

# PM's Dance Club



## BATD Medallist Competition Report 2010

"Never again", I was telling myself. "Why are we doing it?!" Can we fit an extra practice in? (no way!) With one day to go to the competition I was having my usual last minute nerves. Of course I knew why we were doing it. It was because lots of the children who had taken part last year had been asking for ages when we were going again, and because I knew deep down that we would have a super day, no matter what the results.

And I was right. Sunday February 21st 2010 saw us in Warrington for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual BATD Medallist Competition, and we had a great day. For the last 9 years this has been a 3 way contest, but this year Stephen's Dance Club, also from Preston, weren't able to take part, leaving a head-to-head 'roses' contest between our club, from Preston in Lancashire, and Anne Taylor's school from Scarborough in Yorkshire. However, as always it was a very friendly rivalry.



*Happy Feet Team*

Unlike Anne's, we are not a large full time school and this is the only competition our children enter during the year. This year we were especially pleased that – except for our youngest Starlites and new boys groups – all but 2 of the children in the club took part. And they all did us proud. The children (and our team of assistants) danced their socks off. Their were some excellent individual performances, and our freestyle teams put in crowd-pleasing performances that, despite not taking the 1<sup>st</sup> place – which deservedly went to one of Anne's highly polished performances – were a credit to them and their choreographers.

As before all the schools were well supported by parents and friends who added to the atmosphere by cheering on the individuals and teams: I think many of the parents felt they'd danced every step with their children. All in all though it was an enjoyable day. Hopefully next year we will be able to welcome back Stephen's school. And if your school is considering taking part then I would certainly encourage you to do so. The children got a lot from the day, and it provides a useful focus between medal tests during the long winter term.

Finally, our thanks must go to all those who helped with the running of the event. As always, putting on an event such as this requires organisation and hard work, so thank you to Roy Sharpe and all the team responsible.

*Peter & Vivien Mounsey*

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