

Good afternoon everyone!

It occurred to me at York University last Sunday afternoon that we must never underestimate the power and the benefits that performing gives our children. I thought about this whilst witnessing the excitement of Mrs Brown's Kinesis Dance Group being part of the York Dance Festival along with the Year 6 Choir singing at the MEG Intergenerational Project. When I say performing - I mean in every sense, no matter how small eg: from reading their story to someone, telling a joke, showing someone how to do something or how big eg: the performances mentioned above or playing sport for a team etc. Just a few of the benefits that flashed through my mind were: confidence building, team ethics, supporting one another, coping with nervous energy, realising that doing something well means hard graft has to be put in, resilience and coping with disappointment. Experiencing the sheer joy of having achieved something - the list is quite endless. It is for so many of these reasons that we do what we do at school and why so many of you support us wholeheartedly when we are able to involve you in coming to see your child perform. With this in mind, my three photos this week celebrate three wonderful performances. A huge well done to our children and also a huge thanks to the staff who give up their time and energy to enable it all to happen.



Kinesis Dance Group performing at York Dance Festival. What an experience!



Our Indoor Sportshall Athletics Champions of York!! Such an exciting and action packed event to take part in.



Our Year 6 Choir at The Intergenerational MEG Project. Here they are performing on samba drums, before they sang beautifully and demonstrating performance poetry too.

Speaking of performing, during the assembly today I will be announcing the process for this years 2019 Xmas Talent Factor. For those who have not been at Robert Wilkinson too long, this is an annual event here, designed to celebrate any talents our children have and would like to share. It is open to everyone but there is also no pressure to take part. So, starting today, we have suggested that any pupils who would like to take part get practising their talents and get thinking about how they would like to perform them and with whom. Towards the end of term each year group hold their own show. This is for everyone who wants to perform or show their talent. From these shows there will be three representative acts from each age group who perform for the whole school, on stage, at our Special Xmas Talent Factor Show on the final morning of the term (20th Dec). As you can imagine the hall is packed to the rafters and will be feeling very Christmassy by then.

And finally, in case you missed it, It is our Non-Uniform day next Friday (29th Nov) we will be collecting the wonderful prize kitties on offer ready for the Christmas Fayre later that evening. KS1 pupils bring something

chocolatey, Year 3&4 something Christmassy and Year 5&6 a bottle of something! It should be a really fun event as always and we look forward to seeing you there.

Have a great weekend everyone.
Chris Evans