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The pleasure of performing in front of their parents

MORE than 110 children from the Karen Hollebon School of Dance played to two packed houses at Oakmeads Community College in the school's first-ever dance showcase.

The event was planned to celebrate the school's second anniversary and was an opportunity for nearly 600

family and friends to see all the children who attend the fast-growing school perform on stage in costumes, with make-up and under lights.

Twenty dances were choreographed by Karen giving all the children a chance to participate in a variety of group dances, duets and solos. From the

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youngest at just three years old to the eldest, all the children thoroughly enjoyed the day with enthusiastic curtain calls concluding both performances.

Karen said: "There were

a number of highlights during each performance but above all it was a pleasure to see so many children, many of whom had not had the opportunity to perform in public before, enjoying the whole experience and relishing the applause of the audience.

"The showcase was a

huge success and a fantastic experience for all the children. Parents and friends provided great support backstage as well as selling out two performances. It was a day that we will all remember in years to come."

The School is now busy preparing for entries to the East Grinstead and Brighton

competitive dance festivals and examinations later in the summer term. Planning is also underway to offer additional classes in the autumn term to cope with the growing number of children keen to learn dance at the school and a new website has been launched at www.khschoolofdance.com