Learning Zone

Guidelines for the use of 'Design the GRFC mascot'

Activity title:	Design the GRFC mascot
Curriculum area:	Art & Design
NC objectives:	Art & Design: 1a), 1b), 1c), 2a), 2b), 2c), 3a), 3b), 5a), 5b)
Main learning objective	To design a mascot for GRFC using information about the sport and designs used by other teams and sports

Timing	Lesson plan ideas, activities and resource sheets
INTRODUCTION 10 inutes	• Explain that for each sporting world cup there is usually a mascot to represent the tournament, and that individual teams have mascots too. Show examples at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FIFA_World_Cup_mascot ; also search for 'cricket world cup mascots' and 'rugby mascots' on the same site. Discuss the features of mascots and, as time allows, their development over the last few years for each sport. • Explain how mascots have features that help to identify the country or club that they represent. Ask pupils to think about what is special or typical about Gloucester and suggest ideas for a GRFC mascot. ...continued

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INTRODUCTION	• Look at the colours of the Gloucester rugby kit, flag and the coat of arms for more ideas. Use the information sheet '3.1a Kit, flag and coat of arms' if required.
MAIN ACTIVITY 40 minutes	• Provide the class with '3.1b Designing the GRFC mascot' and ask them to use information about the town, club and sport to design their own mascot for the Club. • Encourage the class to carry out further research and remind them about the mascot designs that were discussed at the start of the lesson.
PLENARY 10 minutes	• Move around the class and invite individual pupils to show/share their designs. Other pupils should evaluate these and suggest both positive points and areas for improvement.

Suggested extension activities or cross curricular links:

- Pupils make a soft toy version of the mascot that they have designed by cutting two identical fabric shapes, sewing them together, stuffing and decorating.
- Make GRFC flag bunting and display this in the classroom and corridors.