Magpie Messages



This newsletter will keep you in the loop of everything happening at Magpie Dance and information about upcoming events for next term.

Autumn Term 2026

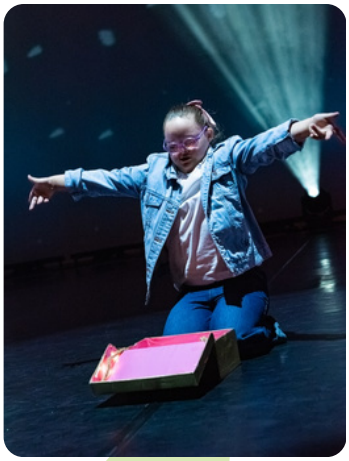
Last term...

On the 26th July, we celebrated the end of another fantastic academic year with our full company festival, **'Our Future'**!

Following our 40th anniversary celebrations last year, '**Our Future**' invited dancers, families, staff, volunteers and supporters to explore what the future might hold – both for Magpie Dance and for society as a whole. Our dancers not only taught **workshops** but also wowed everyone with their pieces in a sold-out **performance**.







Thank you for everyone's hardwork and dedication that made this event such a memorable success. The dancers' performances were nothing short of spectacular, showcasing the immense talent and creativity within our community.

We also want to extend a heartfelt thanks to our **staff, volunteers and supporters** who continue to champion the arts and help us create an inclusive and vibrant dance environment. Your contributions are invaluable, and we couldn't do it without you.

Check out the gallery **here!**

Last term...

On the 14th of May, our **Adult dancers** took class with **BalletBoyz** on the main stage of **Sadler's Wells** and stayed on to watch the 25th anniversary of their critically acclaimed debut production of **'Still Pointless'.**

Dancing alongside the **BalletBoyz,** our dancers learnt repertoire from the show. You might have been able to spot some **BalletBoyz** inspired moves in **'Our Future'.**





That's not the only time we crossed paths with **BalletBoyz** last term! Our **Thursday Adult Choreographers** have been working since January on creating content for **BalletBoyz's** online platform **MoovBank**. This is a platform containing dance phrases and creative tasks for school students aged 7–18 and our dancers have been hard at work choreographing and honing their teaching skills to be added to their online collection.

The footage is with the **BalletBoyz** editors now and we will let you know when you can take class from our dancers on this platform.





Last term...

On the 3rd of July, our **Wednesday Youth Dancers** were invited to perform at the **Youth Action Alliance** at **Cadogan Hall** in London. They performed their **'Our Future'** show piece **'You've Got a Friend Request'.** The group piece explores a future with more connections and friendships, developed through the tools of social media. Dancers look at using different social media outlets to facilitate finding and making new friends.



On the 21st of June, our **Wednesday and Saturday Youth Dancers** were inviting to perform at DanceBoxxx. They lit up the stage at **The Churchill Theatre** in Bromley, performing alongside other amazing local dance and performing arts groups.



On the 30th of March, our **Dancer Development Course (DDC)** dancers had the opportunity to professionally film their piece **'Human Not Statistic'** on the stage of **Langley Performing Arts Centre, Beckenham**. With videography by Captured by Lucas, the film will premiere later this year.

'I have a voice, but other people don't. We want to tell part of their stories. The law hasn't been protecting those who need it.'



Coming Up...



Here at Magpie Dance we are excited to announce our new **Chair of the Board of Trustees. Sarah-Jane Phillippo** brings both a personal connection to the charity's mission as a parent of a child with additional needs and practical experience from senior roles in business and then volunteering.

Sarah-Jane is a Trustee of the **Bromley Down Syndrome Support Group** where she has worked closely with the local authority and other organisations to develop education and support pathways, organise community events, and advocate for greater inclusion and education about Down Syndrome across the borough.

Professionally, Sarah-Jane holds a **Postgraduate Diploma in Management** from Wits Business School in South Africa and an **MA in English.**

She is passionate about challenging perceptions of what people with learning disabilities can achieve and is committed to the ethos, continued growth and success of Magpie Dance.

Events

- **Saturday 7th November** - Bromley Winter Community Hub Fair, Bromley URC
- **Sunday 21st November** – Bromley Disability Pride , Bromley
- **Tuesday 1st – Saturday 5th December** – Autumn term sharings.
- **Saturday 5th December - All dancers** – Magpie Dance Christmas Party
- **Thursday 17th December** – Trip to pantomime, Churchill Theatre, Bromley

There are still 4 tickets left for the panto this year! Contact Nikki at **nikki@magpiedance.org.uk** to purchase your ticket today.



