



Newsletter

April 2015

Important information

New LEAP Teacher

We are delighted to welcome Miss Fox to our LEAP staff as a highly experienced Drama / LAMDA Teacher.

Miss Fox will be teaching the Yr 10 plus and Inter/ Senior Musical Theatre classes this term.

I am pleased that we have a broad range of talents and strengths to pass onto the students as each pupil will benefit from our teachers' expertise from either a teaching or performance perspective background.

LEAP UNIFORM

Please come to class in the appropriate uniform!

I am delighted that the majority of students are adhering to our dress code as explained on the web site and that uniform is worn to all classes. Our uniform is not only smart but is practical for its designed use.

It is important that all students are correctly dressed for all classes. **Longer hair must be tied back at all times**

Uniform order forms can be downloaded off the website or from the LEAP board in the entrance to The Downley School.

Desperate reminder - Emergency Contact Forms

Please can **all LEAP pupils** send your emergency contact forms to me as your information needs to be added and updated to the data base as soon as possible.

If anyone has moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, please can you email me with the correct information as most of the LEAP letters are distributed via email. Please find forms attached to fill in a return. **We are still waiting for half the school to return their forms!**



LAMDA Exams

As many of you are aware the pupils in the week day drama class 5 to 11 and Intermediate / Senior Musical Theatre have been working on the LAMDA syllabus this year. I am delighted with each pupil's dedication and focus and feel they are all ready to take their LAMDA Acting exams. This exam is not compulsory but is a fantastic opportunity to further their drama and acting experience.

Please read attached letter for Exam cost, information and dates.

LAMDA exam dates applied for – **please note that these have now been confirmed by LAMDA:**

Group 1 – Fri 5th June from 4pm
 Group 4 – Wed 8th July from 3:40pm
 Group 2 – Fri 10th July from 4pm
 Group 3 – Wed 15th July from 4pm
 Group 5 – Sun 13th Sep

Please can you let Mrs Gutteridge know asap if pupils are not available on these days or if your child is not taking the exam. If this is the case, we will try our best to see if another date is available for them still to take their exam.



ARTS AWARD

Arts Award to LEAP – optional 2014/15 Bronze and Silver only.

The Aim of the Arts Award is to support young people who want to deepen their engagement with the arts, build creative and leadership skills, and to achieve a national qualification.

If you have been working towards your Bronze Arts Award with Mrs Gutteridge through LEAP (not The Downley School) please can you kindly read and fill in the Awards Award letter attached if you would like to achieve your Arts Award qualification on June 26th 2015.

LEAP New Address

Please note that the LEAP mailing address has now changed to:

LEAP School of Performing Arts
 c/o The Downley School
 Faulkner Way
 Downley
 High Wycombe
 Bucks HP13 5AL

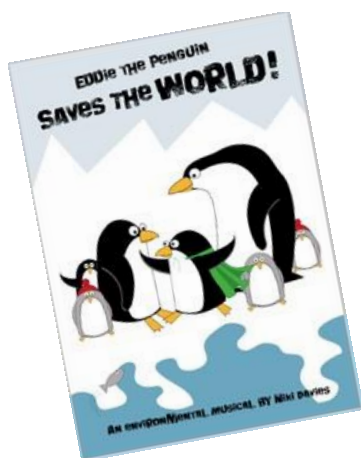
Show Cases

LEAP's Drama and Musical Theatre showcases 2015

As you are aware LEAP's focus this year has been on technique and pupils are given the opportunity to perform in small showcases.

The Downley School is the venue for LEAP's individual show cases this summer.

Please note that tickets are now on sale, all you have to do is email your tickets requests or see your LEAP teacher at the end of a class and



tickets will be issued to pupils during their next LEAP class once payment is made via bank transfer, cash or cheque (cheques payable to LEAP). All tickets are priced at £5, LEAP Pupils £4. Please note that young children must have their own seats – we regret that children under 3 years are not allowed.

Please advise in advance if you require disabled access.

