

Pauline Quirke Academy Bournemouth

Stage Whispers

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Hello!

As usual, it's been a busy few weeks for everyone at PQA Bournemouth.



Bishat Araya

As with our impromptu Hairspray Quirky Day, the Master Class with Bishat was a great success. It was exhausting for everyone but great fun. She taught each group the actual choreography from the show for 'You Can't Stop the Beat' and 'Nicest Kids in Town'. Afterwards, she told me how impressed she was by how hard the students worked and how quickly they picked up the steps.

One of the highlights for me was when she amazed the she sang a riff while the Green Group children were singing Nicest Kids in Town. Their faces were a picture!

I am sure that everyone who came to watch their Show & Tell was very proud as they strutted their stuff with the Hairspray star! Thank you, Bishat.



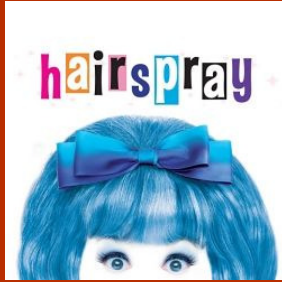
What the students said.....

- 'Bishat was amazing'
- 'The choreography was really difficult but she made it fun'
- 'She's an amazing dancer and really pretty'
- 'Wow!'
- 'I was hard to do but I did it'
- 'I thought that she was lovely'
- 'I'm soooooo tired now!'
- 'I need another drink' (Water, of course)
- 'I want to be like her when I'm older'
- 'Can she come again?'

This newsletter contains lots of dates for your diary. Please make a note of them as I would hate you to miss out on anything. Also, please check your emails regularly as I sometimes send messages on a Friday evening (and even a Saturday morning!) if things change at the last minute.



Best wishes
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QUIZ

1/ Hairspray is set in which American location?

- a/ New York
- b/ Kansas
- c/ Baltimore
- d/ Hollywood

2/ Which of the following characters does not appear in Hairspray?

- a/ Edna Turnblad
- b/ Dorothy
- c/ Prudy Pingleton
- d/ Thad

3/ Who played Edna Turnblad in the 2007 film?

- a/ Richard Gere
- b/ Michael Ball
- c/ Pam Ferris
- d/ John Travolta

4/ Which of the following songs is featured in the 2007 film but is not included in the stage show?

- a/ Good Morning Baltimore
- b/ Run and Tell That!
- c/ Ladies' Choice
- d/ Without Love

5/ Which hairspray brand is promoted by the Corny Collins show?

- a/ Ultra Clutch
- b/ TRESemmé
- c/ L'Oréal
- d/ Tesco Value Hairspray

West End Update

3rd July 2001



Her Majesty's Theatre
57 Haymarket
London

I know that July seems a long way off right now but I can confirm that my nightmares have already started! On Saturday I dreamt that I received a 'phone call from Head Office telling me that we were performing the following day. I was so relieved to wake up and realise that it wasn't true.

I am pleased to let you know that the Hairspray medley has now been put together and the lyrics have been typed up. Your child will receive a disc and lyrics sheet on Saturday. Please ensure that it is kept safe and that they listen to it as often as possible. They will need to know the pieces really well so that it all runs smoothly on the big night.

Jared and I are working on the Big Apple piece. We will let you have that as soon as we can.

Costumes, Tickets & Travel

Every student will need a different costume for each section. Some students will need three—one for Hairspray and two for the Big Apple section. All costumes will be very basic but they must all be uniformed.



In order to sort this out and to discuss ticket sales and transport on the day, I would like to call a meeting of all parents on **12th March 2011 at 12.30**

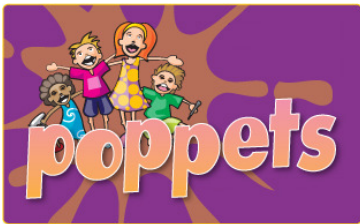
Recording music

I am delighted to let you know that we have the opportunity to use a professional recording studio to record our medleys of both Hairspray and the Big Apple tunes.

This will be hard work for the students but should prove to be great fun, especially as they will have the chance to get a CD of their own to remind them of their first ever West End performance.

This will take a great deal of planning but I hope to have everything in place after Easter.





We are looking to increase our Poppets group. If you know a 4/5 year-old who wants to have fun on a Saturday morning, tell them about PQA Poppets. I would be pleased to offer a FREE taster session so that they could see what we get up to.

PQA Poppets come in short and sweet 90-minute sessions, perfect for the attention spans of most Poppets! The classes include movement, dance, poetry, speech, singing, rhythm, teamwork, mime, expression and imagination, whilst building your Poppet's confidence and social skills. The session starts at 10.00 and runs until 11.30.

