

There's no place like  
VHPS

THE  
WIZARD  
OF OZ



**“Toto... I don’t  
think we’re in  
Kansas  
anymore.”**

Dorothy Gale





# Welcome

From the very beginning, this production has been about far more than just songs and scripts. It's been a journey of teamwork, transformation, and trust — and like the characters who travel the Yellow Brick Road, our children have grown in confidence, character, and courage with every rehearsal.

Since the start of the year, they've thrown themselves into this challenge with passion and perseverance. Some have discovered hidden talents; others have stepped outside their comfort zones for the first time. All have learned the value of working together toward a shared goal — and the magic that comes when everyone plays their part.

It's been a joy to watch this cast and crew create something so special. Whether rehearsing lines, crafting props, managing lighting cues, or offering encouragement backstage, each child has contributed to what you're about to see tonight.

We hope this production reminds you — as it has reminded us — that imagination, kindness, and a little bit of bravery can take you far

So, as the curtain rises, let yourself be carried away to Oz. Thank you for supporting our young performers — we couldn't be prouder of them.

**Ben Rothwell**  
Headteacher



# VISIT



# MUNCHKINLAND



# Thank you

Dear Parents, Families, and Friends,

Bringing *The Wizard of Oz* to life has been a whirlwind — full of colour, courage, creativity, and the kind of magic only children can conjure.

From early rehearsals to final curtain call, our cast and crew have poured heart and soul into every step. It's been a joy to watch them grow — not just as performers, but as collaborators and problem-solvers. They've embraced challenge, shown resilience, and discovered the power of working together.

The Wizard of Oz reminds us that the strength we seek is often already within us, and that the people beside us matter most.

To that end, a heartfelt thank you to the irrepressible Ms Isabel — a true force of nature, whose humour, bravery, resilience, and high standards helped shape this production. And to Ms Jade and Ms Millie — thank you for your tireless dedication and belief in what this could become.

To our VHPS parents, thank you for your support — for buying tickets and cheering us on. Your encouragement brings this show to life and helps us leave a lasting legacy, opening the door for more children to experience high-quality performing arts at VHPS.

It's been a privilege to direct this show, and I couldn't be prouder of what our children have created.

**Mollie Palmer**  
Director



**“It's Funny, But  
I Feel As If I've  
Known You All  
The Time”**

Dorothy Gale



# Thank you

This production has been a whirlwind of sparkle, sweat, and so much heart. From the first read-through to the final bow, the children have amazed us with their resilience, humour, and determination to get it right. I've loved every chaotic, brilliant minute of it — and I'm beyond proud of what they've achieved.

**Isabel Gilbert**

Assistant Director



Watching our children step into the world of Oz has been pure magic. Every rehearsal brought moments of laughter, learning, and real growth — not just in performance, but in confidence and collaboration. I'm so proud of every child who took a risk, tried something new, or supported someone else along the way. It's been an unforgettable journey.

**Millie Jackson**

What a journey it's been! I've been blown away by the talent, creativity, and spirit our children have brought to this show. It's been a joy to help bring the story to life with them — and to see their confidence grow each day.

Their energy, focus, and passion have made this a truly special production.

**Jade Harper**



# Synopsis

## **ACT ONE – KANSAS**

On a quiet Kansas farm, young Dorothy Gale dreams of adventure beyond the prairie. When her dog Toto is threatened by the stern Miss Gulch, Dorothy runs away and meets a mysterious traveller, Professor Marvel, who urges her to return home. Just as she arrives back, a powerful tornado strikes, sweeping her and Toto into the sky.

## **ACT TWO – MUNCHKINLAND & THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD**

Dorothy lands in a magical land and is hailed a hero for accidentally defeating the Wicked Witch of the East. Glinda, the Good Witch, gives Dorothy a pair of enchanted ruby slippers and advises her to follow the Yellow Brick Road to find the Wizard of Oz. Along the way, Dorothy befriends a Scarecrow who longs for a brain, a Tin Man in search of a heart, and a Cowardly Lion desperate for courage. Together, they face strange creatures, mocking crows, enchanted forests, and the looming threat of the Wicked Witch of the West.

