



2021 – 2022

# ArtLink Theme

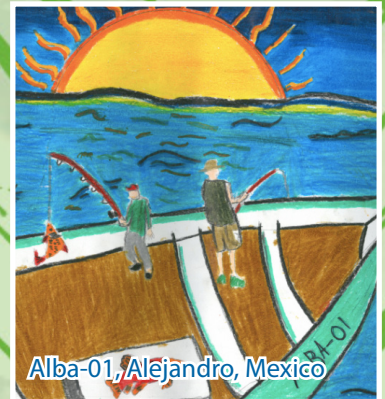
Bringing Science & Art Together

# Nature and Me

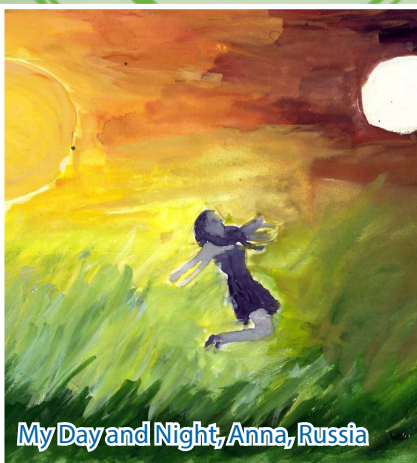
*"It seems to me that the natural world is the greatest source of excitement; the greatest source of visual beauty, the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living.*

*...We need to learn how to work with nature rather than against it."*

David Attenborough, *'A Life on Our Planet'*, 2020



Alba-01, Alejandro, Mexico



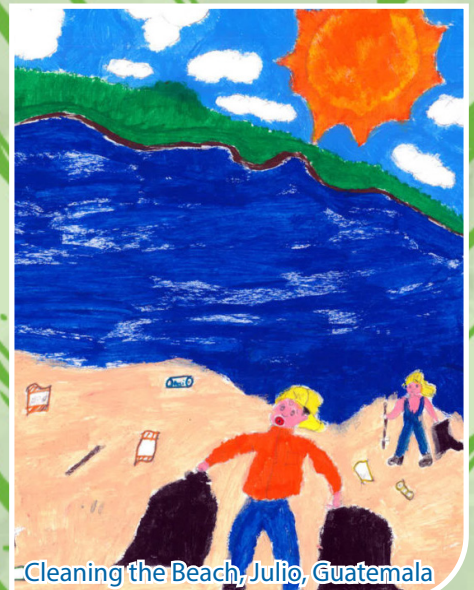
My Day and Night, Anna, Russia

Our very existence is interrelated to our natural surroundings. Our daily lives take place in, and are affected by, our environment.

Think about this human/nature relationship from a personal point of view. Consciously or unconsciously, how do you experience this interdependent connection with plants, animals, the air you breathe, the water you drink, the climate that surrounds you? And how have any changes in the condition of these forms of nature and natural elements positively or negatively affected you? How have you (and others) affected them?

This year we ask you to capture in your art piece this interrelationship from your personal experience. Think back and select an encounter with nature that has been meaningful to you, one that might have:

- taken place when you were by yourself, or with family members, friends, or community members
- taken place as part of a tradition, community or religious celebration, job, a school or recreational activity
- taken place at a certain season or time of day
- delighted or concerned you
- motivated you to do more to protect your natural environment – *to learn how to work with nature rather than against it*



Cleaning the Beach, Julio, Guatemala