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Dear Parent/Carer

I am very much looking forward to hosting my first community event here at RAPS and what better way to start than with 'The Big Draw'. The Big Draw is a pioneering visual literacy charity dedicated to raising the profile of drawing as a tool for wellbeing, thought, creativity, social and cultural engagement. The charity leads a diverse programme of advocacy, empowerment and engagement, and is the founder and driving force behind The Big Draw Festival - the world's biggest celebration of drawing.

The theme for the event this year is 'Come Back To Colour', I have decided to use the work of the recent 'Rise up Residency' programme and the beautiful murals that have been created around Thanet, as our inspiration for this event. I would like children and their families to come together to create a large scale drawing based on sea flowers, coral polypos and jellyfish. I would then like families to colour these using a variety of bold, bright colours to create a large scale art piece. My aim for this event is to not only bring children and their families together creating arts work but to also educate families on the issue of colour bleaching and the importance of looking after our seas and sea life. As a community, we are literally bringing sea animals and plants 'Back To Colour'. For more information on the Murals and Rise up residency, please use the following link.

<https://www.riseupcleanup.co.uk/residency>

The event will be held in the school hall from 2pm on Friday 11th November. The event will run until 4pm. This event is open to all students and their families, please can we ask that no more than 3/4 people per family attend due to the limited space that we have in the hall. We are expecting this to be a busy event and therefore ask that you consider coming at a slightly later time if you are in KS2 to allow younger students in KS1 to come first with their parents.

There will be 2 sessions to allow us to plan accordingly for numbers, could you please complete the following key survey link: <https://app.keysurvey.co.uk/f/41639038/5d40/> by Monday 7th November. Instructions on when to collect your child for the earlier session will then be communicated to you in due course.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to create a magnificent, collaborative art piece together as well as having relevant conversations about the purpose of the art work and why we are creating it. I really hope you are able to join your children and the RAPS community in order to make a spectacular piece of art that hopefully will hopefully create a powerful and relevant message.

Mrs K Smith - Art Teacher

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