

FEARNHILL SCHOOL

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SCHOOL PLAY SPECIAL!

The week before half term saw our school production of **Oliver The Musical!** Two casts and four performances were a roaring success! Students performed brilliantly to audiences of parents and staff, as well as an auditorium filled with year 5 students from local primary and junior schools. Those watching the show were treated to well known favourites such as *Food Glorious Food*, *Consider Yourself* and *You've Got to Pick a Pocket or Two*, as well as beautifully coordinated dance numbers, all set in front of a back drop of Victorian London. Students acted with skill and enthusiasm, danced elegantly and sang beautifully, one staff member commented that it was better than the original.

Today's Fearnfile is a School Play Special, dedicated to showcasing the hard work of everyone that took part.



CAST

Oliver Twist Alfons Bannister / William Baldry Fagin Jenson Harris / Oscar Rasmussen The Artful Dodger Erin Jackson Bill Sikes Ryan Ellis / Antosz Moryn Nancy Lola-Rose Price / Nahlya Kilondu-Mbithi **Bet** Ella Bannister / Bruna Feio Mr Bumble Harry Fitts **Widow Corney** *Amy Powles / Colette Macbeth* Mr Brownlow William Kazer Mr Sowerberry Riley Mann / Frankie Reilly Mrs Sowerberry Camelia Swann / Nuqi Jackson **Charlotte** *Lilly Hare* Noah Claypole Skye Taylor Dr Grimwig Riley Mann Mrs Bedwin Colette Macbeth / Amy Powles Old Sally Lillith Cruise **Charley Bates** James Lunn





Workhouse Boys / Fagin's Gang Vesper Arbuthnott, William Baldry, Alfons Bannister, Amelie Boulstridge, Faith Bryl Orchard, Kaitlyn Carter, Michelle Danielle-Ebeye. Hope Davis, Logan Paris, Mia Erasmus, Evelyn Jones, Madison Maynard, Evie Miller, Eliana Nyatsambo, Olivia Page, Libby Penn, Eden Vagliviello, Lily Wesley. Enesmble Hamza Alhamwi, Ellie May Claydon, Sasha Hart, Ethan Sheffield.



CREATIVE TEAM

Director Mr Sheridan Musical Directors Mrs Landsman and Mr Marlow Set Design Mr Rainbow and Miss Bennett Choreographer Mrs Martin Lighting Mr Bill Page Costume, Props and Backstage Manager Ms Chilton

Backstage Team Clara Moran, Mitchell McCabe, Emily Lunn, Oscar O'Gara

SPECIAL THANKS

To Mr Reed, Mrs Mann, Ms Charter, Mrs Boulter, Mrs Rainbow, Mr Rayner, all the cast and you the audience!

































































































"As the lights fade on this year's performance, I want to express my gratitude to everyone who made this show possible. First and foremost, a huge thank you to our incredible cast and crew for their dedication and hard work. It is a huge privilege to work with dedicated young people to create a show of quality. Fearnhill's GCSE and Sixth Form drama students were absolutely terrific and worked incredibly hard, especially as we implemented dual casting for the first time this year. We had so much talent we had to split many of the lead roles to give more students a chance to experience their moment. It is also exciting to see so many Y7 students dedicating themselves to our school production.

I must make a special mention to Mr. Page, whose expert lighting brought our stage to life in ways that truly enhanced the magic of 'Oliver!' To the backstage and costume team, led by the resourceful Mrs. Chilton, your work behind the scenes ensured everything ran smoothly. My appreciation also goes to Mr. Rainbow, whose skill and craftsmanship brought our set to life. A big thank you to Ms. Bennett for her creative artwork, which added so much atmosphere to our production. And, of course, a thank you to Mrs. Martin for her choreography, bringing energy and elegance to our stage. Finally, we must also recognize the musical genius of Mrs. Landsman and Mr. Marlow, whose talent and devotion elevated the show to new heights this year.

To each and every person who played a part in making this show a success, thank you."

Mr M Sheridan, Lead Teacher Drama

"A massive thank you to all the parents, friends and family that came to support the students in Fearnhill's production of Oliver. It is so important for the students to have a friendly face in the audience and see people cheering them on for all their hard work. It was lovely to have so many staff watch this year and the students really enjoyed spotting which teachers were in the audience each evening! Thanks to staff for your support with the show - it really does mean a lot to us.

Another big thank you must go to Mr Rainbow and Miss Bennett for the fantastic set design. It really made the whole thing come together having such incredible scenery to work with and the students enjoyed using it immensely.

I am so lucky to work with the talented team of Mr Sheridan, Mr Marlow, Mrs Martin and Ms Chilton (supported by ex teacher Mr Page on lights/sound) who all worked incredibly hard to put on this production. The standard was excellent from all the students as well and it will go down for me as one of my favourite productions I have done here in 8 years! We look forward to planning the next one already!"

Mrs H Landsman, Lead Teacher Music

"Congratulations on a fantastic performance of Oliver the Musical! You were all outstanding in your roles. Congratulations to our principals in both casts, you really did us proud. We would like to give a special thanks to our new year 7s, who took part in their first Fearnhill musical. We hope that you had a wonderful time being part of our school production and we look forward to having you all in future productions. I would also like to extend thanks to the backstage team lead by Mrs Chilton, the Art Department and Mr Rainbow for their set design, and Mr Page for the lighting, without you the show would not be possible. Thank you to Mrs Martin, Mrs Landsman and Mr Sheridan for their exceptional hard work since the start of the academic year. Well done everyone!"

Mr T Marlow, Teacher Music and Director of Post 16

"It's always a pleasure to work with all of those involved in the production. I'm so proud of every single one of you. Learning to act, sing and then dance at the same time isn't easy, but you all did such a fantastic job. Look forward to next years production!!!"

Mrs J Martin, Teacher Dance and Head of KS4

FEARNHILL SCHOOL presents Tues 11th, Wed 12th & Thur 13th Feb 2025 7pm Tickets available on School Gateway only. Adults £9 Family £28 Concession £6