



Buckingham Primary School

The Paralympian: James Morgan - Rower

The Artists: Signdance Collective,

David Bunting – Animator

Gary Thomas - Filmmaker

The Young People: Approximately 50 young people of mixed ages, abilities and needs

‘Seeing the performance during assembly was brilliant, they have come so far’ Teacher

The project began with a whole school assembly and interview process where the Paralympian and artists shared their stories and Signdance Collective performed their latest show ‘New Gold’.

Thinking of the origins of the Olympic Games, the children learnt the ancient Greek tale of Icarus who dreams of flying to the sun and against his father’s advice flies too close.

Driving Inspiration



A Creative Bucks project

At the very start of the project, the young people considered things that made them happy and things that motivated them to do well. Their ideas were made into drawings and interpreted in dances.

They then considered the story alongside the emotions of ambition and desire, the stories of Paralympians and their determination, hard journeys of life, what makes a winner and how negatives can be turned into positives.

With this they created a combined animation and dance in which they were all Icarus. In the dance and animation clouds become Olympic rings, nets, horses, tennis racquets...Icarus even has a fencing match with the sun before falling back to earth and into the ocean.

Filmmaker Gary Thomas worked for two days in the school recording activity and working with young people to produce mini-documentaries about their experiences.



