22nd April 2019

CREATIVE DRAMA CLASS PRESENTATION TERM

Charlie's Friday 3.30pm Class

Dear Parents,

The emphasis of this term's class is quite different. The classes take the form of rehearsals for our open class presentation, where the students present short scenes, in costume. The parents are invited to these presentations, timings below, and the children are presented with a Centre Stage Certificate of participation & presentation. It is our aim for each student to show self-discipline required in rehearsal, self study & self motivation required through line learning outside of class, as well as aiming to develop greater focus and attention. These are very different skills to those being taught within our regular Creative Drama classes, where in terms 1 & 2 the work is process driven. In the very short time available, we will also aim towards building confidence and introduce basic performance skills.

Your Role - Very Important:

1.It is really important to help your child with any line learning they may need to do, as this is an area we cannot help them with. If they feel happy and confident with their words it will give them greater overall confidence in their presentation and make it an enjoyable experience for them.

2. Secondly, we would appreciate it, if your child could be as consistent in their attendance as possible, as poor attendance impacts both themselves and the rest of the group.

Our aim is for the students to feel as confident and happy as possible, so as to gain a positive and enjoyable experience from presenting to an audience. This can only happen with regular attendance and help with line learning – your job ☺ and confidence in knowing what they are doing - our job ☺. If students have to be absent please let us know before hand so we can make any necessary adjustments to the rehearsal structure.

Creative Drama

Usually, in our Creative Drama classes, our focus is on the process, rather than the outcome as we believe very strongly in the values gained from these process driven sessions. However, the Creative Drama structure does not lend itself to spectators & observation, as the value is in the experience rather than performance to others. In order for you to have an opportunity to see your children, we change our emphasis for a few weeks only, in term three, to present some of the stories and dramas we've been exploring in class over the year, this time using a script. Please see attached doc explaining what Creative drama is. Creative Drama is not performance drama – the skills we teach are very different, to those taught for performance. Therefore please don't expect the child who thrives in this confidence building, creative environment, to suddenly, or necessarily feel comfortable and shine when placed in front of an audience! ☺ Please also don't view this class presentation as a culmination of a whole years work, or as a demonstration of what happens within regular Creative Drama classes, or as a measure of your child's progress – your child's class report will reflect this. Please feel free to call and speak with your child's teacher any time, or make an appointment to see them regarding your child's progress. This presentation gives your child the chance to work towards something to show you in a low-key class presentation and allows them to share some of the stories we've enjoyed exploring creatively throughout the year.

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We only have a couple weeks to prepare for this presentation and to help make your child feel as comfortable and well prepared for being in front of an audience, please be as supportive as possible with line learning and attendance.

Your class's presentation will be upstairs in the Studio Theatre, level 3, on:

Friday 3.30pm Charlie – (F1530CP)

PRESENTATION - DAY / DATE: Friday 31.05.19

PRESENTATION TIME: 3.45pm

DRESS & TECH REHEARSAL - DAY / DATE**:** Friday 24.05.19

DRESS & TECH TIME: 3.30pm

We invite you to come along and see the class presentation, we would appreciate it, if you could arrive as promptly as possible and then wait in the waiting area until you are called up to the theatre. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email your teacher.

Best Wishes, The Centre Stage Team

Class Code **Friday 3.30pm Charlie – (F1530CP)**

Child's Name……

I understand that it is very important for my child to attend classes regularly, from now until the presentation date, in order to take part in the presentation.

My child is able to attend classes regularly from now until **Friday 31.05.19**

SIGNED……..

If you know now that your child will be away or your child will be unable to attend one of the classes, please let your teacher know what dates this will be and how many classes this will affect.

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