

Report to CAP committee Spring Term 2011



Dance project - Autumn 2010



As part of this exciting dance-based project, we welcomed the Springs Dance Company back to Christ Church, a dance company that we had previously worked with in 2007.

Over the course of 6 weeks, every child in the school worked with four dancers from Springs to put together a dance performance based on the story of The Selfish Giant by Oscar Wilde. The children had the chance to learn a range of modern and expressive dance movements and all of their hard work culminated in an excellent performance in the Church for parents, families and friends.



The children in Year 5 also enjoyed their visit to Cecil Sharp House in Camden, home of the English Folk Dance and Song Society. They spent the morning learning traditional folk dances whilst being accompanied by live folk music!



In October, every class in the school worked with Chris Turner, learning the intricacies of English Social Dance from Tudor and Stuart times through to the Victorian era. Reception and Year 1 enjoyed learning historical dances, Year 2 and Year 3 enjoyed Morris dancing, Year 4 enjoyed maypole dancing and Year 5 and Year 6 had a great time learning the art of sword dancing!



In addition to this, the children in key stage two also had the opportunity to work with the London Swing Dance Society, experiencing 1950s style dance workshops based on popular American jazz dances and Lindy Hop with professional swing dancer Simon Selmon.



African Extravaganza – Spring 2011



Plans are well underway for this term's exciting CAP project. It is based on African arts and over the course of this term, each class will work on a number of arts activities including:

- African songs with Mr Pegden
- African storytelling, dance and drama
- African dance workshops
- African drumming workshops
- African art and craft workshops
- African art INSET/training for staff

Each class has also chosen an African country that they would like to focus on, culminating in a sharing assembly later this half term.

Our final African Extravaganza in March will bring together all of the work completed by the children and will include a performance of the dancing, drumming and singing, together with an exhibition of the art work produced.

We are all very much looking forward to this project!

Other events that have taken place this year



CAP logo

Lots of children entered our competition to design a log for CAP and here it is! Incorporating drama, dance, art and music, the winning logo was designed by Ava in Year 6.

Christmas activities

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Christmas nativity play in December and key stage 2 entertained local shoppers with their annual carol singing on Hampstead High Street.

Year 5 Recorders

Year 5 class plus a group of Year 6 children are enjoying learning the recorder this year as part of the Camden Music Service's Wider Opportunities programme.

Royal Shakespeare Company

Year 5 and Year 6 have been working with the Royal Shakespeare company this term. Miss Kirby completed an excellent training day last term, comprising of a range of activities that she could do with the children to help them appreciate the complexity of the play *A Comedy of Errors*. This was followed up by a workshop at Christ Church which was engaging and lively, giving the children a taste of acting out a section of the play and developing their appreciation of the sometimes complex vocabulary. This term, the children also attended a performance of the play, working with children from Fitzjohn's school. The performance was funny, lively and allowed the children the opportunity to see Shakespeare's work in action. They also had the opportunity to ask some of the cast questions after the performance.



Young Shakespeare Company

The Young Shakespeare company returned in September to perform *Macbeth* to Years 4 - 6. It was a great success and look forward to working with them again next year.

Trips

In January, three pupils from Year 3 joined children from New End, Hampstead Parochial, Fitzjohn's and the Rosary schools to take part in a creative writing gifted and talented trip to the Discover Museum in Stratford. This trip is one of a number of trips that will take place this year as part of Christ Church's work with the Hampstead gifted and talented cluster group.

Pupils from across the school will also taken part in class trips to The British Museum, The National Portrait Gallery and Lauderdale House this year.

Year One Freshwater Theatre Company

Year One enjoyed a morning of drama activities delivered by the Freshwater Theatre Company based on Where in the world is Barnaby Bear? This linked creative activities with their geography work last term.

Year 2 Little Angel Theatre

Year 2 went on a trip to the Little Angel Theatre in Islington last term and Year 1 have a trip planned to attend the puppet theatre later this term.

The orchestra of the age of enlightenment

Last term, the children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a performance by the orchestra of the age of enlightenment. Year 5 also enjoyed a Mozart workshop.

Extra curricular clubs

Art clubs continue to be popular extra-curricular activities at Christ Church this year with members of staff offering clubs for children across the school in art, dance and music.

Gifted and Talented Art Competition

Well done to Sam (Year 3) and Nicole (Year 4) whose art work was shortlisted in the Camden Art Competition. They both attended a prize-giving ceremony and exhibition of all the art work from across the borough at the Wallace Collection last term.

Ongoing curriculum provision

Just a reminder of the ongoing arts provision that takes place at Christ Church each and every week or term:

- Art or DT lessons, at least weekly for each class
- Music lessons provided by a specialist music teacher for each class, each week
- Music assembly every term
- Instrumental tuition after school every Wednesday
- Dance topics in PE for each class for at least one term per year
- Weekly choir rehearsal and participation in Sunday services three times per term
- Weekly singing assembly to introduce and practise hymns for the school
- Drama and role play incorporated into literacy lessons
- Year 6 production at the end of each Summer term
- Termly class assemblies, performing to an audience of over 200

Plans for the future

Mr Anderson will be working alongside myself to coordinate CAP during Mrs Forsdyke's maternity leave.

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