

Kathak

November arrived with a buzzing energy

The school carried a different air and vibe as final rehearsals filled the corridors. Pupils were bursting with excitement and eagerly looking forward to their big performance day.

Watching them step onto the stage independently, find their positions, and perform Kathak by listening closely to the beat and the music felt surreal. It wasn't perfect, but that was the beauty of it! Some of our younger Year 1 pupils forgot their positions, but they still carried on with confidence, doing their steps independently. The pride they felt in themselves could be seen in their bright smiles. Our teachers and staff were equally proud of how far they had come. While some groups danced in perfect synchrony, others were still finding their rhythm. Every pupil learned to perform Kathak with growing confidence and joy.

On November 27, a small group of selected pupils from the one hundred and thirty three participants were chosen to perform at the closing ceremony. With just two days of practice, their performance turned out to be so beautiful and ethereal that the audience was left amazed. What touched everyone even more was the independence our children showed from walking onto the stage, to performing and then walking off the stage entirely on their own, without any teacher guiding them. The special guests of the evening appreciated the hard work, the discipline, and the confidence our pupils displayed, and how they represented the entire group of Kathak learners with such grace.

Kathak added a magical touch to the evening, a moment we will all remember fondly. Below are some glimpses of those wonderful four days.



Year 1 waiting patiently for their cue to take the stage.



Year 2 tells a katha (story) through Kathak.



Year 3 in almost perfect unison, coordination and harmony.



Year 1 take the stage with confidence.



Year 3 enjoy the rhythm as they perform with energy, enthusiasm and self-assurance.