



Autism Practical Support

MASCOT DESIGN COMPETITION



Who Are APS?

Autism Practical Support (APS) is here to help autistic children and their families feel supported, included and celebrated. We want every young person to feel happy, understood and able to be themselves.

APS supports families in lots of ways, including:

- **1:1 Support** for Children who might be finding things tricky
- **Youth Clubs & Groups** where children and young people can have fun, make friends and build confidence
- **Parent Support & Advice** to help families understand their child's needs
- **Workshops & Events** for parents, carers and young people
- **Sensory Support & Strategies** to help children understand their sensory needs
- **Counselling support and wellbeing sessions** for children and teens
- **A welcoming community** where autistic young people and families feel understood

APS in Schools

We work with schools to help autistic pupils feel understood and supported. This includes sharing practical strategies for the classroom, running autism-acceptance assemblies and workshops, and supporting families and teachers.

Our Goal

- **Every child feels understood**
- **Every family feels supported**
- **Every school is supported in becoming more inclusive**

Why Enter Our Competition?

- Showcase your creative side!
- Try something new and have fun!
- Become part of our charity's identity – the winning mascot will appear on our social media, website, posters and booklets
- Open to all – no art experience required
- You can work alone or create a design with friends

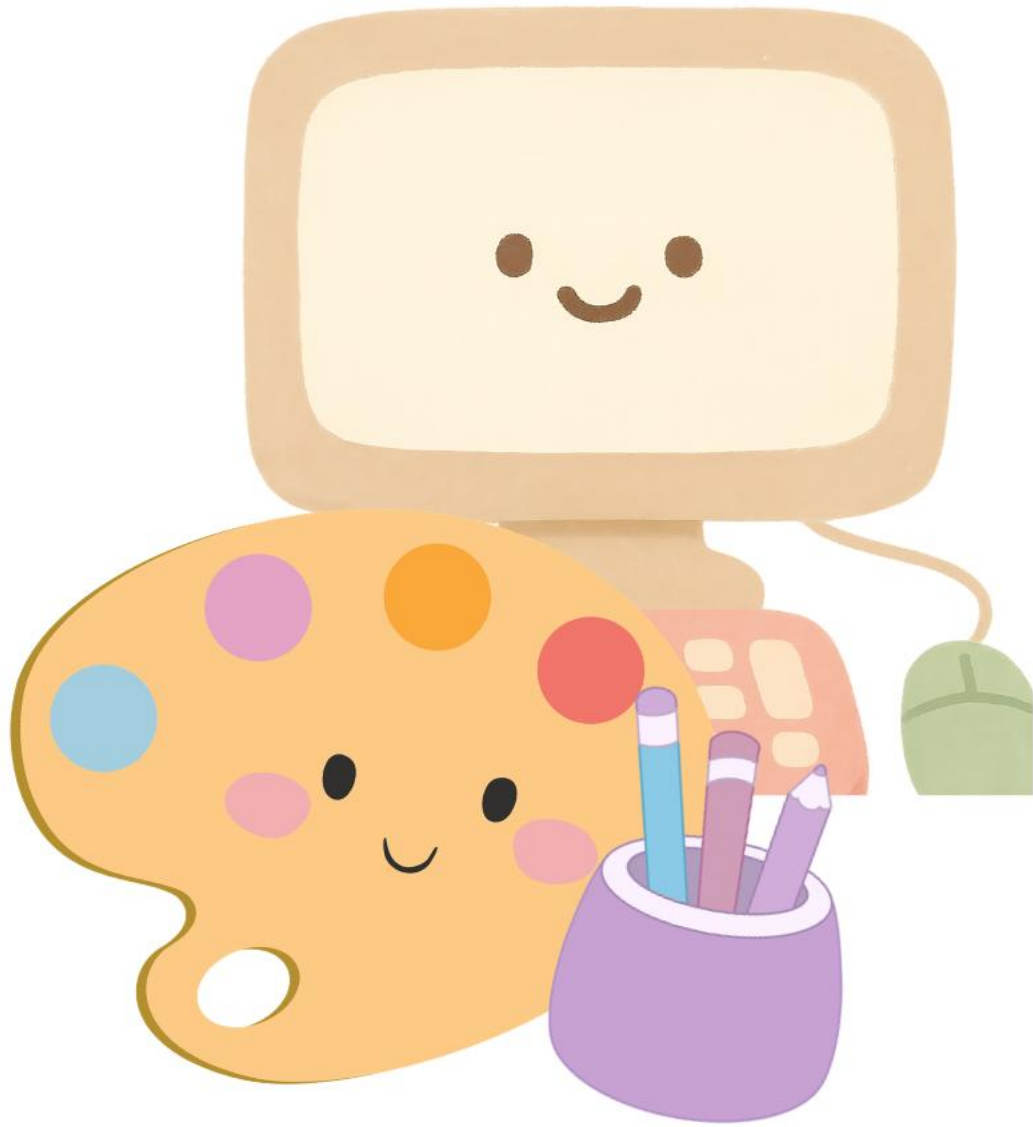


**Enter!
to Win!**

The winner will receive:

- £20 Amazon voucher
- Certificate
- Invitation to our APS launch event
- and your mascot will be promoted on our social media, website, and become the official face of the charity!

There will also be 2 runners up prizes (TBC)



How to Enter

- Designs can use any materials such as a canvas or a4, a3 paper
- Designs may be hand-drawn or digital
- Please do not use copyrighted characters- ask your teachers more about this
- Mascots can be a person, animal, mythical or made-up design - the more creative the better
- Please show your entries to your teacher who can take a picture of it and submit to our email address

Considerations

When creating your design consider our charity values:

- Respectful representation
- Inclusion
- Collaboration and Community
- Compassion and purpose
- Growth and Empowerment



Judging

Our judging panel will be made up one child member, one adult member of APS and an APS staff member.

We will be looking for:

- **Creativity and originality**
- **Inclusive and positive theming regarding neurodiversity**

Thank
you!

