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## Media Release

### **Art on a big scale – celebrating our 80<sup>th</sup> year**

Local school children are visiting the RUH today to unveil some large scale art that they have created in celebration of our 80th year.

Kier Construction (the company building our new Pathology Laboratory), kindly donated materials to allow the children to create 'time' panels to represent 80 years of great patient service and healthcare at the RUH. The panels will decorate the hoardings which surround the construction site.

Arts Programme Manager Hetty Dupays said: "The art created by the children from Weston All Saints Primary School, St Mary's Catholic Primary School and The Paragon Junior School will cheer up a functional but not very attractive building site at the hospital for at least a year and a half."

Gary Latham, Site Manager for Kier, came up with the idea for the art project: "The quality of the children's artwork is superb, they're ideas are amazing. Our external hoardings make a great viewing area where this creativity can be displayed for all to see. They should all be very proud, and of course, their artwork cheers up my construction site no end!"

Many thanks to all the children who created the beautiful artwork, and to Shay Brennan of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Anne Bull of Weston All Saints Primary School and their art teacher Liz Bullock, Charlotte Thurz, Head of The Paragon School and their Art teacher Alex Hucks for their enthusiasm and involvement in the project. Thanks also to Country Cupcakes for supplying some delicious cakes enjoyed by the children at the 'installation' party.

The panels are on display to the public and are situated adjacent to Zone B18/19 and B21 Bath & Wessex House.

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