



NEWSLETTER Autumn 2010

Sprowston Community High School
Specialist School for Performing Arts & Media



In recognition of the School's commitment to, and excellence in, arts education Sprowston Community High School has been awarded, by Arts Council England, the Artsmark Gold standard – the highest level of achievement.

June 2010.



Artslink News & Events



Sprowston's Performance Arts & Media College Keeping Performance Live.....

Autumn - Spring 2011

We are proud to announce an amazing line up of highly renowned, national and international, Performance Companies who will be visiting our school this academic year. We would like to thank our creative partners Norfolk Dance, Theatre Royal, Norwich Playhouse, The Start Project, NR5 Studios, The Garage, Broadland County Council and Norfolk County Council for helping us to provide such a fantastic range of opportunities for our students.

Ranel Theatre Company (29th September 2010)

The Company will visit the school to give a pre-show talk to Year 8 students in September on their production of 'Flhip Flhop'. This is a popular show which fuses hip-hop dance and music with comedy and theatre. All Year 8 students will have the opportunity to see the Company perform this on September 29th at the Playhouse Theatre. The performers Matt Bailey and Joey D are professional dance and performance artists who have worked across the UK, Europe and America.



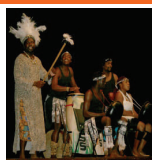
Ballet Rambert (13th & 14th October 2010)



In October members of the Ballet Rambert Dance Company will be visiting the school and running two special in-house workshops for students across the age range. Students who take part in the workshops will have the opportunity to see Ballet Rambert's amazing triple bill performance at the Norwich Theatre Royal. One of the three pieces that they will be performing is by Siobhan Davies - the Olivier award-winning, 'The Art of Touch'. Thanks to Norfolk Dance for this very special opportunity.

Grassroots Theatre Company (4th October 2010)

Last year's performances by the Grassroots Theatre Company proved so successful with our students that we are inviting them back again to help us celebrate Black History Month in October. The Company will perform their uplifting music and dance which celebrates different cultural communities in Zimbabwe.



Hairspray (4th February 2011)

We are delighted that the Dance Captain and members of the West End production of 'Hairspray' will be visiting us in Spring 2011 to run a special Dance and Performance Theatre workshop for our students. This will be followed by a visit to see; 'The big musical about Tracey Turnblad – the big girl with big hair and a bigger heart', at the Theatre Royal. Just to give an idea of this musicals popularity 1068 seats were sold on the show's first day of sale to Friends of the Theatre.



Gomito Productions Present 'Flor de Muerto' (10th March 2011)



This Mexican Day of the Dead is a scary day for a boy with an overactive imagination. As night falls, his memories run riot, entwining with his imaginary world and the real fiesta of life and death. Gomito Productions are an inventive theatre company who tell new stories with visual theatre. They will be visiting the school in March to give a pre-show talk to Year 8 students before their second performance visit to the Norwich Playhouse.

Arts across the Curriculum Autumn—Spring

Collapsed Curriculum Days

Two new collapsed curriculum days have been planned which use a performance visit as an inspirational starting point for learning. The first collapsed curriculum day in September combines learning through Mathematics and Performance Arts.

National Arts Awards

Our creative media partnership project with NR5 Future Radio Studios continues to provide Year 9 students with a unique opportunity to learn about broadcasting and develop their ICT skills in broadcasting and radio production.

'Sing Out 2010'

A new community initiative which involves our cluster, partner schools and Sprowston's own Community Choir starts in the Autumn term and culminates with a huge outdoor singing event. See web-site for further details.

