

# Artists in Residence

At Beech Hill We are fortunate enough to have 4 Artists in Residence who work with each year group, every Tuesday afternoon, throughout the school year. They provide high quality provision in the visual arts, music, dance and poetry. As well as promoting the arts as a career choice for our children, this also enables us to upskill our own teaching staff and assistants in house.

Read on to learn more about them!

# Winton Plowes

## Poet



My name is Winston and I am the resident poet for Beech Hill School. You might see me proudly wearing my badges of office including embroidered poe-tree tie, knitted medal of honour and special whistle with which I introduce all my classes. I am in school most weeks teaching year 1 through to year 6 where a Beech Hill pupil's creative writing journey ends in a special Poetry Quest. He or she gets the opportunity to perform in a show for the rest of the school. I like to make my lessons lively and engaging and we will often listen to music, examine works art, journey into the future or look back in time to inspire our writing. We write letters, solve crossword puzzles and allow our imaginations to flourish helping us discover new ways to present our words both individually and in groups. I also work with the school in other ways as a poetry doctor, by going on school trips and taking part in other special events. Over recent years my relationship with the school community and the work we do together has developed to the extent that it is now the most rewarding and valuable part of my work as a poet. When I'm in the classroom magical things often seem to happen and everyone has something important to say.

# Jamie Boylan

## Dance Artist



Jamie Boylan is a freelance dancer, teacher and choreographer based in Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire. With a PGCE in Primary Education, Jamie holds full QTS as well as Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy. He is a fully insured professional member of People Dancing and is experienced at delivering dance across a range of educational contexts.

Alongside the provision of dance education for schools, Jamie worked from 2014-2017 as a KS1 class teacher at Woodhouse Primary School and Stubbings Infant School.

From 2007-2013, he worked as a Lecturer in Technique, Choreography & Contextual Studies at the University of Central Lancashire. Other teaching credits include: the Northern School of Contemporary Dance, the Northern Ballet School and the University of Chester. Jamie has a particular interest in the Laban/Bartenieff framework which, over the past ten years, has become integral to his artistic and pedagogic practice.

Jamie graduated in French & Drama (1st Class) from Royal Holloway University of London and trained in dance at the École Professionnelle Supérieure d'Enseignement de la Danse (Montpellier, France) and London Contemporary Dance School graduating with a BA(Hons) in 2005 and an MA by Research in 2010.

Working as a freelance dance artist, Jamie has worked with Scottish Youth Dance (Y-Dance), The National Centre for Dance of Scotland, Fife-Shed Inclusive Theatre Company and has performed with Aletta Collins Dance Company, Arty Physical Intelligence and the National Theatre of the Faroe Islands. During the period 2009-2011 Jamie toured solo performance, *Jumping Mouse!* within the UK including including a performance at The Place Theatre for *Resolution!* 2011. From 2012-2015, he collaborated and performed with Orphaned Limbs Collective and in 2015 collaborated with Yorkshire based folk duo, O'Hooley & Tidow to create a dance/music film *Just a Note* to celebrate their nomination for the BBC Folk Awards. Jamie continues to develop his artistic and educational practice through leading Arty-Physical.

Tony Bullock  
Visual Artist/Art Teacher



I have worked at Beech Hill since 2014 , first doing one off art days now I am happy to say I come every Tuesday and work with the young artists of every year group in Key Stage 1 and 2. I trained to be a teacher in Leeds in the 1990s and have taught for over 20 years around Yorkshire . 14 years ago, I started the job I have now Visual Arts Co-ordinator

In this job, I teach lots of young artist across the district on one off art days and weekly lessons in lots of artistic areas on lots of themes. I have always loved art from my first ever memories and now I am lucky enough to do it as a job and meet lots of great artists like you!

Lorraine Scholes

Music Teacher



Hi everyone. My name is Lorraine Scholes and I teach Music to all the fabulous children at Beech Hill.

I have been a Music teacher for over 24 years now. I remember being at school and my teacher asking me what I would like to be when I grow up. I fulfilled my ambition, and now I travel round to lots of different schools teaching music. Sometimes I am teaching instrumental lessons and other times teaching the Music curriculum. I absolutely love my job and all the children I teach. All the lovely people I get to meet as I travel from school to school is a bonus too.

Music is my vocation in life.