

2 FACED DANCE CO

Autumn EDUCATION Newsletter

Welcome to our first ever education newsletter. In this newsletter you will find information about various education projects that we have undertaken over the past few months and updates on what's coming up for 2Faced Dance Company. If you require any further information please feel free to get in touch.

FRESH success!

"I learnt how to make my imagination go wild"

"It was fun to be expressive"...

Megan and Arun aged 8 and 9

Over 260 primary and secondary students from Herefordshire participated in our annual schools dance day, *FRESH* at The Courtyard Centre for the Arts in June this year. The focus of *FRESH* is to deliver high quality dance education and performance opportunities to all school children in Herefordshire. This year 10 primary schools and 4 secondary schools took part. At the same time as the children learning their moves, 2Faced staff were also able to offer dance teachers some choreographic workshops to develop their skills. All children got to perform their dance pieces, participate in dance workshops and try their hand at either stencil art or DJ'ing. The event sold out and now we are planning two evenings of *FRESH* for 2011. Please get in touch with nathan@2faceddance.co.uk if you are interested in your school participating.

Sally Giles of Madley Primary School Herefordshire talks about *FRESH* 2010:

What were your expectations and how did the children benefit? The children would benefit from being in a team and working with one another. We were expecting the event to boost their confidence and help with their independence. Some of the children were a little worried about performing in front of an audience but they all overcame their fears. All of the children benefited from working with other pupils from different schools. They also gained great experience from seeing how a production is put together and behind the scenes of a theatre.



As a member of staff did you learn anything from this event?

Seeing behind the scenes of a theatre was fantastic and just watching the children grow in confidence and work as a group was amazing. I had some parents come and say how much their child had enjoyed the experience and they were amazed at how much work had been put in by both their children and 2Faced Dance Company. We are definitely doing **FRESH 2011** and we know it will be just as exciting for another group of pupils.

Access 2 Dance

2Faced Dance Company wants high quality and safe dance activities to be accessible within schools. We believe dance plays an important part in learning and developing student's creativity, communication and will improve their skills of observation and focus. We have developed specific dance workshops which can be delivered during curriculum and extra curriculum time. We offer a variety of dance styles from **break, street, contemporary** and **creative dance** which can be used in all cross - curriculum subjects. Workshops can be tailor made to suit all Key stages including GCSE, BTEC, A-level and Degree subject criteria. For more information on the above please contact fiona@2faceddance.co.uk, call us on 01432 276807.

LEARNING IN THE DARK!

2Faced Dance aims to increase high standard dance teaching in schools. **Twilight INSET Evenings** are where we provide teaching strategies and techniques covering how to confidently plan and deliver dance around the curriculum in a practical and theoretical method. It is all taught in a relaxed environment, after school, either in your school or venues supplied by 2Faced Dance Company. For more info please get in touch with fiona@2faceddance.co.uk

MAKING WAVES IN WOLVERHAMPTON

2Faced Dance are working with Oceanna Nightclub, West Midlands Police and Creative Partnerships to deliver year ten students from Wolverhampton Secondary Schools an amazing dance experience. Designed to support PSHE and deliver hard hitting messages around safe and responsible behaviour 2Faced Dance will lead a series of choreographic workshops over a four week period that will enable students to produce a piece of dance. This work will then get showcased in the Icehouse at Oceanna Nightclub in Wolverhampton in December. 2Faced Dance Company will then perform their two new pieces *Infract* and *Third* to all the participants involved in the project. We are delighted to be working on such an innovative project and look forward to seeing the results.

MOVES TO SUCCEED

Improving behaviour, attitude and motivation in the classroom...

Moves To Succeed is a dance programme developed by **2Faced Dance Company** and **Herefordshire Council**. The aim of this programme is to develop and improve children's behaviour through dance. Moves To Succeed focuses on those children who are at risk of exclusion, have poor attendance or just need to learn some coping strategies for the classroom. 2Faced Dance worked intensively in four primary schools within Herefordshire; Lord Scudamore, Trinity, Marlbrook, and St Martin's. The statistics showed that the programme had a very positive result in a very short time frame. **83% of students increased their school attendance** and **98% showed improvement in behaviour, attitude and motivation** within their school life. Chris a Teaching Assistant from Trinity Primary states... "I think the classroom dance strategies have allowed them to focus more, being able to bring their focus onto a task. In terms of their overall motivation, it's made them more interested in school life in general. It has given them a certain amount of control over their behaviour. Certain exercises we've done have helped them when they've had angry moments". The number of reduced exclusion and truancy within these schools was evident and 2Faced Dance Company invited these schools to perform at our annual school dance day, FRESH, which was not only a great outcome and accomplishment for the participants but also for the 'Moves to Succeed programme. The amount of talented dancers within this project was unbelievable and we are happy to see a number of the participants motivated enough to take part in our after school dance classes to develop their skills further. The Moves To Succeed Tool Kit used to support the project and enable teachers from across the UK to get some ideas and tips was launched on the 28th September 2010 at the Arts Supermarket at The Courtyard Centre for the Arts . It consists of identified and achievable dance strategies used within the Moves to succeed 2010 programme. To get yourself a copy of the toolkit or book of the Moves To Succeed programme for your school please contact Annie Millen at Herefordshire Council amillen@herefordshire.gov.uk

2Faced Dance Company in Haiti!!

We have been given a once in a lifetime opportunity to go to Haiti to teach workshops for 1 month in February 2011. Tamsin Fitzgerald and Nathan French will be the 2 members of 2Faced making the trip, along with various members of the 'Fun For Life' charity. Fun for life is planning a performance project in the orphanages of Haiti in Feb 2011. Many of the orphanages are barely habitable, much less licensed. They have no means to provide real schooling or basic medical care, so children spend their days engaged in mindless activities, and many die from treatable illnesses. Fun For Life and 2Faced will spend the month there to give the children a purpose and something to look forward to amongst the destruction and disease. "Its going to be a great life experience, working in Haiti. I cant wait to get out there and make some people happy" said Nathan French, Education Officer. If you wish to donate towards the trip please contact us on 01432 276807



*****NEW*****

CLUSTER CLASSES

It is apparent that funding ongoing workshops and projects is getting difficult to sustain in schools, therefore many schools are missing out on exciting opportunities. 2Faced Dance are introducing **cluster classes**. This is a programme where you and your neighbouring schools have workshops together. The benefits of a cluster class are to increase dance participation in schools within your area and share financial costs. It would also improve links between you and other schools.

2Faced Residencies UPDATE

We continue to develop our educational residential programme across both Herefordshire and surrounding areas and also nationally. Dan Lowenstein, full time dance teacher and professional performer for 2Faced Dance Company, recently delivered a three day residential at George Dixon community school in Birmingham, he said "During the 3 days at George Dixon I worked with 18 different groups of students. I taught six 45 minute workshops per day. I focused on a fusion of breaking and street, making sure that each participant went away feeling that they achieved something new". about the aims and outcomes of the residency.

Interested in booking a residency? please contact:
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