Shows consisting of more than one year group requires quality rehearsal time and planning. Therefore, it is important that pupils are given the opportunity to work together to finalise the show as they have only been working on their individual section in class time. If students are unable to attend **any** of the rehearsals, **it is crucial that you contact me as soon as possible.**

Performances

EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD AND THE LITTER MUNCHER

LEAP DRAMA CLASSES 3&4 / 1&2

The Show will take place on **May 19th 2015**. There will be **two** performances at **5pm** and **7pm**.

(on the day of the show pupils will be required to bring a packed tea)

The time table for rehearsals is as follows:

The Litter Muncher:

Wednesday 13th May Yr. 1, 2 - 3:15pm -4:15pm at The Downley School.

Monday 18th May Yr1 & 2 - 3:15pm – 4:15pm at The Downley School
Tue 19th May – show - pupils will arrive at The Downley School for 4:15pm

The extra rehearsal is very important as we are planning to run through the show as much as possible. Costumes will be required for these days to ensure the costume changes are viable. Nearly all costumes have been provided by LEAP, unless your LEAP teacher has contacted you separately.

IMPORTANT

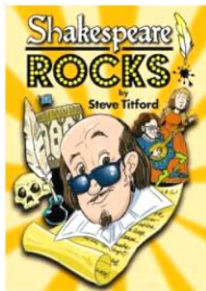
Pupils will be registered at the main entrance. They must arrive in full uniform, hair neatly tied back and provided with a snack. Please make sure that they have plenty of water to drink.

Eddie the Penguin Saves the World: The time table rehearsals is as follows:

Tuesday 12th May Yr. 3 &4 3:30pm - 5:30pm at The Downley School.

Tue 19th May – show - pupils will arrive at The Downley School for 4:15pm

PERFORMANCES CONTINUED



Shakespeare Rocks

Yr 5,6,7

The Show will take place on **Wednesday 17th June.**

There will be **two** performances at **5pm** and **7pm.**

(On the day of the show pupils will be required to bring a packed tea)

The time table for rehearsals is as follows:

Wednesday 10th June Yr 5,6, 7 – 4:30 – 7pm at The Downley School.

Monday 15th June YR 5,6, 7 – 4:30 – 5:30pm at The Maplewood School
 Wednesday 17th June – show – pupils will arrive at The Downley School for 4:15pm



Goodness Gracious

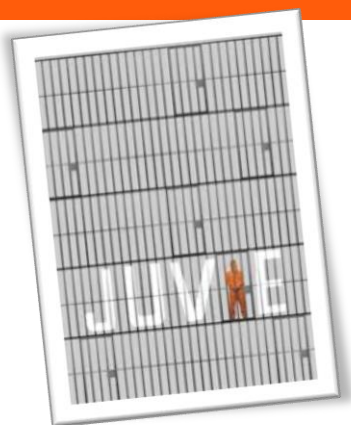
The Show will take place on **Monday 13th July.**

There will be **1** performance at **6:30pm.**

The time table for rehearsals is as follows:

Monday 6th July – 5:30pm – 7:45pm at The Downley School.

Monday 13th July – 5:30 till end of show



Musical Theatre Showcase

All Musical Theatre

The Show will take place on **Saturday 27th June.**

There will be **two** performances at **12 noon** and **3pm.**

(On the day of the show pupils will be required to bring a packed lunch)

The time table for the up and coming rehearsals is as follows:
Saturday 13th June Junior/ Senior and Inter classes – 9:45am – 2pm at The Downley School.

Saturday 20th June Junior/ Senior and Inter classes – 9:45am – 4pm at The Downley School.

Saturday 27th July Junior/ Senior and Inter classes – 9:45am – till end of show

Juvie Yr 10 plus

I am aware that a lot of the pupils have school exams and LAMDA coming up and some pupils are absent in July from classes.