Coming Up...

Save the date!



Save the date for the Magpie Dance Christmas part on **Saturday 5th December** at **Azelia Hall, Beckenham.** Join us for party games, music and fun! More information coming soon.

Easter School 2027

We are excited to announce the dates for Magpie Dance's **Easter School 2027!** We are running 3 Easter schools this year, for Junior, Youth and Adult Dancers.

When: 30th of March, 31st of March, 1st of April
Times: 10:00am to 3:30pm
Where: Orion Eden Park, Balmoral Ave, Beckenham BR3 3RD

Bookings will open in the new year.



VOLUNTEER WITH magpie DANCE

Are you confident, friendly and love to dance?

Do you have spare time to help us?

Magpie Dance is a small charity achieving big things! Based in Bromley, we deliver dance classes for people with learning disabilities of all ages. We are looking for volunteers to join our amazing team, gain valuable experience and have fun whilst making a difference.

Contact us at **info@magpiedance.org.uk** or **07470 449558** to find out more!





Fantastic Fundraisers

Over the summer holidays, **Qlic IT** held a company Bake Off Day in support of Magpie Dance. Thanks to the generosity of their team, they raised an amazing **£251!** Thank you to the whole team over at Qlic IT!

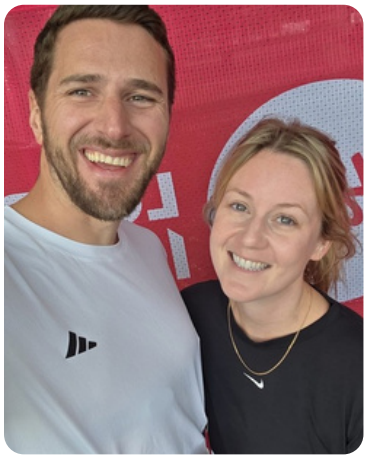


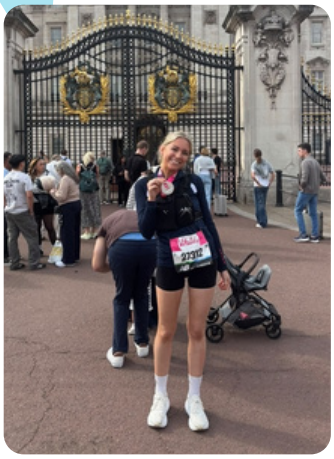
A big thank you to local company, **BABR** for organising and hosting a wonderful fundraiser for us earlier this year. It was a fun filled night with games, and a performance from our amazing dancers too. They raised nearly **£3,000** that night!

Thank you to **Paul Bailey** and everyone at **BABR** for organising such a wonderful event and for raising vital funds for Magpie Dance.

We were so proud to have some incredible runners taking on the **London Vitality 10,000** challenge in support of Magpie Dance. Every step they took helps us continue empowering people through dance. Thank you to our runners who absolutely SMASHED it!

Altogether they raised an amazing **£1,606** for Magpie Dance! If you feel inspired by our team of runners, perhaps you could participate in a future run? Please contact **Nikki** at **nikki@magpiedance.org.uk** if you'd like to sign up to the **London Vitality 2027** which takes place on **Sunday 26th September**. A great way to keep fit and raise money for Magpie Dance at the same time!





If you would like to see how you can help, click **HERE** to find out more!

Important Dates

2026

Autumn Term 2026
Saturday 19th September – Saturday 5th December
Half term (no classes): on or between Saturday 24th October – Saturday 31st October

2027

Spring Term 2027
Friday 8th January – Thursday 25th March
Half term (no classes): All classes off w/c 15th February

Summer Term 2027
Tuesday 27th April – Saturday 10th July
Half term (no classes): All classes off w/c 31st May

Thank you for all your support and enjoy the rest of this Autumn term!



We're excited to announce that our summer show 2027, 'ReFramed', will take place over the weekend of **Saturday 24th July (rehearsal day) and Sunday 25th July (show day)** at **Langley Performing Arts Centre, Beckenham.** Dancers must be available on both days if they would like to perform in the show. Please let **Laura-Ann** know if your dancer is available and would like to take part.

For **class and general enquiries,** please contact **Karis** at karisbarlow@magpiedance.org.uk or 07470449558

For **trips and summer show enquiries,** please contact **Laura-Ann** at l.whitlock@magpiedance.org.uk or 07597266717



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