



NEWSLETTER SPRING 2010

Sproston Community High School
Specialist School for Performing Arts & Media

Drama, music and media pervade many aspects of school life and make very valuable contributions to enjoyment of learning. Pupils identify the wide range of additional activities as a major strength and the area that brings them most enjoyment in school.

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Artslink News & Events



Arts Across the Curriculum

SWITCH- 'Shape & Movement'

As part of the collapsed curriculum day with Maths on 3rd March the year 8 visit to watch ACE Dance and Music at the Norwich Playhouse will be followed by an afternoon workshop on how to create Dance tangrams to produce short animation films.



'Frankenstein'

Using ideas based on the human body, the 7 characteristics of life and Philip Pulman's short version of Frankenstein, this Year 9 Science pilot project aims to help improve literacy and engagement through performance arts & media.



Performances and Visits to...

Performance: Spring Music Concert, Main Hall 11th March 2010

Visits to: Les Miserables—Norwich Theatre Royal, 24th February

The Woman in Black - The Fortune

Theatre, 26th February

Move It – National Dance Exhibition at

London Olympia, 12th March



Arts Across the Community

Fusion

Cross-curricular projects based on cultural diversity start this term with partner schools and wider community partners. Schools involved include Sproston Jnr; Falcon Jnr; White Woman Lane Jnr. & Woodland View Jnr. For further details contact Olivia Dean.

WOW Days

Following the success of last years Arts taster days for partner school students, the school will run 2 new WOW days in March. Workshops will be offered in music, drama and dance.



Arts 2010

New enrichment and learning opportunities this term

Inspiring boys through dance



Broadland Council and The Garage will be running an inspirational dance project for year 8 boys in school after half-term. The session will take place on Friday mornings from 11.30 to 12.30 in the Dance Studio. Starting on 26th Feb. the group will run up until Whitsun half-term.



National Arts Awards NR5 Media Project

After the success of the G&T Year 9 Heritage project, the NR5 media arts awards will continue to run after half-term in Future Radio's Studio's. This is a unique opportunity for students to learn about broadcasting and develop ICT skills in radio production.



ACE Dance and Music Company all Year 8 students



On 1st March all Year 8 students will have the opportunity to learn about creating and performing contemporary dance with new technologies in a pre-show visit from the Birmingham based ACE Dance and Music Company. This will be followed by a visit to the Norwich Playhouse to watch a special performance of one of the Company's current touring work 'Switch'.

'Switch promises to be an exciting blend of sophisticated dance, music and visuals, accompanied by a robust and agile cast of six international and UK based dancers.'
see school website for further details.

MusicMix with the BBC Concert Orchestra

Key Stage 3 students will have the opportunity to see the BBC Concert Orchestra at the Hippodrome Circus Theatre in Great Yarmouth on 18th March. Directed by Matthew Coorey the BBC Concert Orchestra will be presented by Radio 1's Nihal Arthanayake.



Arts Clubs Spring Term 2010

Lunchtime Activities

Day	Extra-curricular Club	Activity	Time	Location	Target Group	Teacher/ Tutor	Start
Mon	Student Led Bands	Music	12.45-1.20	#Practise rooms	Whole school	Mr Harvey Mr Causon	18/1/10
	GCSE Dance Choreography	Dance	12.30- 1.15	Dance studio	GCSE Dance students	Ms Watt	11/1/10
	Students Arts Forum	Arts	12.45-1.15	WG13	Whole school	Ms. Quigley	18/1/10
Tues	'The Session'	Music	12.45-1.20	E107	Whole School	Mr. Sewell	12/1/10
	Strings Club	Music	12.30-1.00	E106	Music Students	Miss Griffiths	12/1/10
Weds	GCSE Dance Set Study	Dance	Week 1 12.30-1.00	Dance Studio	GCSE Dance Students	Ms Watt	13/1/10
Thurs	*National Arts Awards Pilot	Arts	12.40-1.20	Room 077	G & T students	Ms. Dean	14/1/10
	Music Homework Club	Music	12.40-1.20	Music Dept	All music students	Mr. Harvey Mr.Causon	21/1/10
	GCSE Dance Group Dance	Dance	12.30-1.15	Dance	GCSE Dance students	Ms. Watt	14/1/10

BeatBox will be starting later this term, date & time to be confirmed. Look out for poster and on website for details.

After school Activities Activities

Day	Extra-curricular Club	Activity	Time	Location	Target Group	Teacher/ Tutor	Start
Mon	*Animation Course	Arts	3.30 – 5.00	TBC	Whole school by application	Mr Lloyd	18/1/10
	*Community Choir	Arts	7.00—9.00	WG05	All	Marian Fox	18/1/10
Tues	Jazz Band	Music	3.30 – 4.30	E106	Whole School	Mr Harvey, Mr Causon	19/1/10
	Media Catch up Club	Media	3.30 - 4.30	CM21	GCSE/IBTEC students	Ms Moore	12/1/10
	UFA Media Club	Media	3.40 - 5pm	WG11	Yrs 7,8 & 9	Yr11 Ms Humbleby, Mr Darlow	12/1/10
Weds	GCSE course Work	Art	3.30 – 4.30	WG12	Invited GCSE students	Ms Fern	13/1/10
	Dance Club	Dance	3.30—4.45	Dance Studio	Whole School	Ms. Rea	13/1/10
Thurs	Orchestra	Music	3.30 – 4.30	E106	Whole School	Mr Harvey, Mr Causon	21/1/10
	*Film Club	Arts	3.30-5.30	TBC	Year 7	Mr Wright, Ms Dean	19/1/10
	Yr 9 Drama Club	Drama	3.30—5.00	WG05	Year 9	Ms. Rea	21/1/10

Samba Drumming starting after half term. Date/Time to be confirmed. Tutor: Mr.Cann. All students/staff welcome.

