

Reflections from some 3/4 students on the Performing Arts incursion by Indonesian dance group "Suara"

Central Idea: *"Dance allows us to explore the ways our bodies move and to communicate ideas".*

We had an amazing incursion all about Indonesian Culture. I really enjoyed the Indonesian dance with the masks. The story was about a lady wanting to marry a man but her father didn't want her to.

~Alec

What an "AWESOME" dancing incursion, from an Indonesian dance group!" There were two Indonesian women, who demonstrated their cultural identity through dance. They showed us their Sumatran, Balinese and Javanese tradition through dance.

~Rory

Some Indonesian dancers came to our school to demonstrate and teach some dancing. My favourite dance was one where they wore a white mask and a red mask. The dance told a story about a prince and his girlfriend. The king killed the girlfriend, and the prince went mad with grief.

~Edith

The incursion started off with a wonderful, exciting and passionate dance by one of the members in Suara (The Indonesian Dance Company) we learnt some Indonesian language like Bagus which means good job! And they taught the 34s a traditional welcoming dance. I learnt a lot about a new culture as well as having a great time!

~Emma

We had a dance company called Suara come in, they taught us many different dances from Indonesia including places like Bali, Sumatra and Java. My favourite part of the incursion was when I got to use the drum pants. It was great learning about different Indonesian dances!

~Jessie

Suara Indonesian Dance Company came for an incursion. They showed us their cultural language, costumes and dances; they showed us dances from Java, Bali and Sumatra. My favourite dance was the one with the masks, they had to bite a small piece of leather to hold the masks to their face, one of the masks was fire red and black with pop out eyes it was the scariest because the lady with the mask went up to me.

~Georgia

The Suara dance company came to my school and showed the 3/4s some dances from Bali, Java and Sumatra. My favourite was a dance using some drum pants. The pants had material in between the legs so when you hit it, it made a drum sound.

~Mataso

Suara Indonesian Dance Company is a group who demonstrate dance from cultures all over Indonesia such as Bali, Java and Sumatra. So as part of our Performing Arts inquiry Hilary brought them into KPS. They performed many dances from Bali, Sumatra and Java. My favourite dance was the mask dance featuring two very different emotions, one happy and joyful and another as red as a tomato expressing misery and grief. I liked it because it was entertaining but showing a story at the same time, they also kept the masks on by biting a small strap of leather inside. I also loved the drum pants where you wore some quite baggy pants with a big amount of material in between your legs to bang and make a drum noise. I loved the performances.

~Neve

We had a great incursion and it was all about Java, Bali, and Sumatra dances and their culture it was more than amazing! It was amazing great and fantastic all at the same time, I liked the mask dance and the Bali dance, that would of taken a long time to get that perfect! They showed us the drum pants they were cool! ~Molly

