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Dear Y6 Parents/Carers,

As we enter our last half term and our focus shifts from academic assessments to creative performance, we wanted to update you regarding Dance Umbrella and our end-of-term production. You will appreciate that Covid has regrettably presented limitations. However we have tried our very best to provide opportunities for the children within these restrictions to avoid disappointment.

The children did not have the opportunity to perform in the annual Dance Umbrella in Bath so we took the decision to invest a chunk of our Sports Fund on professional choreographer Michelle, who coordinates this event, to work with our Y6 to create a varied performance which showcases their considerable talents and collaborative creativity. Likewise, although we are unable to do our usual full-blown Y5/6 musical, we have recruited Mr. French as in previous years to be our musical director. We are hoping, once the next announcements are made, that the children will be able to do a 'live' performance for you. We are fortunate that as there are only 21 Year 6 pupils, if restrictions require social distancing, every pupil could still have parents watching their performance, safely spaced. We have booked a theatre for the performance in order that the children experience a performance on a large stage, as they would have done at Dance Umbrella. We had intended to keep this quiet for longer rather than disappoint the children if restrictions are not lifted however several parents seem to be asking so we have taken the decision to divulge this at this stage.

In order to stage a successful full-blown musical, we would have had to merge Year 5 and 6 which currently we are not doing indoors, owing to Covid. There are guidelines around singing safely which additionally complicate matters.

The performance:

We are preparing a two-part performance. Part 1 will be Dance Umbrella, followed by an interval, then Part 2 will be the bespoke Year 6 production.

Dance Umbrella:

Relaying World War 2 through dance, movement and poetry.

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Production:

Dialogue, musical and dance numbers carefully woven together to give all children an opportunity to perform. Ideas have been shared and children encouraged to participate as fully as they feel comfortable doing.

We are doing our absolute best to provide Year 6 with as many 'rites of passage' as we can. They have all commented on how much they enjoyed SATS breakfast and the simple but fun trip to Victoria Park. In the planning stages are also a BBQ and sleepover.

More details to flow around dates, timings, costumes and arrangements.

If you are able to help with the following props, please contact us:

- Inflatable guitar
- Bon Jovi-style wigs
- Blonde(ish) bobbed wig
- Brown(ish) bobbed wig

We are excited....we hope you are, too!

Thank you for your support.

Karen Bazeley

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