## **ACT THREE – THE EMERALD CITY**

The group reaches the Emerald City and is welcomed by its quirky citizens. To earn the Wizard's help, they are tasked with retrieving the Wicked Witch's broomstick. Determined, they set off toward the Witch's dark castle, unaware of the traps that await them.





# Synopsis

## **ACT FOUR – THE WITCH’S CASTLE**

Dorothy is captured by the Witch’s Flying Monkeys. With courage and teamwork, her friends sneak into the castle to rescue her. In the chaos, the Wicked Witch is accidentally melted by a splash of water, freeing the Monkeys and guards from her rule. Dorothy takes the broomstick and returns to the Wizard.

## **ACT FIVE – THE TRUTH & THE GOODBYES**

The Wizard is revealed to be an ordinary man, not a magical being. Yet he grants the Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion symbolic gifts that prove they had intelligence, heart, and bravery all along. Glinda then appears and tells Dorothy she has always had the power to return home—by clicking her heels and repeating, “There’s no place like home.”

## **ACT SIX – BACK IN KANSAS**

Dorothy wakes up back on the farm, surrounded by Aunt Em, Uncle Henry, and the farmhands. Though some believe it was just a dream, Dorothy knows the journey was real in her heart. She has learned a powerful lesson: there truly is no place like home.



# Cast



Edith



Max



Charlie



Salam



Myrah



Aurelia



Martim



Harper



Bethany



Sophia



Georgia



Amena

THE WIZARD OF OZ





Trixie



Safiya



Kaden



Adam



Seren



Scarlet



Nasser



Immy



Megan



Lilya



Zoya



Darcy



Kylie



Hattie



Adrianna



Orianna



# “Just Follow The Yellow Brick Road”

Glinda The Good

THE WIZARD OF OZ





Aria



Aditi



Amelia



Ayesha



Lina



Olivia



Abby



Imani



Phoebe



Sophia



Ava-grace



Isla



Ayla



Callah



Iyla-bleu



Antonella



**“I Am Oz, The  
Great And  
Powerful!”**

The Wizard of Oz

THE WIZARD OF OZ





Jennah



Hannah



Zara



Alana



Yasmine



Hudson



Joud



Yaseen



Marko



Finley



Maryam



Raffie



Nabil



Hugo



Charlie



Jemimah





Mikayla



Ayza



Naya



Sophia



Lina



Maryam



Jana



Leyla



Layla



Ema



Jeeda



Milana



Victoria



Alayah



Alba



Payton







Kenzie



Eleanor



Carmyn



Haya



Zahabiya



Maryam



Aiza



**THE WIZARD OF OZ**



# “The Wicked Witch Is Dead!

Munchkins



THE WIZARD OF OZ



# Student Helpers



Livinia



Zainab



Zara



Zahra



Laila



Heidi



# Thanks to



Fawas



Rijas



Vasudha



Amal



Parminder



Rahul



Ram Sharma



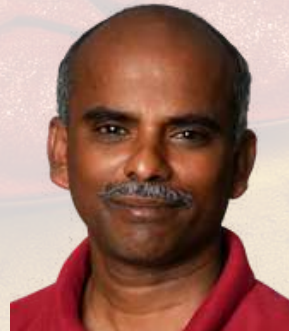
Reevanthu



Baljinder



Sant Lal



Karpaiyah



Khaled



# KWZ RADIO

THE WONDERFUL STATION!



