



PALACES

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We request your pearly whites
To build our Palace stalagmites...

PROJECT

PALACES is the result of a collaboration between artist Gina Czarnecki and stem cell biologist Professor Sara Rankin (Imperial College, London). The project is a participatory piece of art that involves primary school children across the UK. Children will be asked to donate a single milk tooth to help build the palace. They will be given a tooth token in return that they can leave under their pillow for the tooth fairy.

SCULPTURE

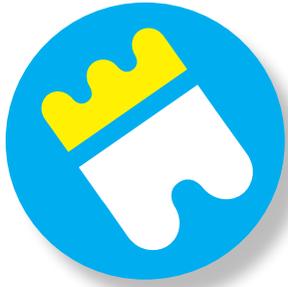
The result will be a spectacular fantasy palace constructed from clear glass-like material embedded with thousands of milk teeth, donated by the public. The structure will be 2m wide x 2m high x 0.5m deep. Suspended within towers of crystal resin will be filaments of ultra-violet dust that will sparkle under lighting. As donations of teeth are received they will be attached to the structure, building up coral-like formations over time.

DONATION

Palaces asks children to donate a single baby teeth such that we can build a magical Palace. It will be symbolic of altruistic donation of a body part (like the umbilical cord after birth), which is no longer of any use.

Children will receive a leaflet that they can attach a tooth to when it falls out. They can return the form plus tooth to their class teacher at school or send it to the address on the leaflet.

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WHY TEETH?

Teeth are one of the parts of the body we lose naturally, and their loss is a sign of growth and development rather than decay. Different cultures have different traditions about where these teeth go, and what they are used for.

Scientists are also exploring how milk teeth can be used as sources of stem cells for helping the body to regenerate.

WEBSITE

We are asking children to give us their first name and the first 3 letters of their postcode such that we can map where teeth are being donated from on our google map that will be put up on our website <http://palaces.org.uk/>

In this way we will be able to see where all the teeth that form the palace have come from. We already have donations from London, Liverpool, Canterbury, Brighton and as far away as the USA and Brazil. The website will be a source of information about the science, the art and tooth fairies.

We are also asking children where their grandparents come from, because we want to gather info on the heritage of the Palace. We hope to have all countries around the World represented.

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