Therefore this performance will take part in Sep 2015

There will be 1 performance on **Tuesday 8th September 7pm**

The time table for the up and coming rehearsals is as follows:
Tuesday 1st Sep – 10am – 4pm at The Downley School

Sat 5th Sep 10am – 1pm at the Downley School

LEAP classes Sep 2015 will start back on Sat 12th Sep

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES DOWNLEY DAY

LEAP's Musical Theatre classes will be performing a selection of Musical Theatre songs at Downley Day on Saturday 20th June.

Plan for Saturday 20th June:

Downley Day on Downley Common (fingers crossed no rain this year) Please can all pupils again arrive at **9:30am** with hair and makeup done in neat LEAP uniform pupils will finish classes at 12:30pm (please bring a pack lunch). We will walk over to the common to perform at 1:30pm and then pupils will be escorted back to the school ready for the afternoon rehearsal.

Half Term Workshops

Super Heroes and Under the Sea

26th May 2015 based at The Downley School.

Places for these workshop are now available priced at £15 each or a discounted rate of **£25** if your child attends both workshops.



These workshops are available for children in School Year groups 1-5

Super Heroes from 10am -1pm

Under the Sea from 2pm – 5pm

For more information please refer to leaflet attached or collect from The Downley School reception or LEAP teacher.

Please book early to avoid disappointment as half term



workshops are popular. Please note that these workshops are also available to children outside LEAP and The Downley School, so please bring friends along

LEAP Dance

Last Term LEAP expanded with DANCE classes.

The ethos of the Dance Classes is to provide a happy, friendly but also disciplined and professional approach towards learning dance. A special emphasis is put on the correct use of dance technique in all classes.

Dance is the language of the body and the classes encourage pupils to gain self-confidence and physical awareness. Students will develop imagination and communication

skills as well as develop musicality and artistry.

Monday 5:30 – 6:30pm Modern/ street and hip-hop classes aimed at pupils Yr 5,6,7.
Miss Durrant – Maplewood School
£5 PER SESSION

Monday 6:30 – 7:30pm Ballet/ Contemporary aimed at pupils Yr 5,6,7
Miss Durrant – Downley School Diner
£5 PER SESSION

Wednesday 6:30 – 7:45pm Contemporary classes aimed at pupils Yr8 plus
Miss Johnson – Downley School Diner
£6 PER SESSION

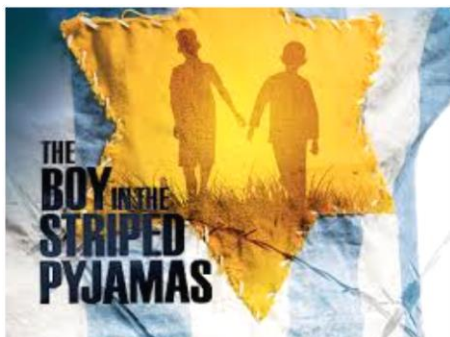
HOW TO JOIN

Places are still available if you are interested – just contact your LEAP teacher.

NEW UNIFORM

A new LEAP Dance Uniform is now available to purchase. Please see attachment for Uniform Order Form.

Theatre Trips



Outing –The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas

Sat 25th April 2015 2:30pm

To All Parents of Drama Class Pupils
Yr. 7 plus and Inter / Senior Musical
Theatre pupils in school yrs. 7 plus

LEAP is delighted to announce an outing to see **The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas**.

Based on the best-selling novel by **John Boyne**, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* is a heart-wrenching tale of an unlikely friendship between two innocent boys.

Set during World War II, the story is seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and devastating consequences.

Bruno's friendship with Shmuel takes him from innocence to revelation, revealing the poetic irony that through a child's eye everyone can appear the same.

Brought to you by The Children's Touring Partnership who have previously produced *Swallows and Amazons* and *Goodnight Mister Tom*, this world premiere of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* on stage,

promises to be a deeply moving and thought provoking production..

Playing at The Wycombe Swan Theatre I have secured 15 seats at a discount rate of £18 each. (Usually £22)

Requests will be on a first come first served basis and payment must be made by **16th April 2015!! Not long to sign up.**

Pupils who wish to see the performance will meet at the Theatre's main entrance Sat 25th April promptly at **2:00pm**. Once signed in, a staff member of LEAP will chaperone students until the drop off time – at the same place, (time to be confirmed).