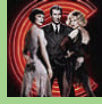
Music Practice room space is available every lunchtime, please see Mr Harvey or Mr Causon for further details. Please see member of staff listed or subject teachers for further details of any activity that you are interested in joining.

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Working with professional Artists & Media Producers

Yr 10 students meet & listen to Singer/songwriter Lotte Mullan

Many thanks to Mr. Allherhand for organising a special Year 10 performance by inspiring, singer/songwriter Lotte Mullan, who was on her last visit of her tour to 50 schools across the country. Year 10 students were treated to a special live performance and talk by Lotte on anti-bullying and her experiences of school, work and song writing, followed by workshops with Music students.



Performance Arts Students learn the 'Fosse' dance technique from the Dance Captain of Chicago the Musical

Student Quotes:

'I think it is important to work with a Dance captain because you can experience what it is like to work in a professional sense. I have learnt how much passion and determination you need to work in theatre.'

'I found adding style and detail most challenging as every move has to be precise.'

'I have sat and watched the show



knowing that we have learnt the original choreography.'



Yr 9 students learn how to produce a heritage radio broadcast at the NR5/Future Radio Studios



'I want to do something in Performing Arts so the recording and editing are good skills for me'

Question: *What new skills did you learn during the course?*

'How to make podcasts on a hero or heroine.'

'Being able to use specialist equipment & editing on Adobe.'

Learning through Performance

Yr 7 and Yr 9 Students Celebrated Black History Month & learnt about Fair Trade with the Grassroots Theatre Company



On Thursday 15th October the two fantastic performances of the popular Grass Roots Theatre Company from Zimbabwe came to our school to give two special performances as part of the Arts cross-curricular Programme and to



celebrate Black History Month. Year 7 students enjoyed an uplifting music and dance performance which celebrated different cultural communities in Zimbabwe and Year 9 students took the role of African farmers in a music and dance performance on the topic of Fair Trade. Grassroots delivered

and received huge amount of praise, thanks and applause from both students and staff.

Student Quotes

Question: *What do you think you learnt from the performance?*

'I learnt dance and music is different in Africa – very different but that doesn't make it less enjoyable.'

'All food should be fair-trade'

'Fair-trade is better for the producers'

'How much tea is and that African farmers are still not getting fair pay for what they produce and the work they put in'

'What fair-trade can do for farmers and how it helps

them get better money and chances for their families'

Fair trade is a good idea as it gives money to the producers and means the people are happier'

'You need to work as a group'

'Stop criticism'

'You can get involved even when you think you won't enjoy it'

Learning through Performance Arts & Media

As part of the Autumn term Arts programme all Year 7 to Year 9 students have enjoyed, experienced and learnt from live performances by some extremely talented national and international actors, performers, musicians, media producers, singers and dancers. Older students have had the opportunity to work with professional Dancers and Musicians and our wider school community has both supported and enjoyed our students talent through two major productions.

Year 8 students meet the actors and see the Chilling Tale of Norfolk's Rose



As part of the English and Arts 'Gothic' project all Year 8 students had the opportunity to meet the actors Norfolk's Rose, Matthew Rowlands-Roberts and Matthew Thorneton-Field before watching a haunting performance of Gothic ghost story, at the Norwich Playhouse .



Best of all, the part of the ghost in the story was played by one of our very own Year 8 students, Melissa

Bowling - well done Melissa for scaring us all silly.....

Student Quotes:

Question: *What do you think you have learnt about Gothic Stories*

'I learnt how to create a gothic landscape through words'

'They are not all violent and some have romance'

'That women wrote gothic stories'

'That darkness and sound effects are important'

'That you need to make it spooky and build up tension'

'You need a high part and a low part to balance the story'

'Using the 5 senses helped a lot'

Question: *What did you enjoy most?*

'Students meet and work with professional Artists'

'I liked the misty atmosphere I liked the part when it went black and the girl came out of nowhere.'

Yr 7 students enjoy a special festive Christmas Music Concert by Norfolk's Music Service Pop Band

Student Quotes:

'Live performances are more entertaining than CD's as you have to look somewhere and we are dancing and watching them play.'



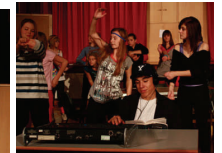
'What I enjoyed the most was being able to sing along.'



Community Performances & Productions

'The Revenge' at Sprowston Community High School on 18th 19th and 20th November 2009

Drama and Performance Arts students perform a comedy farce by writer Simon Brett.



The Christmas Show on 9th, 10th, 11th December 2009



A Christmas extravaganza, featuring a huge cast of students and members of the wider community as fairies, soldiers, witches, snowman dancers and lots more.



Student Quotes:

"A lot of hard work but we all thought that the play went absolutely brilliantly and we hope that there will be lots of other opportunities like this."

'As part of the technical team we were responsible for costumes and props....it was a lot of fun.'

