

PAINTING FROM INDIA WINS ART IN THE CITY

A budding little four year old artist from Truro has won an art competition aimed at children up to thirteen years of age.

India Farrelly, who lives in Truro and attends Polwhele House, won the 'Art In The City' competition last month for her interpretation of 'My Truro'.

'Art in the City' is Truro's annual visual arts festival organised by Totally Truro, which ran from April 2 – 15 this year.

The purpose of the festival is to create a series of events that make art accessible to the community, celebrating existing artists and galleries within Truro, whilst opening up opportunities for new artists.

The 'My Truro' art competition asked for artist's personal views of Truro with three age categories – up to 13 years; 14-20 years; 21 and over. Approximately 25 people entered India's category, and despite strong competition she shone through as the winner.

Donna Mitchell, one of the judges from The Truro Arts Company said:

"The judges really liked India's composition and the materials that she used. The Cathedral was drawn with passion and real energy. It was a fun and inspirational piece."

India's painting illustrated Truro Cathedral, with India as an angel at the top of the spires and her mum below waving a flag.

Richenda Farrelly, India's mum said:

"We are all over the moon that India has won. India's brother and sister are five and nine years old and also entered. They too were surprised that their little sister beat them, but are absolutely delighted and very proud. I bought

them each a canvas and didn't give them any help, so India couldn't believe that she had won as she's never won anything before in her little life!"

India is the youngest in her reception class at Polwhele House, turning five on July 31 before entering year one at the school in September.

In addition to her prize of an arts hamper from The Truro Arts Company, she also received the Headmaster's Commendation, an award reserved for particularly significant achievements.

Alex McCullough, Headmaster of Polwhele House said:

"We recognise that children need to be guided but also be given the freedom to think for themselves and develop a true sense of self. This has come across in India's artwork and I was delighted to award her with a Headmaster's Commendation."

Vicky Farrow, India's class teacher is also very proud of her youngest pupil's recognition and commented:

"At Polwhele House we encourage individuality and creativity from nursery age onwards and India's artistic talents are reflected in her picture. We are very proud of her, especially being so young and winning a category which goes up to the age of thirteen."

Polwhele House is a co-educational school for children from the age of three to thirteen. The staff are passionate about education, believing that the right education sets children off on the path of self-discovery – creating a life-long love of learning; preparing them to take their place in the world.

In beautiful grounds, the house is steeped in history and visitors are encouraged to experience the sight and sound of children enjoying their work and play.

For further info, please visit www.polwhelehouse.co.uk