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Custard pie gangsters in sell-out show

A RECORD 150 pupils from Fairfield High School took part in the school's latest musical performance.

Two separate casts rehearsed and performed classic musical comedy *Bugsy Malone* at the Horfield school, which draws hundreds of pupils from Eastville, in March.

Best known from the 1970s movie with a child cast, *Bugsy Malone* tells the story of rival 1920s New York gangsters Fat Sam and Dandy Dan, whose mobs do battle with custard pies and the dreaded 'splurge gun', as nice guy Bugsy Malone finds himself caught in the crossfire – and the attentions of love rivals Blousey Brown and Tallulah.

Fairfield head of performing arts Natalie Thompson said: "The sell-out evenings exuded swift scene changes, strong acting performances, well-choreographed dance routines plus many humorous moments.



Principal members of the two Fairfield High School casts of *Bugsy Malone*. Picture: Gavin Power Photography

"A massive thank-you to our cast and crew for their professionalism, and all around brilliance for taking *Bugsy* on with such gusto.

"We were honoured to have 150 members of the Fairfield Family wanting to take part this

year, a new record!

"Finally, a big thank-you goes to all those who bought a ticket and helped *Bugsy Malone* come to life with their cheering and clapping."

During March the school's Feminist Society (Femsoe)

welcomed Bristol North West MP Darren Jones to deliver a workshop on public speaking as part of the school's International Women's Day celebrations.

Invitations to politicians from other parties are in the pipeline.