

## **YOUNG COMPETITION WINNERS SEE THEIR DESIGNS FOR NEW STAINED GLASS WINDOW INSTALLED AT BRISTOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

A new stained glass window made up of the winning designs of a children's art competition is being installed at Bristol Children's hospital this week.

The budding artists and winners will meet with competition organisers, hospital charity Wallace & Gromit's Grand Appeal and Creative Glass Guild - a local stained glass making company that created the winning window to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its premises at 15 Perry Road – to see their original artwork transformed in to a unique and colourful design and displayed in the main reception area as a permanent feature.

The four winning entrants are six year-old Milly Tidmarsh from Devon, nine year-old Isobel Fraser from Filton, twelve year-old Chelsey Wright from Clevedon and eighteen year-old Samantha Curnock from Salford, who has received treatment at the hospital.

Children throughout the area and young patients from across the region being treated at the Children's hospital were invited to take part in the competition to create designs to be turned into a stained glass window to enhance the hospital surroundings as a permanent feature in the main entrance area.

Entries for the competition, themed 'The Great Outdoors', were inspired by a wide range of topics including the countryside, seaside, city life, weather and wildlife and were submitted in a range of artwork including drawings, paintings and collage. The Grand Appeal asked for a donation of 50p for each entry submitted to help fund new art equipment and play materials for patients at the Children's hospital.

Laura Densem, fundraising manager at the Grand Appeal, said: "The stained glass window is a really stunning feature for the hospital that will enhance the immediate surroundings with its fantastic designs and vibrant colours. All the competition winners should be hugely proud for helping to create such a unique feature. We would also like to say a big thank you to Creative Glass Guild for making this possible."

James Paget, partner and Robert Best, manager at Creative Glass Guild, added: "The winning designs gave us so much inspiration for creating the finished window and we are now really looking forward to seeing the stained glass panel permanently installed in

the hospital. Our business has enjoyed twenty years of business in Bristol and it is a great honour to be able to provide a lasting tribute of this kind for the city.”

To find out more about the Grand Appeal and its year-round programme of fundraising activities, contact 0117 927 3888 or visit [www.grandappeal.org.uk](http://www.grandappeal.org.uk). For more information about Creative Glass Guild visit [www.creativeglassguild.co.uk](http://www.creativeglassguild.co.uk) or call 0871 200 3389.

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