

Drama class at Azbuka

Teaching Drama in the classroom introduces to children a world of magic, wonder, possibility and excitement Drama encourages children to speak and engage confidently in public, express themselves freely and to use their imaginations and creativity without judgement All of these are extremely useful transferable life skills far beyond the classroom setting.

The core of our classes is based around a wide variety of traditional and new drama games and exercises, beginning with warm up games ,in which the class is encouraged to both work together as a group-listening and responding-and to create a sense of trust and mutual respect. We use physical and vocal warm ups which are both challenging -and fun!- and allow everyone to feel included We then move on to games that focus more specifically on character, energy, teamwork, storytelling and familiarity.

Improvisation is key to encouraging spontaneity and creativity in drama and I aim to include improvising work every week-particularly as the children love it! It works well in both pairs and bigger groups and is a brilliant way for students to learn about not only thinking imaginatively, and to be 'in the moment', but to begin to approach stage craft-diction, projection, audibility and characterisation in performance.

We also work with short scripts which the students then perform to the group- the children really enjoy staging these themselves and often come up with extremely creative and funny ideas.

To summarise our Drama class will encourage-

- 1 Creativity and imagination
- 2 Confidence
- 3 Working as part of a team
- 4 Listening skills
- 5 English language and communication skills

We also hope the classes are good fun and are something the students really look forward to every week.