



'An Epic Adventure'

Set in ancient Greece, our story follows the people of Athens.

After years of discord and in a time of strife, they look to Zeus to help them fix their problems.

Zeus sends them on a quest to learn lessons from ancient Greek Gods and collect treasures from them on the way.

Will they complete their mission before the great volcano of Mount Olympus erupts?

And will they learn their lessons?



About REWIND

In a collaboration between Cheshire Dance and Theatre in the Quarter, 180 young people from across Blacon are celebrating the 10th anniversary of REWIND with its most ambitious production yet!

The REWIND project unites young people through the arts across Blacon in Chester. It is a collaboration of two non-profit organisations - Cheshire Dance and Theatre in the Quarter, that come together annually to create unique, high - quality arts experiences for the young people of Blacon.

This year's REWIND project has a group that meet after school, hosted at Dee Point Primary School, bringing together 50 children from across the five Blacon Primary schools to create a unique show that is written, choreographed and shaped by the ideas of the children.

They are developing new skills in singing, acting, dance and wider creative skills in an inclusive setting that aims to bring young people together from across an area.

We are also engaging a class group from each Primary School in Blacon, and a group from Blacon High School in the creation. Each school group are having eight weeks of dance sessions in school with 10 specialist artists from Cheshire Dance. Cheshire Dance are also providing support for the schools in developing dance and arts provision ahead of the exciting changes in National Curriculum that will see arts brought more front and centre.



**Blacon High School –
Welcome to Ancient Greece
With Dance Artist Emma Thomas**

Setting the scene, the Blacon High School dancers welcome you to Ancient Greece in a dark time, where the people are struggling and looking for help.

The dancers have explored ideas from many Greek Gods and Goddesses, using imagery from traditional Greek vases to create movement and imagery from battle.

Dancers: Amani A, Gabrielle B, Lily C, Eloise C T, Olivia D, Claire M, Violet R, Lola H, Hanna L.

Music: Assisns Creed – Odyssey, Legend of the Eagle Barer and Greek trap type beat – Athens.

Highfield Primary School

Poseidon

With Dance Artists Bettina Carpi and Liv Leah

Our dance is an exploration of the seas, the oceans and the life giving properties of water.

In our weekly dance sessions we experimented with moving in the sea, imagining the different living creatures deep on the ocean floor, as well as moving water...big and small waves, ripples, ebb and flow, swirls, eddies and floating in still waters, all commandeered by Poseidon, the Olympian God of the sea.

Dancers: Kaleb, Reece C, Tilly C, Oscar C, Brody C, Jake D, Arthur D Freddie Flewitt, Jonah G, Evelyn G, Toby , Louis H, Jack H, Gwynie-Rose, James K, Joey L, Alby M, Phoebe M, Charlie O, Amelia P R, Yuvraaj, Aurelia, Olivia S, Anakin S, Joseph S, Amelia T S, Jake Junior.

Music: Philip Glass: Aguas de Amazonia: Jaipura River

St Theresa's Catholic Primary School

Aphrodite

With Dance Artist Angela Fessi

From the foam of the ocean, Aphrodite rises — an ancient goddess of life, growth, and renewal. The dance begins with her awakening from the waves.

As Aphrodite stirs, the natural world begins to move with her - flowers bloom, plants reach upward, birds take flight, and creatures of land and sea emerge into life.

Throughout the piece, symbols closely linked to Aphrodite appear: the gentle dove, blooming roses, and seashells. Together they represent connection, care, kindness, and the quiet power of nature awakening and growing.

Dancers: Maya S F, Noah W, Alfie W, Mia H, Minnie S, Sienna B, Elyse Lucrezia, Connie – Mae, Connor K, Callum K, Adithi R, Carmena S, Skyie, Malek, Mazen, Elsie E, Hannah M S, Derru, Damien, Olivia – Rose H, Naya, Dolcie, Adam, Paige J.

Music: Mindfulness Oceanic Wave Sounds (Luvial Dreams); The Path (The Shaman Drum of Umbra); Mariage (From _La faute à fidel_) (Armand Amar)

The Arches Primary School

Artemis

With Dance Artists Lesya Tyminksa and Helen-Marie Wilson

The Year 3 dancers at The Arches present a performance inspired by Artemis, the Greek goddess of the forest and the wild. This piece explores the landscapes of Artemis' home, taking the audience on a journey into the woods where her strength and power exist amongst the creatures of the forest, the glow of the moon, and the beauty of the trees.

Reflecting on ideas of nature, strength and what makes you feel proud, we have woven together improvisation, choreography and characters.

Dancers: Owen A, Mason B, Esme B, Logan C, Miley C, Kyron, Harper C, Noah D, Michelle D, Ethan E, Joseph T, Raul-Marian, Bethany-Jayne, Abigail L, Alfie L, Jacob M, Caitlyn O, Arlo P M Jorgina, Joseph R, Betsy-Rae, Harmony, Bobbi-Grace, Issac W, Arabella W Marnie, Dotty W, Penelope W.

Music; Hidden orchestra — Spoken

JH Godwin Primary School

Hera

With Dance Artist Emma Thomas

The dancers from JH Godwin have been exploring Hera, the goddess of marriage, family and the stars and planet. They have explored her duality – the caring mother figure, that cares for families and her envious side, that is jealous of her husbands, Zeus' other women.

Dancers: Freya A, Leah C, Ocean , Logan F, Learnna, Archie H, Poppie H, Theo, Hilton, M, Filip, Jasmine O, Lily L, Holly P, Mila-May, Isaiah T, Bobby T, Harlow, Beorn, Ivie-Cath, Pippa W, Leeland, Lucy Y.

Music: Mother's love – Eitari Music and Envy – Slxughter



Dee Point Primary School

Hephaestus

With Dance Artists Cariad Morgan and Max Ashbrook

Inspired by the ancient Greek God of fire, volcanos, crafts and creativity. The children of Dee Point primary bring you...
Hephaestus!

From the sound scape to the movement you see, the group have worked together to create this vibrant piece of dance theatre. We hope you enjoy it!

Dancers: Hattie S, Jax, Alicja, Ella P, Alfie V, Leo R, Jacob R, Olivia T, Roscoe, Maia F, Jessi L, Lili G, Scarlett H, Molly-Rose J, Penny-Harper T, Lily M, Fraya M, Sonny S, Nieve B S, Julia J, Sophie R, Garcia-Diaz C, Azalea, Phoebe V, Hollie B, Reggie, Eddie, Daisy G J, Evie-Hope C, Hollie E, Leo J, Marta P.

Music: Pre Game Ritual by Music Beyond, 'A glimmer of hope - Torben Fugger

ABOUT THE ORGANISATIONS

Theatre in The Quarter is Chester's leading professional theatre company. Founded in 2005, it has quickly gained a reputation for original music theatre, engaging with professional actors, musicians, directors and designers, as well as numerous members of the community, of all ages and abilities.

Cheshire Dance is a dance charity that is heading towards its 50th year! It provides unique, creative and high-quality dance experience for those who may face barriers to accessing dance opportunities with care and community at its centre. This project forms part of their NEXUS programme that creates space for young people to connect with themselves, their ideas and others, through dance in the Chester area.

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Find out more at <https://nexusdance.uk>