

## Wiltshire Schools Dance Festival – 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017



The Group, just before the Performance

On Tuesday afternoon, an excited group of twenty Year 4s, 5s and 6s set off for the Forum in Bath to take part in the hugely popular Wiltshire Schools Dance Festival. This year's theme was 'Dare to Dream' and the group, who are all part of the school's Dance and Drama Club, had been practising their dance since Christmas. It was a beautiful spiritual dance using the song 'Universal Child' by Annie Lennox. When they got there, the group had an opportunity to practise for the first time on the big stage and to have a look around the theatre which was amazing! That left plenty of time for a walk around Bath and a packed tea before the main event. On the night we were there, there were sixteen groups performing, including two impressive dance troupes from Maltravers! It was great to see all the dances, which were all so different. Over the course of the whole Festival, 46 schools have taken part and there have been more than a thousand children involved!

When it came to our turn to perform, many of the group were quite nervous but they performed magnificently in front of a massive audience who seemed entranced. At the end, all the schools went back on stage for a final bow. It was a fantastic experience which everyone enjoyed hugely despite the late night! (We did not get back to Warminster until 10:15am.) Special thanks go to our brilliant parent helpers, Mrs O'Driscoll, Mrs Yuill, Mrs Fayollat and Mrs Nash. Also many congratulations to Mrs Croker and the group for all their hard work! Official photos and a DVD will be available in due course and information about these will be given out as it becomes available.



Scenes from the Rehearsal