All pupils are to wear their LEAP uniforms and if permitted, may bring sufficient funds to purchase refreshments and/or programmes.



Outing –Anything Goes

Friday 22nd May 2015 7: 30pm

To All Parents of Drama Class Pupils
Yr. 3 plus and Musical Theatre
pupils

LEAP is delighted to announce an outing to see *Anything Goes*.

This brand new production of Cole Porter's classic, multi-award winning musical-comedy, *Anything Goes* transports you to the magical age of tap dancing and high society.

When Billy Crocker discovers that his heart's desire, debutante heiress Hope Harcourt is engaged to an English aristocrat, he stows away aboard the S.S. American to win her back. Aided by a string of eccentric passengers on board the luxurious transatlantic liner, can this web of love be untangled before they reach Southampton?

Featuring the rich sounds of a live orchestra and a sensational cast of 26, Cole Porter's uplifting masterpiece of music and dance includes the magnificent songs *I Get A Kick out of You*, *Friendship and Brush up your Shakespeare*

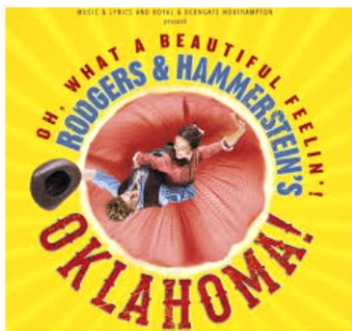
Playing at The Wycombe Swan Theatre I have secured 20 seats at discounted rate of £33 each. (Usually £38)

Requests will be on a first come first served basis and payment must be made by **22nd April 2015!! Not long to sign up.**

Pupils who wish to see the performance will meet at the Theatre's main entrance Sat 22nd May promptly at **2:00pm**. Once signed in, a staff member of LEAP will chaperone students until the drop off time – at the same place, (time to be confirmed).

All pupils are to wear their LEAP uniforms and if permitted, may bring sufficient funds to purchase refreshments and/or programmes.

THEATRE TRIPS CONTINUED



Outing –Oklahoma! Thur 6th August 2:30pm

To All Parents of Drama Class Pupils
Yr. 3 plus and All Musical Theatre
pupils

LEAP is delighted to announce an
outing to see Oklahoma the Musical

Playing at The Wycombe Swan
Theatre I have secured 20 top price
seats at a discount rate of £28
(usually £32)

As refreshing and thrilling as the day
it was written, Rodgers &
Hammerstein's OKLAHOMA! is the
original feel-good musical. From the
minute the rugged cowboy Curly
steps on to the stage singing *Oh,*

What a Beautiful Mornin' we know
that all will be right with the world.
This colourful production overflows
with well-known songs such as *I'm
Just a Girl Who Cain't Say No, Surrey
With a Fringe on Top, Kansas City,
People Will Say We're in Love* and, of
course, the rousing title song itself!

Celebrating the vigour of America's
pioneering spirit with classic tunes
and boot-stomping dances, we
follow Curly and the girl of his
dreams, Laurey, as they travel down
love's highway on an extremely
bumpy surrey ride.

From the award-winning producers
of *The King & I* and *Fiddler on the
Roof* this brand new production
starring Belinda Lang as Aunt Eller
and Gary Wilmot as Ali Hakim is
directed by Rachel Kavanaugh. It
features a large cast and chorus as
well as a live orchestra, bringing you
romance, excitement and a score
filled with sunshine.

Requests will be on a first come first
served basis and payment must be
made by **June 6th 2015**

Pupils who wish to see the
performance will meet at the
Theatre's main entrance Thur 6th
Aug promptly at **2:00pm**. Once
signed in, a staff member of LEAP
will chaperone students until the
drop off time – at the same place,
(time to be confirmed).

