

Artist Kelly Reedy will be sharing some of her favorite kids' art projects with students, parents and teachers over the coming months. Students aged 6 to 12 made the following project, but children of all ages will also enjoy doing it!

Fruit and Faces!

with artist Kelly Reedy

Studio Arts
4 kids + adults

Have you ever drawn a portrait of someone? You would need to think about the shape of the different parts of the face. For example, how would you describe the shape of your dad's nose? Are your sister's ears big or small? What shape of lips do you have? Let's add a little twist to the problem. Describe these things as a fruit or vegetable. Is your dad's nose like a tomato or a banana? Do your sister's ears look like two mangos or corn on the cob? And your lips?



Giuseppe Arcimboldo

Would you believe that over 400 years ago the Italian court painter, Giuseppe Arcimboldo (1527 – 1593), painted portraits of emperors and other important people of the day using fruit, veggies, flora and fauna as visual building blocks! He would render different objects, piecing them together to create a face. We call it a “composite” head. He became a very popular painter through his unique style and has influenced other artists throughout the centuries! Some say he was the first surrealist. Giuseppe was not only a brilliant painter, but also a scientist, inventor and a great party organiser! I bet he had a good sense of humor too!

Can you make a composite portrait out of fruits and vegetables? You will need paper and coloured pencils. Next collect the fruits and vegetables that remind you of the person you would like to capture. Draw each part of the face by looking at the fruit or veggie that corresponds. When you are finished you should see an image of someone you know!

For more information about the artist and Studio Arts courses for children, teens and adults, please visit www.kellyreedy.com



Sophie Scherrieble, age 11



Mia Levy-Groth, age 11



Francesca Levy-Groth, age 9



Anika Levy-Groth, age 7



Luke Maxwell, age 6



Apolline Mimiatura, age 12