

Melody Bear®

AT ZAPPHIRE SCHOOL OF DANCE

OUR NEW ADVENTURE

January 2021 Melody Bear® Joins Zapphire School of Dance in a brand new syllabus for children from as young as 18 months.

Inside your Props Bag

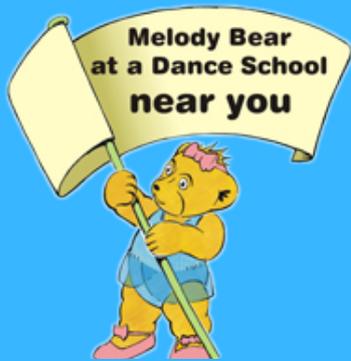
SOMETHING NEW

From January all our existing students at Zapphire taking a Melody Bear® classes with us will receive a free props bag!!

Inside your props bag will be everything you need for your class.

We will have a props bag ready for you on your first class back. Please make sure that all fees are up to date prior to collecting your props bag. .





Our New Adventure

In 2012 when I first set up Zapphire School of Dance, I created our first Creative Movement and Dinky Disco syllabus for our school, which later turned into Tutu Ballet.

Our successful Tutu Ballet and Dinky Disco classes have been running at our Studio in Earlswood for 8 years and at Trinity Oaks Primary School in Horley for just over 6 years.

The classes offer young children the chance to start their dancing experience using their imagination and unique style of dance whilst incorporating basic dance terminology and movements in Ballet, Modern and Street.

Throughout the years, I have welcomed new challenges to the school and updates to keep our classes fresh, exciting and new. I am extremely passionate about starting this new adventure and introducing you all to the wonderful world of Melody Bear®

Melody Movement Early Learning is a creative teaching curriculum of movement, dance, ballet, tap and modern dance for children age 18 months upwards, created by Jill Bridger, a member of the Royal Academy of Dance.

This exciting syllabus and award scheme motivates and inspires young dancers as they advance from Little Bear Feet classes to the Junior Ballet levels, allowing every child to achieve and shine.



Little Bear Feet

AGE 18-24 MONTHS

Little Bear Feet with Melody Bear classes are the perfect introduction to dance and movement for little boys and girls.

The joys of dancing and singing are shared together with Melody & Milligan Bear in their journey to Nursery Rhyme Land.

Delightful interpretations of traditional, familiar nursery rhymes, together with new music and songs, inspire children's natural zest for dance, movement and self expression. The use of props, mime, songs and rhymes enrich and charm the budding dancers as they take their first steps into the magical world of Melody Bear.

*“Listen along”
“Sing along”
“Dance along”
all with
Melody Bear*



Melody Movement

AGE 2-4 YEARS

Melody Movement introduces children to dance and movement using the natural actions of the body such as running, walking, jumping, hopping, skipping and galloping. It is structured to aid children's physical development, coordination, spatial awareness, sensory development, creativity and self-expression, working individually, with a partner, or as a group.

Melody Movement also introduces children to other fundamental curriculum learning skills such as counting, colour and shape recognition, vocabulary and language skills. The strength of the system is that learning is achieved through imaginative movement which is enjoyable and fun. Melody Movement provides every child with the opportunity to discover and fulfil their own potential whilst nurturing creative development.

“Melody Movement instils a love of dance making it a positive element of their early lives which stays with them. They learn from a young age how music, movement, dance and the imagination can be combined to tell a story and convey emotions.”



First Ballet

AGE 4-5 YEARS

First Ballet with Melody Bear is the follow-on syllabus to Melody Movement, introducing simple ballet techniques within the creative and nurturing environment of Melody Bear's world. The syllabus is recommended for children aged 4 to 5 years and in their first year of school. In addition to an exciting variety of set exercises, creativity is explored with dances based on fairy stories with Melody Bear dancing as Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Hansel and Gretel and the Tale of the Turnip. Additional fun themes include Melody Bear's Octopus dance, Sleeping Ballerinas, New Shoes, Water Lilies, Friends in a House, the Magic Pool, and the 'Surprise' with each theme focusing on a different movement skill.



Junior Ballet

AGE 6- 8 YEARS

The Junior Ballet syllabus teaches children the basics of ballet and dance. In addition to simple barre and imaginative centre practice ideas, the syllabus has creative themes such as: the Weeping Willow Fairy dance, the Magic Shawl dance, Phoenix from the Fire, and the Woodland Ball with the wicked witch as our uninvited guest!

Children are also introduced to the music of ballets such as Swan Lake, Giselle and Coppélia. Children collect ballet vocabulary stickers in their Junior Ballet dictionary and work towards Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3 badges. The vocabulary includes the French ballet terms, names of ballets and musical terms.

Children learn exercises at the barre and in the centre from this creative syllabus, achieving high levels of Ballet techniques and terminology in the Ballet Genre.

Children will still take assessments and receive awards for all their hard work in class..



Ballet Classique

AGE 8 YEARS AND OVER

Ballet Classique is a fun and exciting programme providing young dancers with opportunities to learn more about the world of ballet and dance, reinforce ballet vocabulary, study theatre craft and explore how art, sculpture, shape and form, nature and literature can be used as creative stimuli for dance and movement.

To celebrate students' achievements there are a total of six Ballet Classique medals to work towards. To receive the award, students gain five Ballet Classique merit stamps by completing five study challenges in one school term. The scheme is an opportunity for our students in addition to their level ballet grades.



Tip Toe Tap & Groovy Moves

Tip Tap Toe & Groovy Moves is a combined modern and tap syllabus for pre-school children aged 2 to 4 years. The class plan is a journey on Melody Bear's Fun Bus stopping at the Games Stop, the Musical Stop, the Rocket Stop to Planet Groove and more! Groovy Moves songs and exercises include a fun warm-up song 'Shake your leg and twist your hips', a counting song, the 'Star Stretch', musical games, ball dance and 'Make your Move on Planet Groove!' The final stop is Melody Bear's Tip Tap Toe stop for lots of fun tap dance ideas including the 'Boogie Woogie Bend and Bounce', 'Magic Shoes', 'Disco Bears', 'Hawaiian Tap', 'Melody Bear's Cheerleading Song' and 'Line Dance' to name a few.

Students in the class can work towards their Tip Tap Toe & Groovy Moves bronze, silver and gold medals. Learning is fun with Melody Bear!