All pupils are to wear their LEAP
uniforms and if permitted, may bring
sufficient funds to purchase
refreshments and/or programmes.

INTERESTED IN THESE TRIPS?

**Interested in these trips? –
see your LEAP teacher at the
end of a class session, e-mail
at [mail@leap-
performingarts.co.uk](mailto:mail@leap-performingarts.co.uk) or call
07896 048841 (please leave a
message so that we can get
back to you the same day).**

Local News, opportunities and Auditions

AUDITIONS

SUN 26 APRIL 2015 Following the
huge success of the 2014 Summer
Youth Project, *Grease*, The
Wycombe Swan Youth Project

returns in 2015 with **SINGIN' IN THE
RAIN**

Singin' in the Rain tells the story of
the first Hollywood musical, when
the silver screen found its voice and
left silent movies - and some of its
stars – behind.

This spectacular show is packed full
of the charm, romance, comedy and
tinseltown glamour of one the
world's best loved movies and

features all the songs from the
glorious MGM score including *Good
Morning, Make 'em Laugh, Moses
Supposes* and the classic *Singin' in
the Rain*.

Audition forms are available to
download – see attachment and this
project is open to anyone aged 9-21
years old.

Project dates Sun 9 - Sun 23 August
2015

And finally...

This newsletter has been packed with information about forthcoming events and activities – which I feel clearly demonstrates LEAP's commitment to developing its pupils and maximising their opportunities. As we look forward to an exciting term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents and staff that make LEAP what it is!

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APRIL 13TH CLASSES COMMENCE FOR SUMMER TERM

APRIL 25TH BOY IN THE STRIPED PYJAMAS THEATRE TRIP YR7 PLUS

MAY 12TH EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD REHEARSAL Yr 3&4 3:30-5:30PM

MAY 13TH LITTER MUNCHER REHEARSAL YR1, 2 3:15-4:15PM

MAY 18TH LITTER MUNCHER REHEARSAL YR1, 2 3:15-4:15PM

MAY 19TH THE LITTER MUNCHER AND EDDIE THE PENGUIN SAVES THE WORLD PERFORMANCES 5PM / 7PM

MAY 22ND ANYTHING GOES THEATRE TRIP YR 3 PLUS

MAY 23RD LAST CLASS BEFORE HALF TERM

MAY 26TH HALF TERM THEMED WORKSHOPS

JUNE 5TH - LAMDA EXAM GROUP 1 - to be confirmed

JUNE 10TH SHAKESPEARE ROCKS REHEARSAL YR5,6&7 4 :30-7pm

JUNE 15TH SHAKESPEARE ROCKS REHEARSAL YR5, 6&7 4:30-5:30PM

JUNE 17TH SHAKESPEARE ROCKS PERFORMANCE 5PM/7PM

JUNE 20TH DOWNLEY DAY DISPLAY - MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES - FINSH REHEARSAL AT 4PM

JUNE 26TH ARSTS AWARD ASSESSMENT

JUNE 27TH MUSICAL THEATRE SHOWCASE 12 NOON/3PM

JULY 6TH GOODNESS GRACIOUS REHEARSAL YR 8&9 5 :30 - 7:45PM

JULY 8TH LAMDA EXAM GROUP 4 - to be confirmed

JULY 10TH LAMDA EXAM GROUP 2 - to be confirmed

JULY 13TH GOODNESS GRACIOUS SHOW 6:30PM

JULY 15TH LAMDA EXAM GROUP 3 - to be confirmed

JULY 18TH BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

AUG 6TH OKLAHOMA THEATRE TRIP

SEP 1ST JOUVIE REHEARSAL YR 10 PLUS 10AM-4PM

SEP 5TH JUVIE YR 10 PLUS REHEARSAL 10AM - 1PM

SEP 8TH JUVIE YR 10 PERFORMANCE 7PM

SEP 12TH LEAP CLASS COMMENCE FOR AUTUMN TERM

SEP 13TH LAMDA EXAM GROUP 5 - to be confirmed