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Young dancers to help homeless

A DANCE school in Royal Wootton Bassett is getting all of its students ready for a big performance on Saturday.

Pupils from NSTdance will be dancing at the town's Memorial Hall from 10am to raise money to help

The event is free to attend but donations are appreciated

Charlotte Black set up the dance school in September.
One of her pupils, Chloe Lewis,

came up with the idea for the fundraiser

Charlotte said: "Before Christmas, Chloe said they would like to do something for people living on the streets

"Key Stage 2 students will dance

non-stop for two hours and the Key Stage 1 pupils will dance for one

"I'm looking forward to seeing

what they come up with.

"They're all raising money with sponsorship forms, then they'll buy essentials and put them in shoeboxes which Swindon Helping Hands will give to the homeless.







■ Troy Douglas with Calvin Francis, above. Joshua Phillips with Jessie O'Reilley, above left. Phebe Giles with Big Kris, left

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THREE young Swindon dancers scooped an armful of trophies at the Wiltshire Street Dance

at the Wittshire Street Dance Championships.

Around 450 dancers performed to an audience of more than 1,000 in the championships, organised by the United Dance Organisation, at the Oasis in Swindon's

tion, at the Oasis in Swindon's North Star.
Troy Douglas, Joshua Phillips and Phebe Giles from Swindon's 2Step Dance Academy, run by Kayla Rejek, won awards in their Kayla Rejek, won awards in their solo categories and will now go forward to compete in the pres-tigious UDO European Cham-pionships in Germany and the World Championships 2018 in Clasgow

Glasgow.

Phebe came second in the under eights beginners category, Troy came first in the under 14s solo class and Joshua came sec-

ond in the under 14s beginners.

Kayla said: "It was a great atmosphere. The judges were very

Youngsters shine at championship event

engaging with the students and the whole day ran really smooth-ly. Our students thoroughly en-joyed the day and left feeling in-spired and very happy."

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The dancers were put under the spotlight by a judging panel of professional dancers including Big Kris from the dance crew Flawless who were runners-up in the 2009 Britain's Got Talent.

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The dancers showcased their
breakdancing, popping, locking
and waacking skills in various
dance categories.
Kayla started dancing at the
age of four, training in tap,
freestyle, ballet, jazz, performing arts and hip-hop and street
dance.

She studied at the Sylvia Young Theatre School in London and went on to appear at Sadlers

Wells, Her Majesty's Theatre and the Royal Albert Hall along with seasons in Disneyland Califor-nia and Disneyland Paris. She was also a Hammerette for West Ham football team.

Kayla became a dance teacher with Camp America in 2013, coaching and choreographing students from seven to 15 yearsold. The following year she set up 2Step Dance Academy in Swin-don and her teachers include Swindon's own Banxy, who takes the intermediate street dance class

class.

Banxy has appeared on many television shows and music videos including George Michael's Spinning Wheel.

For more details of the Swindon dance academy visit www.2stepdanceacademy.com