Performances and Visits to:



Swan Lake, a Matthew Bourne Production at the Theatre Royal Norwich Oklahoma at the Theatre Royal Norwich 'FAME' comes to Sprowston! – see back page for details



S tudent Awards 2010

Arts awards at Sprowston

Bronze Award

SJ Abel
Melissa Auld
Kate Bailey-Hunt
Rebecca Ball
Charlotte Barnard
Isaac Barnett
Lucy Bristow
Ellie Browne
Chloe Carman
Charlotte Carter
Savanna Clarke
Maria Clarke
Siobhan Collingsworth
Kelly Conroy
Lydia Cooper
Cassandra Creak
Jessica Cushion
Chloe Deacon
Karl Delos Santos
Ashley Eke
Lauren Emery
Gala Sharna - Evans
Kurt Forbes-Stewart
Hannah German
Ella Gibbs
Ellie Girling

Hannah Gordon
Tom Grand
Charlotte Griffin
Ceanna Hackett
Keanna Harwood
Rebecca Hewitt
Chloe Higenbottam
Georgina Hill
Amie Howes
Shannon Hughes
Jade Inman
Bridget Ivers
Ciara Ivers
Eleanor Keeley
Lucy Kendall
Cherie Kiddell
Alex Kubiesa
Lois Ladd
Kirstie Ling
Taylor Long
Abbie Lucas
Bridie Magee
Catherine Maitland
Caris Matthewson
George Miller
Shaun Moore
Toby Nicholls

Megan Nicklin
Georgina Nobbs
Thomas O'Keefe
Emily Pye
Saffron Robinson
Hannah Royal
Mille Shorten
Jess Siggins
Meg Teahon
Hazel Thacker
Charlotte Thompson
Leanne Thompson
Ashley Tibble
Katie Walpole
Ellen Wicklund
Georgina Wilson
Roxi Yeomans
Ellie Kiddle
Ryan Warr
Rachel Butterfield
Jenny Fennel
Zoe Doy
Jacob Cracknell
Ben Grant
Ethan Rundle

Silver Award

Jack Mace
Siobhan Pearson

Gold Award

Leannan Humpleby
Morrighan Humpleby
Isobel Ventress
Emily Spelman
Zaira Palumbo
Maddie Seeley

National Bronze Arts Awards

Ellie Kiddle
Isobel Ventress
Ryan Warr
Rachel Butterfield
Jenny Fennel
Zoe Doy
Jacob Cracknell
Ben Grant
Ethan Randle
Zoe Norman
Charlotte Barron
Joe Keeley

GET INVOLVED!!!

This is your opportunity to be part of a massive production!
Check out the school website for more details or speak to the Arts Dept.
Open to all years.
We will be looking for both performers and back stage crew so this is your chance to get involved in something BIG

Performances and Productions

The performance arts students have produced some stunning pieces of performance theatre this year including:

'**The Train**', a self devised musical theatre performance by Kett 6th Form students at The Garage in Norwich. 'A white room... A white wall...' and 'The Wall'; two devised pieces performed by Year 13 Drama students.

Sixth Form Performance Studies pieces based on the disappearance of Lord Lucan; '**Dream of Paranoia**'; '**Songs from Sweeney Todd**' and a '**Duologue**' by Carl Churchill.



Summer Music Concert

The audience enjoyed the 'chilled' sounds of the Summer Music Concert which showcased an exciting mix of musical styles performed by our talented students and staff.



Inspire 2010 at the Norwich Theatre Royal

Sprowston Students gave a terrific performance at the Norwich Theatre Royal in the first Norfolk Schools Dance Festival. They confidently performed an exciting mixture of jazz and contemporary styles to Nina Simone's 'Sinnerman'.



Enrichments Visits / Performances

- Les Miserable's at the Norwich Theatre Royal
- 'Musicmix' with the BBC Concert Orchestra at the Hippodrome, Great Yarmouth
- 'Move IT'- Student visit to the National Dance Exhibition at Olympia
- 'Woman in Black' at Norwich Theatre Royal
- UEA 'Discovery Day' – Music visit to the UEA's Music Department.
- BBC Voices – Media Visit at the BBC studios.



Community Poetry Performance

Year 8 students took their English Poetry Performance to Sparhawk Infants school in May. The performance, which included multi-media presentations, physical theatre and a group chant, was based on an environmental message devised by the students in Year 8 English classes.

