Superstar Kav-Man has simply Got To Dance

A MINI break-dancer is amazing audiences with his moves after appearing on a hit Sky TV show – and he is only five years old.

Kavan Stables – or Kav-Man – may be young but he bowled over the judges on Got To Dance with his streetdance routine and seamless break-dance tricks.

When aged three, the natural mover from Oxley Park stunned his mum Kaz Franks when he told her he could do a head spin and promptly turned an impressive 360 degrees.

Kaz said: "One day when he was about three he came rushing in and said 'Mummy I can do a head spin, I can do the splits' and I just said 'Oh yes' like you do but he then performed a perfect spin and did the splits, just as he said he could.

"From then on he has been dancing all the time – everywhere. It can be hard work but he just loves it."

Kavan is a self-taught dancer but his ability was honed when he started at Frantic UK in Wolverton, taking street and break-dancing classes and attending three regional under-eight street dance competitions, coming fourth, first and second.

BIG BREAK: Kavan Stables, alias Kav-Man

With his cheeky grin, Kavan looks younger than his years and his small size means he only wears clothes for three to four year olds, but his impressive dancing skills and big on-stage personality more than make up for his lack of stature.

He said: "I have danced since I was three years old and spend every waking second practising and making up my own dance routines.

"I am small for my age so people are always shocked when I can do my tricks."

Kavan made it into the top 120 acts of Got To Dance.

Last year he opened the ITV Born to Shine Roadshow with Diversity at Morrisons in Westcroft, after Kaz sent producers a clip of himself strutting his stuff.

Kavan now attends On Pointe dance studio in Oxley Park and is waiting to hear from Britain's Got Talent after getting through the first audition stage.

Still waiting for November's cash

NEWS IN BRIEF

Queen's Jubilee has roots in community

AN oak and 105 new coppice trees will be planted at allotments across Milton Keynes to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

The trees, donated by the Woodlands Trust, will be put up on February 18. If you're interested in volunteering to help put up the trees, visit the allotments off Newport Road, Woughton on the Green.

Disabled comedians set for stage debuts

IT'S time to laugh out loud at the third season of community project LOL!

Inter-Action MK runs the workshop sessions for disabled young people and will showcase their talents in March at stadium:mk. For more, visit www.interactionmk.org.uk

A PHOTOGRAPHER who sold books to Milton Keynes Council is still awaiting payment – three months after her invoice was sent in.

Following revelations in the Citizen last week regarding the council's late payment of 10 per cent of its invoices, Vicky Lamburn came forward explaining her plight.

After the library bought ten copies of her book 'Impression Milton Keynes', she said she billed the council for £150, but is still waiting to be paid despite submitting her invoice in November.

"I have yet to receive payment but I am supposedly due any day now – that's now two and a half months ago," she explained.

"I am waiting on a measly £150 but I can see how much damage this must do to local businesses whose livelihood depends on payment for services and goods that are of far higher value.

"The amount of money is small but important as it pays off the printing costs which are on credit and this bill has to be paid.

"I deal with Waterstone's and Bertrams, one a very well known large bookshop, one the largest book distributor in the UK – big companies.

"They always pay quickly and well within the payment terms. I have never had to chase.

"Had I not chased the council after 60 days, I doubt I would have even been in line to be paid."

The Citizen contacted the council for a statement on the matter but were unable to comment at the time of going to print. Visit www.miltonkeynes.co.uk for their statement when it is received.

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Kids celebrate year of dragon

CHINESE New Year is worth celebrating in style and youngsters at Stoke Goldington CE First School had roaring fun seeing in the Year of the Dragon.

The Busy Bees Foundation Stage children created their own colourful Chinese dragons as part of their home learning.

The only stipulation was that their awesome dragons had to fit through the school door when they were brought in.

LITTLE DRAGONS: Children at Stoke Goldington CofE First School celebrate Chinese New Year

Cutting the ribbon as new store opens

STAR status is being enjoyed by Holne Chase Primary School pupils after they officially opened a new store in Bletchley.

Youngsters at the school will be cutting the ribbon later this month at the £240,000 new look Co-operative food store on Newton Road.

Store manager Tracy Bianci is looking forward to the opening: "As a community retailer it is appropriate we involve the community in our special events and we are delighted our local primary school is playing a central role in the re-launch of our store."

Pet Week awards presented

A UNIQUE partnership is proving to be very enriching for animal-loving students.

The youngsters from Oxley Park Academy have joined up with Jaci Warrilow from Midsummer Veterinary Practice to learn about animals.

In the process they will be raising funds for the National Pet Month Association (NPM).

Last week Michael Belling from the NPM visited to thank those involved with a certificate.

And Jaci also gave students and staff a much welcome cheque for £200.

Jaci, who works with pupils during Enrichment Wednesdays, said: "Our message of responsible pet care is one that the community as a whole are recognising."

Jaci has also won a Chamber of Commerce award for 'Business supporting the local community' as a result of all her work with the school.

Dawn Poizat, Curriculum Enrichment Manager at Oxley Park Academy, said: "We currently link up with several businesses for our Curriculum Enrichment Wednesday programme where we run some 20 clubs and activities"

She added: "We are extremely proud of our relationship with Midsummer Veterinary Practice."

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Kids provide warm blankets for cold snap

AS the cold snap continues, pupils at The Webber Independent School are doing their bit to keep others warm.

The school partnered with Age UK as part of their Donate a Blanket winter campaign to provide older people with extra warmth throughout the winter.

Pupils received an overwhelming response to the campaign, with a total of 50 blankets collected in 10 weeks.

Principal at The Webber Independent School, Sue Vig, said: "The children have worked incredibly hard to collect blankets for Age UK. We are very proud of them."

FIND A PENNY ON THE GROUND: The amazing penny trail

Every little penny helps

LOOKING after the pennies took on a new meaning for children at Long Meadow Primary School when they raised £293.41 last week.

The youngsters experienced just how true the statement 'every little helps' is as part of a special 'Money Day' organised by numeracy subject leader Cazz Colmer.

The children placed pennies they brought to school in a penny trail, covering over 385 metres by the end of the day.

The school council will now spend some of the money buying tinned vegetables, fruit, rice pudding and custard for the MK Food Bank and donate the rest to the Food Bank in a cheque.

World record attempt for bubble blowing children at Thinktank

TAKING part in the world's largest practical science lesson could be a way to get pupils bubbling with scientific vigour.

And breaking a Guinness World Records title in bubble-blowing is sure to capture their interest.

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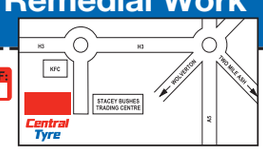

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