying to raise aspirations and have made numerous improvements which have been introduced in consultation with parents and the local community. "Everything that we have achieved would not have been possible without the relationship between the school and local community."



CREATIVE PLAY: Stanton Bridge pupils (above, from left) Roberto Micrea, Moses Merit, Shauna Alam, spending some time in the library; pictured with giant pencils in the new outdoor activity area (right, from left) Karina Stroe, Warren Woodfield and Jayden Connelly; the entrance to the school (left) showing a mosaic created by artist Donna Newman together with parents of children at the school; and (below) Zakar Hussain and Katie Grant who have been working on an animation project as part of the creative curriculum



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