HANK HARTLEY BETTY JANE

THE HEARTLAND  
SOUND



Mary-Rose



Punam



John



Vicky



Kirthana



Layan



Hayley



Clare



Haiza



Saba



Jeanine



Jasmine



VISIT



THE  
**EMERALD CITY**

**THE LAND OF OZ**

# Songs

## Somewhere Over The Rainbow

Somewhere over the rainbow  
Way up high  
There's a land that I heard of  
Once in a lullaby

Somewhere over the rainbow  
Skies are blue  
And the dreams that you dare to dream  
Really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops  
Away above the chimney tops  
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow  
Skies are blue  
And the dreams that you dare to dream  
Really do come true

Somewhere over the rainbow  
Bluebirds fly  
Birds fly over the rainbow  
Why, then, oh, why can't I?  
If happy little bluebirds fly  
Beyond the rainbow  
Why, oh, why can't I?





# Songs

## Ding! Dong! The Witch Is Dead!

Ding, dong!  
The Witch is dead.  
Which old Witch?  
The Wicked Witch!

Ding, dong!  
The Wicked Witch is dead.  
Wake up, sleepy head.  
Rub your eyes, get out of bed.

Wake up, the Wicked Witch is dead.  
She's gone where the goblins go-  
Below, below, below.  
Yo-ho, let's open up and sing and ring the bells out.

Ding, Dong!  
The merry-oh  
Sing it high, sing it low.  
Let them know  
The Wicked Witch is dead!



# Songs

## Follow The Yellow Brick Road

Follow the yellow brick road  
Follow the yellow brick road  
Follow follow follow follow  
Follow the yellow brick road (Okay!)  
Follow the yellow brick  
Follow the yellow brick  
Follow the yellow brick road

You're off to see the Wizard  
The wonderful Wizard of Oz  
You'll find he is a whiz of a wiz if ever a wiz there was  
If ever oh ever a wiz there was the Wizard of Oz is one because  
Because, because, because, because, because...  
Because of the wonderful things he does  
(Bye!)  
You're off to see the Wizard  
The wonderful Wizard of Oz!



# Songs

## If Only I Had A Brain

I could while away the hours  
Conferrin' with the flowers,  
Consulting with the rain;  
And my head I'd be a scratchin'  
While my thoughts are busy hatchin'  
If I only had a brain.  
I'd unravel ev'ry riddle for my  
Individdle  
In trouble or in pain  
With the thoughts that you'll be thinkin'  
You could be another Lincoln  
If you only had a brain.  
Oh, I, could tell you why  
The oceans near the shore  
I could think of things I'd never  
Thunk before,  
And then I'd sit down and think some more.  
I would not be just a muffin',  
My head all full of stuffin',  
My heart all full of pain;  
And perhaps I'd deserve you and be  
Even worthy even you  
If I only had a brain.



**WANTED**  
**WICKED WITCH**

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**FOR**  
**WICKEDNESS**

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# Songs

## If Only I Had A Heart

When a man's an empty kettle  
He should be on his mettle

And yet I'm torn apart  
Just because I'm presumin'  
That I could be a human  
If I only had a heart

I'd be tender, I'd be gentle  
And awful sentimental  
Regarding love and art  
I'd be friends with the sparrows  
And the boy that shoots the arrows

If I only had a heart  
Picture me a balcony  
Above a voice sings low

[DOROTHY] Wherefore art thou, Romeo?

[TIN MAN] I hear a beat, how sweet!

Just to register emotion, jealousy, devotion  
And really feel the part  
I could stay young and chipper  
And I'd lock it with a zipper...  
If I only had a heart



# Songs

## If Only I Had A Nerve

Yeh, it's sad, believe me, Missy  
When you're born to be a sissy  
Without the vim and verve  
But I could show my prowess  
Be a lion not a mouse  
If I only had the nerve

I'm afraid there's no denyin'  
I'm just a dandelion  
A fate I don't deserve  
But I could change my habits  
Never more be scared of rabbits  
If I only had the nerve!

Oh, I'd be in my stride  
A king down to the core  
I could roar the way I've never roared before  
And then I'd grrrr  
And roar some more

I'd show the dinosaur  
Who's king around the forest  
A king he better serve  
I'd be brave as a blizzard....



