



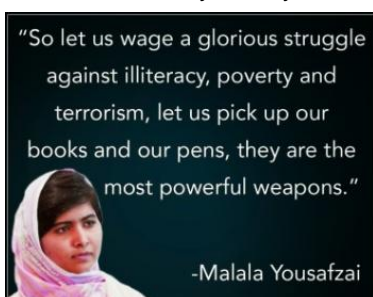
Might you too splodge flowers & kisses on plywood for Bracknell Schools' 18th birthday card to Malala?

in the town centre at 12pm on Saturday 11 July 2015

All schools in and around the Bracknell area are invited to join in this unusual, warm-hearted and fun community project going public as the summer term nears its end.

It's mainly to mark the 18th Birthday of the remarkable Malala Yousafzai with an unusual gift - by creating an array of painted flowers and kisses on permanent and very public display.

But it's also a chance for local schools to show solidarity with the United Nations' global education initiatives. Sunday 12 July is also the UN's Malala



Day, and will be celebrated by millions of young people around the world. They'll pay tribute to A World at School and other social

justice voices in support of every child's right to primary education.

So this is a Bracknell-born contribution that pupils and staff will remember for years to come, give their families something unusual to enjoy, and show many schools' generosity of spirit while meeting education needs that address citizenship and support voices of social justice.

The idea is to cover the wall below the Community Gallery with an array of weatherproof wooden panels of flowers and kisses - to form a wonderful showcase of colour seen by thousands of people passing by in the months ahead. The panels will

be fixed on wooden battens along the wall above the grass at St Joseph's.

NB1 There are few guidelines for teachers.

- Panels must be on 9mm or 12mm plywood or the like, 1200mm high x 600mm wide (a standard size at Wickes, B&Q etc).
- You can paint right to the edge, as the pictures will be fixed using brass mirror plates.
- Acrylic or other weatherproof paint is a must
- Make sure you include the name of the school, in lettering not less than 40mm – so everyone can know it's your work.
- And a couple of pupils in school uniform holding a big bouquet is one idea for arranging things.
- Splodges of bright colour are what you should be after – this is not a botanical illustration.
- And simple Xs make great kisses, that everybody should be able to add.
- NB You might think of arranging for each Year to produce in their own class area a small panel - about 250mm square, maybe on 3mm hardboard glued on to the main panel. (This worked well for the Medecins Sans Frontieres panel on the Gallery).

NB Places in Flowers & Kisses for Malala are free but limited, and early booking is advised.

And in any school anyway? During the weeks before, find a few moments in class or assembly, hold up air flowers and sing Happy Birthday and blow kisses north, east, south and west – ie not just to her but to children and others across the world for whom she's become a voice for their human rights; and to all who work to see social justice happen.