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To all Parents/Carers,

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Our new and emerging art gallery continues to gather momentum around school. The purpose of this venture is to immerse the children in a range of art, from a range of artists with a range of backgrounds...and, like all art, get people talking. For me, the best bit has been getting the quotes from the children – who have all been incredibly insightful, talking about texture, brushstrokes, light and dark, shadow, line and other great pieces of vocabulary linked to art. It really shows how much of what they learn in lessons is sinking in. There are about ten more to put up so watch this space! Further down the line the children will be able to do a short quiz on all of the pieces of art, with a prize for the winners.

In other news, I did an assembly on Monday about the General Election and I came across a great video on YouTube – which explains what happens and why. As we have discussed on many occasions in school, the sooner they can appreciate the importance of a vote, the historical struggle behind it and what a democracy is, the better. Take a look:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZN0qP0vRqVE>

And finally, two more things; the Primary School league tables are now available for KS2 (Y6) results. Out of the 103 schools in Derby we are in the top ten for nearly all the progress and attainment headlines – notably the top three for the number of children who achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. Click on the link to find out more:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>

Lastly, I wanted to signpost a course in Derbyshire entitled **'How To Support Your Anxious Child'** (details below). Although Bridge the Gap have been offering this in school we are now fully booked so if you are interested and haven't been able to secure a place then this might be something else you could try. **16th January 2020 The Lime Tree Centre, Lime Tree Business Park, The Lime Tree, Lime Tree Rd, Matlock DE4 3EJ – book via S4S.training@derbyshire.gov.uk to avoid disappointment as places will go fast.**

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr I. Johnson