



PICTURE PERFECT: Young artists (from front) Mollie Haines, seven, Luke Mendivil, nine, Connor Phillips, 11, Lois Pagden, 10, Maevie Dolan, nine, and Emma Fagence, 11. Ref:102200-2

Primary colours

THE colourful canvas creations of children at Wessex Way Primary School have been put on display.

The school in St Adrian's Close, Cox Green, staged an open art gallery in its lower and upper halls on Monday and Tuesday, with parents invited in to view.

The paintings, created through-

out the term, have all been different apart from the year six children who concentrated on creating African paintings using acrylic canvasses.

Teacher Helen Lugton said: "The children have had a wonderful time showing off all their artwork to their parents."

Public urged to help defeat the scammers

'Hand bogus mail to authorities to help them gather evidence'

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HELP stamp out scams - that's the message from the Royal Borough's trading standards officers.

The council team has joined forces with the Office of Fair Trading to support the UK-wide 'Scamnesty' campaign.

From Monday until Sunday, February 15, householders will be asked to collect any potential scam mailings they have received and drop them into designated Scamnesty bins.

The special bins will be at the Town Hall in Maidenhead, York House in Windsor, libraries and other public areas across the borough. They will be easy to spot with their distinctive red "Drop in and drop them in it" logo.

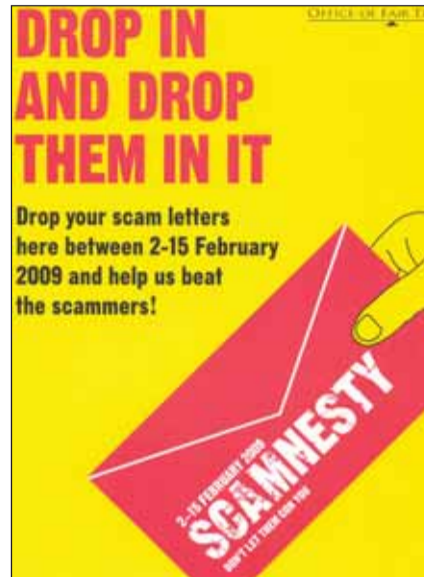
The Royal Borough, one of more than 70 local authorities taking part in the campaign, is asking the public to help in the fight against scams, which cost the UK an estimated £3.5 billion a year.

Cllr Phillip Bicknell, cabinet member for public protection, said: "Some of the lottery and prize draw notifications that people receive can look very genuine and it is very tempting to respond to them, especially during the credit crunch."

"However, the truth is that if you have not entered a draw or lottery you will not have won it."

"These mailings are simply an attempt to con people out of their money and we are urging people to help stamp them out."

Each year an estimated three million people fall victim to mass marketed scams such as bogus lotteries, deceptive



GETTING THE MESSAGE ACROSS: The brightly coloured logo that will feature on the Scamnesty bins

prize draws and sweepstakes, fake psychics and miracle health cures. Many are sent by post, as well as by email or over the phone.

Mike Haley, spokesman at the Office of Fair Trading, said: "The mailings collected will be vital in helping us gather intelligence on the latest scams and in stopping the worst offenders from continuing to bring misery to thousands of vulnerable people each year."

Scamnesty bins will be found at:

- Reception at the Town Hall, Maidenhead, and York House, Windsor
- Maidenhead Library, St Ives Road
- Visitor Information Centre, Royal Windsor Station, Windsor
- Windsor Library, Bachelors Acre
- Windsor Leisure Centre, Stovell Road
- Magnet Leisure Centre, Holmanleaze
- Windsor Housing Association, Sheet Street
- Age Concern, Spencer Denny Centre, Windsor
- Look Ahead Housing & Care (Redruth), 1 York Road, Maidenhead
- Woodlands Park Village Centre, Manifold Way, Woodlands Park
- Old Windsor Day Centre, 27b Straight Road, Old Windsor
- Clewer Youth and Community Centre, Parsonage Lane, Windsor
- Ellington Community Learning Centre, West Dean, Maidenhead
- New Windsor Community Centre, Hanover Way, Windsor
- King George VI Club, 95 Clarence Road, Windsor
- Ascot Day Centre, Bagshot Road, Sunninghill
- Eton Wick Community Centre, The Village Hall
- Cookham Day Centre, Station Hill
- Cox Green Community Centre, 51 Highfield Lane, Maidenhead

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