

Goosewell Young Leaders Share Dance Ideas with Shakespeare Children

Plymstock School joined forces with Goosewell Primary School, the Plymouth School Sports Partnership and Shakespeare Primary School to trial a new and innovative dance project. Goosewell Year 4 children have been working on a theme of India and their teacher Mrs Laura Clarke had choreographed a dance piece linked to the project. Goosewell children performed the dance at Plymstock Schools annual dance festival. The piece was so inspiring that Theresa Honeywill, PE Release Teacher at Plymstock and PE consultant for the Plymouth School Sport Partnership felt that it could be used to empower other Year 4 teachers across the city. Consequently a plan was put in place for the Goosewell Year 4 children to visit Shakespeare Primary School and perform their dance for teachers and Year 4 children. A workshop was then led for all Shakespeare children where Goosewell Year 4 taught the dance to their peers.

The results were breath-taking. The mutual respect amongst the children resulted in Shakespeare children being able to perform a section of the dance within half an hour of instruction. The Goosewell children were fantastic leaders and really enjoyed being given the opportunity to visit another school and develop their leadership skills.

Mrs Clarke shared her scheme of work with other colleagues in the hope that other staff and children will be inspired and empowered in the future.

Well done to everyone involved. A great example of collaborative learning and sharing of good practice.

Theresa Honeywill

