

Prince's Trust is helping Julie get feet moving at new dance academy



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A DANCE teacher has been given the chance to set up her very own academy, thanks to the Prince's Trust.

Julie Latham, who has danced in shows at Disneyland Paris and Sadler's Wells Theatre in London, was thrilled to discover that she was eligible for help from the Prince's Trust Enterprise scheme to set up a dance school at Murray Park School in Mickleover.



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Julie Latham with five young dancers, from left, Mia Marsden, six, Gabriela Moyer, five, Lucy Wiggins, four, Alexandra Bradley, four and Tilly Wiggins, six. To buy a copy of this image, go to www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk and click 'photos'.

Miss Latham said her new venture, Beat Feet Academy of Dance, which will offer classes to youngsters, was "incredibly exciting".

The 25-year-old, of Brisbane Road, said: "Being given the chance to be self-employed is great. You get so much freedom.

"I think dance is a really excellent way to give young children confidence and is a great environment for them to make new friends.

"It improves their co-ordination and cognitive skills and you can see a big difference in children who have been dancing for a while."

Miss Latham said she hoped to one day be able to offer classes to adults as well. She said: "If there's enough demand for adult classes I would definitely think about offering classes.

"I taught Zumba at Murray Park School for around a year and they've been really helpful with my venture. One day it would be great to have an academy which offers classes to a whole range of ages."

Beat Feet officially opens on Saturday, April 13, following a launch party next Saturday, April 6, which anyone can attend.

The party at Murray Park from 2pm to 3.30pm will give people the chance to meet Miss Latham and view the academy's facilities. Everyone who attends will receive a free class pass.

The academy will also be running an Easter holiday club for children aged four to 12 on Wednesday and Thursday, April 10 and 11, , from 9.30am to 3pm. Children can to try a variety of dance styles and there will also be games, Easter activities and crafts.

To book a place on the Easter holiday club, call Miss Latham on 07840 447024. Places cost £20 with a 25% sibling discount and a 50% discount for a third sibling.

Read more: <http://www.thisisderbyshire.co.uk/Prince-s-Trust-helping-Julie-feet-moving-new/story-18563430-detail/story.html#ixzz2P7s1ocwc>

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