# Songs

## Defying Gravity

Something has changed within me  
Something is not the same  
I'm through with playing by  
The rules of someone else's game  
Too late for second-guessing  
Too late to go back to sleep  
It's time to trust my instincts  
Close my eyes and leap

It's time to try defying gravity  
I think I'll try defying gravity  
And you can't pull me down

Can't I make you understand  
You're having delusions of grandeur?

I'm through accepting limits  
'Cause someone says they're so  
Some things I cannot change  
But 'til I try, I'll never know  
Too long, I've been afraid of  
Losing love, I guess I've lost  
Well, if that's love  
It comes at much too high a cost  
I'd sooner buy defying gravity  
Kiss me goodbye, I'm defying gravity  
And you can't pull me down

It's me

So if you care to find me  
Look to the western sky  
As someone told me lately

"Everyone deserves the chance to fly"  
And if I'm flying solo  
At least, I'm flying free  
To those who'd ground me  
Take a message back from me

Tell them how I'm defying gravity  
I'm flying high, defying gravity  
And soon, I'll match them in renown

And nobody in all of Oz  
No wizard that there is or was  
Is ever gonna bring me down

I hope you're happy

Look at her! She's wicked!  
Kill her!

No one mourns the wicked  
(Bring me down)  
So we've got to bring her

Oh  
Down



# Songs

## Walking On Sunshine

I used to think maybe you loved me now  
baby I'm sure  
And I just can't wait till the day when you  
knock on my door  
Now everytime I go for the mailbox, gotta  
hold myself down  
'Cause I just can't wait till you write me  
you're coming around  
All: I'm walking on sunshine, wooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, woooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, woooh  
And don't it feel good!  
Hey, alright now  
And don't it feel good!  
Hey yeah

I used to think maybe you loved me, now I  
know that it's true  
And I don't want to spend my whole life, just  
waiting for you  
Now I don't want u back for the weekend  
Not back for a day, no no no  
I said baby I just want you back and I want  
you to stay  
Woah yeah!  
I'm walking on sunshine, wooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, woooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, woooh  
And don't it feel good!!  
Hey, alright now  
And don't it feel good!!  
Yeah, oh yeah  
And don't it feel good!!  
Walking on sunshine  
Walking on sunshine

I feel alive, I feel the love, I feel the love  
that's really real  
I feel alive, I feel the love, I feel the love  
that's really real  
I'm on sunshine baby oh, oh yeah  
I'm on sunshine baby oh  
All: I'm walking on sunshine, wooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, wooh  
I'm walking on sunshine, woooh  
And don't it feel good

Hey, alright now  
And don't it feel good  
I'll say it, say it, say it again now  
And don't it feel good!!  
Ohhhh, yeahhhh  
And don't it feel good

Now don't it, don't it, don't it, don't it,  
don't it, don't it feel good  
I'll say it, say it, say it again now  
And don't feel good  
Now don't it, don't it, don't it, don't it,  
don't it, don't it feel good

Tell me, tell me, tell me again now  
And don't it feel good  
Ohhhh, yeahhhh  
And don't it feel good  
Oh don't it feel good, don't it feel good  
Now don't it feel good?  
Oh yeah, oh yeah, oh yeah (Don't it feel  
good)





# Songs

## For Good

I'm limited  
Just look at me  
I'm limited  
And just look at you  
You can do all I couldn't do,

So now it's up to you  
For both of us  
Now it's up to you

I've heard it said that people come into our  
lives for a reason  
Bringing something we must learn  
And we are led to those who help us most to  
grow  
If we let them, and we help them in return  
Well, I don't know if I believe that's true  
But I know I'm who I am today because I  
knew you

Like a comet pulled from orbit as it passes a  
sun  
Like a stream that meets a boulder halfway  
through the wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the  
better?  
But because I knew you  
I have been changed for good

It well may be that we will never meet again  
in this lifetime  
So let me say before we part  
So much of me is made of what I learned  
from you  
You'll be with me like a handprint on my  
heart

