In March 2020 the City of Ypres Peace Service invited nursery and primary schools to take part in the Patchwork initiative “Children on Peace”. The idea was to have a class, a group of children from the school to think and discuss about Peace. "What do children think about when they hear the word Peace?" The additional question was to visualise, draw, paint or express it on paper. The schools were given a large sheet of paper for this purpose.

School directors were positive and negotiation with them changed the process of the initiative from an analogue result to a digital printed result.

The end result of the project is a very colourful digitally printed ‘patchwork’, which clearly shows that Peace cannot be defined unambiguously. The work makes many associations with peace-related themes, places peace at various levels, draws attention to a number of peace symbols, makes it clear that peace is more than the absence of war, that peace is a verb, that everyone counts and that we are all equal, that we must pay attention to the climate and the earth, that peace is positive, colourful, almost festive, etc.

But Moreover… The printed banner will be an excellent tool to go back to schools, to look at it together with the children in order to stimulate them to discover the diverse ways their peers have expressed peace. It will of course also create the opportunity to give them more background information.
6. May the Mayors for Peace Secretariat post the material mentioned in Question 5 on its website? (if there are no copyright or other problems in sharing them publicly)
   □ Yes *Please attach the material(s).

If you would like to submit photos and other materials, please send them in a separate file.