

WITH ARDEX & ARTYFACE, A PICTURE CAN SPEAK A THOUSAND WORDS!

When community art organisation Artyface approached ARDEX UK to ask whether they could assist them with the completion a ceramic mural in North London, the Suffolk based tiling products manufacturer was only too pleased to help.

Artyface is based in East London, and was started by Maud Milton in 1999. Maud is a ceramics graduate from Cardiff University and has many years experience teaching art to everyone, from toddlers to pensioners. Artyface works with schools, councils, businesses and the community to make ceramic murals with local school pupils for public spaces or playgrounds.

Their latest project was at Our Lady of Muswell Roman Catholic Primary School. The 9m² mural was completed with help from pupils who worked with Artyface to complete a mural that depicts the schools Golden Jubilee Celebrations. The mural has been designed to portray a feeling of inspiration and creativity through education, where trumpets, rockets and flowers intertwine with the planets of the solar system. An illustration of the River Thames is also featured flowing through the mural, highlighting the school's location of Muswell Hill within the imagery.

ARDEX worked in close partnership with Artyface from the outset of this project by specifying the most suitable tile fixing system and assisting with technical advice and support when required.

ARDEX X 77 MICROTEC® Flexible Wall & Floor Adhesive was chosen to install the mosaic tiles. Offering exceptional performance for all manner of tiling applications, ARDEX X 77 MICROTEC® has been developed to achieve double the slump resistance of 'T' classified adhesives, as well as achieving an open time of 60 minutes, up to double the open time of 'E' classified adhesives. Additional user benefits of ARDEX X 77 MICROTEC® include excellent application properties and high yield, and suitability for use on both internal and external applications.

The tiles were grouted with ARDEX-FLEX FL Rapid Setting Flexible Tile Grout in Ocean Grey. Specifically developed for use with wide tile joints from 3-15mm, ARDEX-FLEX FL is now available in 32 new stunning colours and provides excellent performance with all types of tiles including porcelain, mosaic, ceramic, most natural stone and quarry tiles, as well as extruded tiles and glass blockwork.

Maud Milton of Artyface commented, "Our association with ARDEX is terrific, as not only can we now complete our murals using the leading range of tile fixing systems, but their technical support and enthusiasm for our work is so appreciated. Public art has a way of transforming the landscape, creating dialogue and bringing people together, and this latest mural is something that we, the children of Our Lady of Muswell Roman Catholic Primary School, and ARDEX can be very proud of".

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