

REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Sept-23 - Aug 24

October 2023 is a year since we have been running our project in our new home.

We were faced with challenges' but as stated in our last report running workshops in the Schools promoting F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players within our new community was the key, which proved to be a success. By doing so we got the opportunity to start classes at Montem Primary School in September, however we did not start the classes until October of 2023.

The Committee decision was to use September to do extra promotion within Montem School.

The classes at Montem School started off with 25 students, which quickly went up to 30 after the first week.

This was a great start, a breakthrough as this gave F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players the platform to open doors, meet new potential committee members, parents, students and their teachers' great asset in the learning process. When we moved to our new home we were struggling with numbers due to distance of travel with our former students in Upper Street.

Now we can proudly say we have a waiting list.

The students are multicultural which coincides with our project giving the chance to really explore, teach, learn and interacting with not only the children but also with their parents.

Learning about the different cultural activities and implementing these movements, music, songs, and poems within our classes: which is all about sharing, learning and working with other cultures.

Achievements

Our achievement this year through hard work, dedication and promotion went very well as our classes strive at Montem with the perfect age group, which helped with the development of attendance and growth in numbers at

the Old Fire Station. Congrats to all of F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players old and new comers for delivering a fantastic performance for the community. Our Showcase performance was held at Montem School that went down very well with the audience, as they sat and enjoyed the cultural mix.

Feed Back from Parents and Students;

Students report back that they are very happy with the development so far as they too can see the improvement and they enjoy working with the workshop leaders helping with promotion and working with F.L.A.M.E new intake of students.

Parents are extremely happy with their children input and enjoy the performance of their children and others. However the parents are still concern about the development of the parent's classes as the number has only risen by one, but they are still willing to continue promotion. The main concern Students and Parents have now is the **News "Closure of Montem School"** which we only recently found out about.

Overall Summary

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players have done extremely well throughout 2024 we had a target and we accomplish it which was getting back the numbers in our classes, getting to know the community we are working in.

There is still more work to be done, and challenges to face but we will pull through. The Closure of Montem School is a hard blow for us as we did a lot of work there within a short space of time, with the parent's aid, teachers, parents and students; some of our students there were "autistic" which was a new development that worked as all 5 were very focus, enjoyed the classes and performed in the show case. Plus one of our members has experience working with children who are autistic.

This closure has caused us a loss of students once again as most of the parents moved there children to Schools

out of borough although a few were able to get into local Schools.

After the Summer Holidays we will approach and build relationships with the other Schools, we have already been in contact with Pakemon School, who had already stressed interest in our classes from previous workshops.

Finance;

Report from Treasurer is our financial status is very poor as we only manage to secure a small grant from "Cripplegate"

However our fund raising went extremely well this year, which brought the Budget up a little. Decision was to take actionable steps meeting with the trustees and chair, which had a positive outcome of agreement to a reduced fee all round as everyone was willing to compromise with our offer "Volunteer" extra time and F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players survive the year.

Development process: we now need to look at building a fundraiser group to concentrate solely on raising funds and sending out more application for funds.

F.L.A.M.E Young Theatre Players would like to thank all our workshops leaders, coordinator, volunteers, administrator,

Parents and Committee members for always giving their utmost support to the Project; the children/young people who show interest and collaborate in making this project happen.

A Special thanks to all the parents who helped with fundraising.

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