

# Dance Accreditation for Primary Schools



A Royal Scottish Country Dance Society Programme

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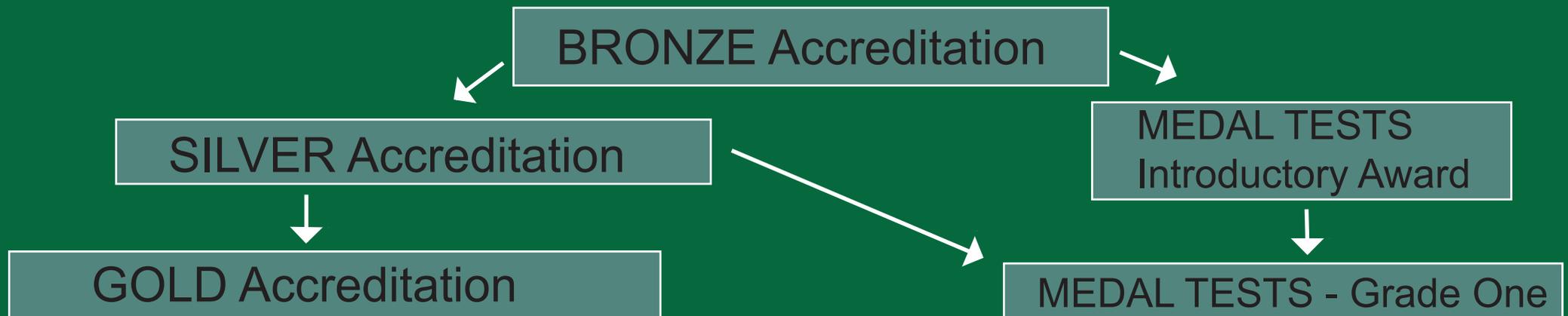
Most primary schools spend some time in the lead up to Christmas, St Andrew's Day or Burns Day teaching children to dance Scottish. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society has prepared a programme to reward schools for their efforts. It can be used in conjunction with 'Jigs & Reels'; a book of dances which includes 2 CDs and a DVD, and links in directly with the Curriculum for Excellence. Jigs & Reels is available to buy from [www.rscds.org/shop](http://www.rscds.org/shop).

There are a variety of routes that you, a teacher or head teacher can follow:

- Get someone from your local Scottish country dance group to come and teach the pupils either during the school day or after school.
- After 6 hours of dancing think of applying for Bronze Accreditation for your class or after school club.
- Once you have Bronze Accreditation keep dancing and move on to Silver Accreditation. Repeat this process as often as you want.
- Open the book 'Jigs & Reels', and have a look at the DVD and go for it.
- To go for Gold Accreditation the whole school must become involved and every child should have had the opportunity to dance Scottish country and/or ceilidh dances. If you are unsure that you have reached the level of Gold email Jim Stott or Anne McArthur at [accreditation@rscds.org](mailto:accreditation@rscds.org) and they will put you in touch with a member of the local Royal Scottish Country Dance Society branch to help.

Case studies of schools that have achieved accreditation can be found on the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society website: [www.bit.ly/RSCDSaccreditation](http://www.bit.ly/RSCDSaccreditation)

- If your school class or after school club has achieved their bronze and silver accreditation but dancing is not part of the school's curriculum you may wish to follow the route of medal tests which are long established in the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society. Information can be received directly from the website [www.rscds.org](http://www.rscds.org)



# Accreditation Programme

## Objectives:

- to encourage schools to dance at festivals and social gatherings
- to encourage Scottish country dancing in primary schools
- to reward schools for their commitment to Scottish country dancing
- to enable teachers to commit to Scottish country dancing through CPD

## Learning Outcomes:

- to increase awareness of the importance of group participation
- to increase awareness of how the activities involved develop physical and mental health
- to increase personal and interpersonal skills
- to increase pupil awareness of the history, heritage and culture of Scotland
- to increase communication, listening to instructions and showing understanding by responding
- to develop the outcome of the Curriculum for Excellence through building confident individuals, effective contributors, responsible citizens, successful learners

# Programme

The programme has three levels of accreditation:

- Bronze
- Silver
- Gold

## Bronze

### Objectives:

Schools/classes/groups have:

- a copy of 'Jigs & Reels'
- performed to an audience
- produced evidence of photographs

- received tuition in SCD for a block of at least 6 hours
- a basic understanding of SCD
- produced evidence of how SCD has been linked to Curriculum for Excellence

### Outcomes:

- school will receive a certificate - RSCDS Bronze Accredited
- pupils will receive a Bronze lapel badge

## Silver

### Objectives:

Member of school community:

- is the named person for Scottish country dancing
- has knowledge of the contents of 'Jigs & Reels'

Pupils have:

- performed to an audience
- produced evidence of how SCD has been linked to the Curriculum for Excellence

- has observed the teaching of Scottish country dancing

- produced evidence of pupils having experienced dances from the pack through video, photos or newspaper cuttings

### Outcomes:

- school will receive a certificate - RSCDS Silver Accredited
- pupils will receive a Silver lapel badge

## Gold

### Objectives:

School has:

- SCD embedded as part of the Curriculum for Excellence
- pupils who show a knowledge of steps, formations and a selection of dances from 'Jigs & Reels'

- produced a portfolio of evidence of SCD in the school - a video, photos, newspaper cuttings, drawings or evidence of links with Curriculum for Excellence

### Outcomes:

- school will receive a certificate - RSCDS Gold Accredited
- pupils will receive a Gold lapel badge