

Gig-Arts at Penhurst School

In our last issue we featured the dramatic Gig-Arts Show at the New Beaconsfield Hall in Shipton and promised to bring you news of the “giving” by Chipping Norton School.

Following a Gig-Arts Event on 10th December last year, students from Chipping Norton School visited Penhurst - a school for children with profound and multiple learning difficulties. They



performed a specially prepared show and met and chatted with the children.

So Much Fun!

Tom McAllister, a student at Chipping Norton School, had this to say after their visit,

“I thought Gig-Arts was really good! It was nerve wracking at first building up for the Gig-Arts Show. It was scary, fun, exhilarating! Now coming to Penhurst School, which is local is really good! I enjoyed chatting with the students there. It's taught me how to give back to other people who are more disadvantaged than me. This gives me confidence. I definitely recommend Gig-Arts!”

Another student, Kayleigh Clemons said,
“It's been so much fun! It's taught me more than I thought it would. I've learnt how to do an interview, be on the stage, and take a main part rather than hiding at the back. I'm now not embarrassed anymore.”

Sharon Clements, an IT co-ordinator at



Penhurst School said after the show,
“It's great that they came and met our kids. Our students at Penhurst loved seeing young people their own age. They just get such a positive buzz out of it - they really do.”

and Emma Beck, a teaching assistant said,
“It's absolutely fantastic! They had so much confidence doing their show and sharing their talent within a completely different environment. They excelled themselves! I think our students would really enjoy giving at Gig-Arts!”

It's All About Giving Back

Giving back, is central to the Gig-Arts experience. It encourages participants to take responsibility and to take action. When young people give their time and talent to help the community there is a knock-on effect. Those who receive the kindness cannot fail to be touched by the experience and are inspired to follow the example of Gig-Arts' young leaders of tomorrow. For more information see www.gig-arts.com

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