

UKRAINIAN CHRISTMAS STARS

By Tais Poda

The 8 pointed Star is a familiar symbol of Christmas in Ukraine. Ukrainian artist Tais Poda has worked with children in Charlton Manor; Fossdene; Charlton Park Academy; Cherry Orchard schools to create a host of Ukrainian stars.

“During the winter holidays, back in Ukraine, late evenings after work, my mother took me for a walk outside.

We lived in a small town with a small park in the centre, with downy pines and beautiful star lanterns that shone with a golden light.

It was quiet, frosty with almost no one around. Only mom and me, and the dance of snowflakes in the golden light... it was a fairy tale, and it's forever with me.” - Tais Poda