"It was an amazing experience to be able to work with children a lot younger than us. I think that the children were very well behaved and interacted with us very well. One of the best parts of the day was being able to ask the children questions and hear their responses."

Thanks to English teachers Ms Henderson and Mrs Gibling.



WOW Days

Year 6 Students from Woodland View Junior School, Hainford and Frettenham Primary Partnership Schools, Sprowston Junior and Woodland View Junior School attended four fun, learning days in Music and Performing Arts during the Summer term. Aimed at providing a welcoming and inspiring transition experience these days continue to be very popular with our feeder schools.



'I am writing to thank you for the great experience you have organised for the year 6 children from Hainford and Frettenham through your 'WOW' initiative. It was valuable and worthwhile for these children in terms of their transition'.

Mrs. J. K. Elliott-Hunter, Headteacher

Art Clubs

Over 25 Arts clubs were delivered by teaching staff in the spring and summer terms. Clubs in Animation, Beat boxing and Samba were also delivered by professional artists, students and tutors.



Thanks...

To all our students, staff, governors, community partners and creative partners who have worked so hard in collaboration with us to provide these wonderful opportunities which enrich students learning and enjoyment.

Community Arts

Fusion – Sprowston's Community Film Festival

Bringing together people from all age groups, Sprowston's 5th Community Film Festival took over the Hollywood Cinema in Norwich as students, friends and families and members of the community came to see the films made by members of its community. Organised by the High School, students from Falcon Junior School, Hall School, Sprowston Junior School, Woodland View Junior School, Sprowston Community High School and members of Sprowston Heritage came to watch the films they had been making over the past few months based around the theme fusion.



What the students said:

'It was FANTASTIC to see my face in the cinema'... 'The fusion project taught me

about different types of photography, lines, angles, frames, the subject and more'... 'We learned that working with other people is still as fun as working with your friends'.



Sprowston Community Choir Open Evening

Sprowston Community Choir held an Open evening for friends and families on 7th June. As the choir continues to expand its members continue to express their appreciation;

'...it never ceases to amaze me how within an hour or so we've learnt something which initially seemed so complicated and hard to get your head and tongue around!!' ... '...nothing beats the pure simple pleasure of coming together with a group of like minded people and making music for a couple of hours.'



Start Project Exhibition wins first prize

Gothic stories, Art work and Dance Tangrams which were inspired by the year 8 Performance visits to Norwich Playhouse this year, won first prize for the 'Start Project 2010 Exhibition'. Students were awarded £100 of book tokens.



Learning through Performance

Arts across the curriculum

Inspiring boys through dance

In the summer term a group of Year 8 boys worked with a dance tutor from Norfolk Dance to produce a stunning dance piece set to music and film. The work has been performed live and forms the centre piece of our film 'Inspiring boys through dance'.

What the students said:

'I found Breakdance freezes the hardest as I had never done this before'... 'Its changed my mind about Dance because I used to think it was for girls but now I realise it is for both'... 'It made me feel proud'.



ACE Dance Performance visit & Dance Tangrams

Some really imaginative work was produced in the tangram workshops following a visit to the Norwich Playhouse to see ACE Dance & Music Company. Student feedback from the theatre trip proved really insightful and shows how much students gained from the opportunity to see the performance.

What the students said:

'The amount of emotion in one dance is incredible'... 'I learnt about a different type of dance - contemporary dance and it isn't boring - the way you make movement and shape makes you look at something differently'... 'Dancing can be for boys & girls'



Frankenstein / The 7 Characteristics of Life

A highly successful Science engagement project on the theme of, 'Frankenstein and the Seven signs of life', took place at Framingham Earl High School, where our Year 9 girls worked with drama students to research and create a 'living' magazine to illustrate the seven characteristics of life.



Year 9 Gifted & Talented Media Project

Final portfolios of work by Year 9 G&T students' who have been working at NR5 Future Radio, have been assessed and awarded the National Arts Bronze Awards. See the back page for names.