The Poppets will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on 9th April 2011.



Percy Quincy Alanson has some friends that are available to purchase. His friends cost £15 and they come 'bearing' the new PQA logo and colours. If you would like to order one, please let Tanya know.



PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.

As you know, the students have lots of fun at PQA Bournemouth and we are proud of how much they achieve. As well as learning performance skills, are they able to experience lots of exciting events such as our film premieres, Master Classes and West End shows. In addition, we help them to increase their confidence and to develop team-working skills. Don't forget how many new friends they make too!

We would like to share these opportunities to other children in Bournemouth and Poole. So, please encourage friends/neighbours/relations to spread the word about us. I am happy to offer a FREE taster session to anyone who would like to find out what we are all about.



CONTACT DETAILS

I am aware that some people have changed their contact details since joining PQA. Although I have been told about some of the changes, I am sure that there are some that I don't know about. Please you let me know if you have moved, changed your telephone/mobile number, or if the emergency contact details have changed.



DATE CHANGE

The date of the TV studio visit has changed from 11th April to 18th April.

I will let you have further details as soon as they are available.



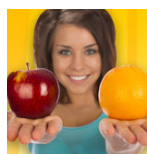
PQA CHANT

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PQA
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**Cumalada, Cumalada, Cumalada Vista
Oh no no no nana vista
Eany meany decimeany
Oh walla wall meany
Be botten, bitten, botton, bo bo sha ditten
dotten
Sssssssshhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!
PQA OK!**

SNACK TIME

As you are aware, every student has a break during the morning so that they can have a snack and a drink.



Whilst most students come fully prepared with bottles of water and a small snack, an increasing number of students are arriving with nothing at all. We are happy to supply a drink and a biscuit if a child has genuinely forgotten to pick up their snack but we cannot do this for the same children on a regular basis.

We must ask that you ensure that you supply a suitable drink and healthy snack every week. Thank you.



SAD NEWS

Saturday 5th March will be a very sad day for all of us at PQA Bournemouth. Our wonderful dance teacher, Lyndsey, will be leaving us as she is going to work in Wales. Lyndsey has been part of PQA Bournemouth since it opened in April 2008 and she is a firm favourite with students and teachers alike. I know that we will all miss her terribly and that tears will be flowing at the end of the session. Despite the fact that we would like to lock her in cupboard, we will let her go and wish her all the best in her new job.

HAPPY NEWS

As we say 'Goodbye' to Lyndsey, we will be saying 'Hello' to our new dance teacher, Emily. The students have worked with Emily over the last two weeks and she has proved to be a big hit with them. Emily won't be with us on Saturday as she's saying 'Goodbye' to her current students, but she'll be with us on 12th March. I am sure that everyone will join me in making her feel very welcome.



TERM DATES 2011

SPRING TERM

8th January—9 April

SUMMER TERM

7th May—30th July

AUTUMN TERM

3rd September—17 December

NOTE: No breaks for half terms



PQA FASHION!

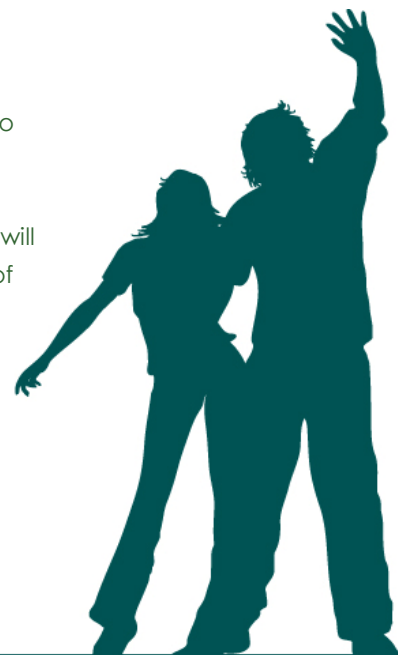
A range of PQA t-shirts, hoodies and fleeces are now available to buy. They all have the new PQA logo on them. I can assure you that the Hoodies are lovely and will keep you warm on the coldest of days! The prices are as follows:

T shirts 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 **£5.95**

Small, Medium, Large - **£7.50**

Hoodies 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 **£15.95**

Small, Medium, Large - **£19.95**



Come along and join us at the Captains Club Hotel, Christchurch on Monday evenings at 7.30.



We guarantee that you will have fun!

ANSWERS:
1. c
2. b
3. d
4. c
5. a

