



## **Croydon Schools' Dance Association – 2005/2006 report**

**This year 46 schools belong to CSDA comprising one sixth form college, one special school, twelve high schools, eleven junior schools, fifteen primary schools, and six infant schools.**

**Of these, 40 took part in the annual performances at the Fairfield Hall on 15 and 16 March 2006 – twenty-one schools performed on the Wednesday night and nineteen on Thursday. This year the dances were all inspired by *Flights of Fancy* and set to music without lyrics. Each school chose their own interpretation and music and over 800 Croydon students (ranging from 5 to 18 years) performed to packed houses - there were full houses on both evenings.**

**Croydon dance teachers were given the opportunity to receive some assistance with ideas and choreography for their concert dances when Jenny Williams, the BRIT School's Director of Dance, ran a workshop based on the concert's theme in early November. This gave ideas on possible approaches and content during a practical session held at Parish Church Junior School on a Saturday morning.**

**A Day of Dance for students in years 5-8 who performed in the Fairfield Hall concert was held in May at Archbishop Lanfranc High School. Each participating school sent a maximum of 5 students. After warming up, the dancers split into groups, each with a different teacher, to produce a dance. At the end of the day, all the dances were combined into a performance for teachers, family and friends.**

**High school students were again given a chance to showcase their own choreography in a performance, *Choreographics 2*, held at the Fairfield Halls on 20 January 2006. The standard of choreography produced by students from the BRIT School, John Ruskin College, Virgo Fidelis RC Convent School and Woodcote High School was of a high standard and well received by the audience.**

**A new event this year was a Boys Day of Dance which raised the profile of boys' dance. Twenty boys from years 5 to 8 participated in street dance and contemporary dance workshops after school in May. This was held at the BRIT School and taught by BRIT male students.**

**It is planned to hold twilight workshops for GCSE dance students in years 10 and 11 as soon as dates can be confirmed with Henry Oguike Dance Company – the company whose work is featured on the GCSE syllabus.**

**Following the success of the outdoors country dance festival and picnic held last June at Parish Church Junior School, a multi cultural dance festival is scheduled for 24 June at Smitham School.**

**The CSDA Resource Centre is still temporarily at John Ruskin College following the closure of the Davidson Centre. It is hoped that it will eventually be permanently housed at Croydon Clocktower. However, teachers from CSDA affiliated schools are still able to borrow CDs, videos and books to aid with dance teaching for both primary and secondary students.**

**A Newsletter is distributed to all member schools each term. This gives notice of future dance events, reports on past events and it is planned to include useful dance information for teachers.**

**The following schools participated in this year's CSDA performances, *Flights of Fancy*, at the Fairfield Halls on 15 March 2006:**

**St Thomas Becket RC Primary School  
Beulah Junior School  
Parish Church Nursery and Infants School  
Atwood Primary School  
Selsdon High School  
Beulah Nursery & Infants School  
Kingsley Primary School  
Margaret Roper RC Primary School  
Selsdon Primary and Nursery School  
Keston Primary School  
Priory School  
Virgo Fidelis Convent Senior School  
Parish Church Junior School  
St Chad's RC Primary School  
Woodcote High School  
Coulston C of E Primary School  
St Joseph's RC Junior School  
Coloma Convent Girls' School  
Ashburton Junior School  
Spring Park Primary School  
Shirley High School**

**These schools performed on 16 March:**

**St James the Great Infants School  
West Thornton Primary School  
St John's C of E Primary School  
Duppas Junior School  
Ashburton Infants School  
John Ruskin College  
St Josephs RC Infant & Nursery School  
Smitham Primary School  
Riddlesdown High School  
St Mary's Catholic Infant School  
Ridgeway Primary School  
Archbishop Lanfranc School  
Cypress Junior School  
Wattenden Primary School  
Woodcote Junior School  
St James the Great Junior School  
St Mark's CE Primary School  
Norbury Manor Business & Enterprise College for Girls  
Good Shepherd Primary School**

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