



Dunnington CE Primary School Performing Arts Newsletter

Spring Term 2020

Performing Arts at Dunnington

We've had a busy Autumn term with lots of singing, dancing and acting taking place across the school. In November, our dance club performed at the Yorkshire Schools' Dance Festival, and then our Year 5/6 children put on their production of 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!' In December, Reception and Key Stage One performed their wonderful winter show, 'The Snow Child' and we had our termly music celebration assembly in school. We are very thankful for all of the children's hard work who were involved, and to parents for support with practising at home, and putting together costume creations!

What's on this term?

Year 3/4 Production: Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March at 6pm

Music Celebration Assembly – for our tutored musicians and dancers to perform in front of the other children: Tuesday 31st March

Spring Recital – For show choir and musicians within school: Thursday 26th March 4pm

Clubs

Show Choir – Key Stage Two
Thursdays after school

Infant Choir – Key Stage One (and Key Stage Two helpers)
Tuesdays after school starting after half term

Community

Did you catch the pantomime at the York Theatre Royal? Perhaps you've been to a local dance show, or the York Opera House recently? If you see enough stage shows in York, it won't be long until you spot a pupil, past or present, from Dunnington Primary!

We are so proud of all the children who have been auditioning for local theatre productions, and wish our youngsters the very best of luck in their dance shows and musicals out of school. We hear there's a production of Bugsy Malone coming up in Spring...

In total we have had around 140 children performing in our key stage productions, and 20 children attending the dance festival. As a school, we are proud of the many opportunities children have to shine on stage at our school, and hope it will inspire a lifelong love of the performing arts.

Miss Dunn – Music Coordinator & Dance Club leader



Read on to see some reviews from some of our Year 6s about our latest showbiz achievements!

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business!



The Amazing Adventures of Superstan!

Making a play is harder than it looks! Here are some behind the scenes stories...

Our actors were exceptionally good at performing throughout the week of the production, doing an excellent job at remembering their lines. We all pulled together as a team, even stepping in when some actors were off poorly...

Jack interviews Freya
Jack: *How did you feel about stepping in for other parts?*
Freya: *It was stressful because I had to jump off and jumpy back on when two parts were needed at the same time!*
Jack: *Did you enjoy your time performing?*
Freya: *I loved it!*

Props and music are some of the hardest assets of a play. Eleanor, on props, had to make sure to get all of the props on stage whilst Jamie, on music, took a while to get used to the timings of the sound effects. He says he thinks it is the hardest job there is in the production!

By Heather, Jack and Benjamin

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Every year, the Year 5/6 Dance Club participate in the Yorkshire Schools' Dance Festival. We choreograph a dance to perform at the University of York. We also learnt the finale this year for the end of the festival, and parents got to join in too. Miss Dunn spent weeks choreographing the dance and eventually it began to come together until we were ready to perform it. Dance festival is fun and entertaining and we would love to do it again!

By Matthew and Freya

The Snow Child

The Key Stage One performance was brilliant and you could see from their show that they had put a lot of effort into planning and performing it. Some of our favourite parts were the conker dance, the solo songs and the scenes in Bethlehem. We think that everyone in the audience had a thoroughly good time!

By Holly, Molly & Hannah

Music Tuition Contacts

There are quite a number of peripatetic music teachers who deliver lessons in school throughout the week. Here are some of their contact details if you are interested in finding out about instrumental tuition for your child.

Jo Trevenna – singing and keyboard tuition
07729 388372 or 01904 270604

Imogen Clarke – recorder and violin tuition
ivc.clarke@gmail.com

Graham Young – guitar tuition
07950 647783

www.yorkmusicservice.co.uk can be contacted directly to request tuition. Tutors include:

Ian Chalk – Brass including trumpet and cornet
ian@ianchalkmusic.com

Tom Hudson - Drums

Can't see your preferred instrument here? Contact Miss Dunn for more information.