And now whatever way our stories end  
I know you have rewritten mine by being  
my friend

Like a ship blown from its mooring by a  
wind off the sea  
Like a seed dropped by a skybird in a  
distant wood  
Who can say if I've been changed for the  
better  
But because I knew you  
Because I knew you

I have been changed for good  
And just to clear the air  
I ask forgiveness for the things I've done  
you blame me for

But then I guess we know there's blame to  
share

And none of it seems to matter anymore

Like a comet pulled from orbit (Like a  
ship blown from its mooring)  
As it passes a sun (By a wind off the sea)  
Like a stream that meets a boulder (Like a  
seed dropped by a bird)  
Halfway through the wood (In the wood)

Who can say if I've been changed for the  
better?  
I do believe I have been changed for the  
better

And because I knew you  
Because I knew you

Because I knew you  
I have been changed for good



# Songs

## Brave

You can be amazing  
You can turn a phrase into a weapon or a drug  
You can be the outcast  
Or be the backlash of somebody's lack of love  
Or you can start speaking up  
Nothing's gonna hurt you the way that words do

When they settle 'neath your skin  
Kept on the inside and no sunlight  
Sometimes a shadow wins  
But I wonder what would happen if you  
Say what you wanna say  
And let the words fall out  
Honestly I wanna see you be brave  
With what you want to say  
And let the words fall out

Honestly I wanna see you be brave  
I just wanna see you, I just wanna see you, I  
just wanna see you, I wanna see you be brave,  
I just wanna see you, I just wanna see you, I  
just wanna see you, I wanna see you be brave  
Everybody's been there, everybody's been  
stared down  
By the enemy  
Fallen for the fear and done some  
disappearing  
Bow down to the mighty  
But don't run, stop holding your tongue

Maybe there's a way out of the cage where  
you live  
Maybe one of these days you can let the light  
in  
Show me how big your brave is

Say what you wanna say  
And let the words fall out  
Honestly I wanna see you be brave  
With what you want to say  
And let the words fall out

Honestly I wanna see you be brave  
Innocence, your history of silence  
Won't do you any good  
Did you think it would?  
Let your words be anything but empty  
Why don't you tell them the truth?  
Say what you wanna say  
And let the words fall out  
Honestly I wanna see you be brave  
With what you want to say  
And let the words fall out  
Honestly I wanna see you be brave

I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I wanna see you be brave

I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
See you be brave

I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you  
I just wanna see you



# Songs

## One Short Day

One short day  
In the Emerald City  
One short day  
In the Emerald City  
One short day  
In the Emerald City  
One short day  
Full of so much to do  
Every way  
That you look in this city  
There's something exquisite  
You'll want to visit  
Before the day's through!

There are buildings tall as quoxwood trees  
Dress salons  
Libraries  
Palaces!  
Museums!  
A hundred strong  
There are wonders like I've never seen  
It's all grand  
And it's all green  
This is the place where we belong!

I wanna be, In this hoi polloi  
So I'll be back for good someday  
To make my life and make my way  
But for today, we'll wander and enjoy

One short day  
In the Emerald City  
One short day  
To have a lifetime of fun  
One short day  
And we're warning the city

Now that we're in here  
You'll know we've been here  
Before we are done!  
Who's the mage  
Whose major itinerary  
Is making all Oz merrier?  
Who's the sage  
Who sagely sailed in to save  
Our posteriors?

Whose enthuse for hot air ballooning  
Has all of oz honeymooning?  
Woo  
Wiz-n't he wonderful?  
(Our wonderful wizard!)

One short day  
In the Emerald City  
One short day  
To have a lifetime of fun

One short day  
What a way  
To be seeing the city  
Where so many roam to  
We'll call it home too  
And then, just like now  
We can say  
We're just two friends  
Two good friends  
Two best friends  
Sharing one wonderful

One short Day!





The curtain falls...  
but the **courage, joy, and magic**  
continue.

Thank you for being part of the journey.



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