



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES TEMPLATE

Name of Activity / Club: Irish Dancing

Day: Monday
Wednesday

Time: 1.15
3.40

Room: T13
T13

Who is the Activity /Club for? All students, All years

Teacher(s) involved: Pamela Stokes

How many students are involved? Varies from week to week, approx 12-18

How do you publicise / recruit / inform students?

- At the beginning of the school year senior students inform junior students by visiting them class to class and informing them.
- Also Clubs and Socs was introduced this year for 1st year students where older students informed them of the club.
- There are also weekly announcements reminding students of when and where class will take place and also that new students are always welcome.

Describe the activities you do?

- Begin with stretching, followed by warm ups.
- Students are taught solo dances from basic steps to more difficult steps depending on their ability.
- Students are also taught a wide variety of group (figure) dances.
- While the main focus is Irish Dancing, I do use a variety of styles in routines, especially for shows throughout the year
- Students perform at the Christmas concert and during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Students are then encouraged to participate in local Irish Dancing competitions.
- For those students who show a great interest, they are given the opportunity to dance abroad (as part of my dance troupe outside school)

List the benefits for the students:

- Students learn many new skills
- Irish Dancing is the focus, but they also learn different forms of dance
- Students learn to work as part of a team in figure dancing
- Students also learn to teach/show other students steps etc., which develops independent learning
- Students gain confidence in performing in front of others
- Students participate in local competitions and travel abroad to compete

Highlights / Achievements of the group last year:

- 19 Students performed at the Christmas Concert
- All students involved in the Christmas concert went Ice-skating as a reward
- The group also performed many routines during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- 6th Year students (from my 6th year Rang Gaeilge) performed an excellent routine during Seachtain na Gaeilge
- Many students participate in local competitions on a monthly basis; students have won many prizes at these competitions.
- A small group of students went to London to compete and won many prizes
- Also 3 students danced in Lanzarote as part of a large group of dancers

Plans or developments you have in progress for 2010 / 2011:

- There are now two classes weekly rather than one
- The class on Monday is aimed at facilitating and giving senior students the opportunity to teach junior students
- New students are constantly being recruited, with announcements weekly and also with students visiting junior classes
- Existing students who have never danced before will learn a wide variety of dances, including those of more difficulty
- There is always a changing group of students who come and participate in the class which means plans, developments and progress can only be assessed and based on their individual ability
- Therefore a main focus for this year will be to try to maintain a high interest in student participation of Irish Dancing