

BRIGHT IDEAS THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD



YOU'RE HIRED Tim Campbell, 2005 Apprentice winner and founder of The Bright Ideas Trust met a group of young people who had submitted ideas to the Ideas That Can Change The World project. As part of Shine week these talented young people had the opportunity to seek advice about their idea from the very experienced entrepreneur. Tim is pictured with Sumiyia Taqui from Bradford.



"It's great to be supporting Shine week. The festival is an excellent way of harnessing and nurturing all talents in young people from the more traditional ones to things like cooking and sewing. It's a really good opportunity for schools to find a talent in every child, and to help young people realise their potential. It would have been great to have had the opportunity to participate in Shine when I was at school."

Konnie Huq, TV Presenter



MEETING KELLY

Youngsters from City Academy Bristol meet Dame Kelly Holmes at the launch of National School Sports Week in collaboration with Shine. Both events celebrate talent in young people encouraging them to be the best they can be.



Hooray for Bollywood

A BOLLYWOOD dance was just one part in a multicultural carnival by talented pupils in Coventry for Shine week.

Year 9 students at The Westwood School watched Hindi films to get a flavour for some of the traditional dances for their group performance.

The multicultural carnival which was held throughout the week was part of the national schools festival Shine.

The initiative, backed by the Prime Minister, aims to encourage young people to unlock their talents and share them with the rest of their school.

Year 9 student, Channiece Robinson, 14, spent a day with six of her peers to compile a dance to the song *Shakalaka Baby* from Bollywood-themed musical, *Bombay Dreams*.

The performing arts student said: "It was a different type of dance but we have all tried our best to perfect the moves.

"We had lots of help from teachers and practised at home and it's helped me expand my talent in dance further because I've never done this type of dance before."

Nicky Kennan, 14, said: "It was a bit hard to learn in the time we had and I do get stage fright as well but I feel that I have overcome that by having the chance to practise.

"While we rehearsed I was able to build my confidence - it would be good



EAST MEETS WEST Bollywood dancers and drummer, from left, Iltor Hawaskhan Hamdar, Hani Bisla, Sarwar Omer.

to have opportunities like this again."

Six students from year 9 acted out a song from *Blood Brothers*.

The 14-year-olds had to play seven-year-old scousers but jumped at the chance to perform.

Max Stuart, 14, who danced to one of the verses of the song said: "I really love to act so when I heard I could take part I was so excited.

"We only had two weeks to rehearse but being with my friends has made it really enjoyable.

"When we acted it out for our teach-

ers they were able to give us improvements on how to look more childish.

"Acting means you can be whoever you want to be."

Stef Jones, who teaches BTEC performing arts at the school, said: "The students have all been dedicated and I can't fault any of them - I'm ecstatic.

"It's important all the children are encouraged to shine whatever their talent.

"They have really shone in their efforts and had such energy that they deserved to go through."

In the groove

PUPILS in Redcar got into the groove as part of Shine Week.

The nationwide event focuses on developing talent in young people.

Dance tutor Sam Keay, of Urban Kaos, taught a class of 160 youngsters at Redcar Community College.

The group are all due to start at the school in September, and the evening was designed as an introduction to the site and staff.

Organiser Keith Neeson said: "We always do something for prospective pupils and their parents, and this was a good way to link it with Shine week."

The school has specialist status as a visual and performing arts centre, and dance lessons are part of the curriculum.

Those already at the school used Shine week to prepare a special end of term variety show to celebrate breaking up for the summer holidays later this month.

Mr Neeson said: "We are always pleased to show our work, and Shine week offers schools a great chance to do that."

Twenty schools from Middlesbrough, Stockton and Redcar and Cleveland took part.

Unlocking talent

AYRESOME Primary School in Middlesbrough prides itself on being able to unlock the hidden talents of all its pupils.

Links with arts and sporting professionals means youngsters get to try, practise and excel in disciplines from music and dance to gymnastics and football. The arts are used to make the curriculum more appealing to youngsters.

The school saw the Shine Festival as the ideal opportunity to display the talents pupils have been working hard to develop.

The Shine Schools Festival aims to challenge the narrow perceptions of talent promoted on X-Factor type television shows.

More than one million children signed up nationally to put on a range of events spanning the arts, music, theatre sports and enterprise.

As part of the festival, Ayresome Primary, in Worcester Street, Middlesbrough, held an open day to show off activities including music, PE and ICT.

Emma Cooper, creative arts leader, said: "We thought Shine was a wonderful opportunity to promote what we are doing and celebrate the success and talents of the children."

NEXT YEAR SHINE DATES ANNOUNCED 6th-10th JULY 2009. SCHOOLS ARE ALREADY REGISTERING AT WWW.SHINEWEEK.CO.UK AND PLANNING FOR AN EVEN BIGGER FESTIVAL NEXT YEAR.

