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JULY 2018

2017-2018

The last year has been very busy and productive for Dance Education Centre, below is a rundown of what we have achieved.

THE NUTCRACKER

We started the year with our auditions for The Nutcracker, we had such a difficult decision to cast all the parts, but we did it and straight away we began teaching the dances we had spent the summer choreographing. Yes we really were listening to Christmas songs in August! The Nutcracker show was a huge success and all the children looked as though they were having a great time on stage. Don't forget to download the DVD as it will be wiped from the system in December 2018. If you need reminding of the link, please email admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk.

FESTIVALS

We have also had success this year in Festivals and Competitions, if you have been following us on facebook, you will have seen that **Daphne** came 2nd with her Tap solo at **Croydon Dance festival** and has successfully qualified for the Regional Semi Finals in May 2019. This was the first time Daphne had performed her new solo and she is the first Dance Education Centre student to qualify, so it really is a fabulous achievement. We have also seen **Delilah** win the Novice Classical Cup at **Woking Dance Festival** as the adjudicator said she was a very promising dancer. We also saw 1st, 2nd and 3rd place medals in ballet for **Daphne, Caitlin and Tamsin** and a 2nd place medal for **Tamsin** in Modern. At **Slough Dance festival**, **Caitlin** came 3rd with her tap solo and **Hanna and Tamsin** came 4th in their new duet, **Caitlin** then came 2nd with her tap solo at **Croydon Festival**. **Tamsin** was competing at **Bournemouth Festival** which had very large sections and for her modern solo she came 4th out of 30 dancers. We also had new comers to festivals dancing in the open section in both Slough and Croydon, which is very difficult for your first festival, so well done to **Leah, Nina, Annie, Gabriella, Maddie, Olivia and Annabel**.

CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS

In April we competed in the very last Red Cross Dance Competition and won Best Visual Interpretation with our dance based on the work of the Red Cross. We had 7 of our Grade 5 Modern girls take part in the competition and they helped Miss Melanie and Miss Sam with the choreography of the dance.

At the end of April we had our Choreography Competition and Awards afternoon and what a fabulous celebration of talent it was! Jade Nunn very kindly adjudicated for us and was very impressed with the choreography

DATES 2018-2019

Autumn Term Begins

Sat 8th September 2018

Half Term

19th -28th Oct 2018

Last Day of Term

Sat 8th Dec 2018

Spring Term Begins

Sat 5th Jan 2019

Half Term

15th-24th Feb 2019

Last Day of Term

Sat 23rd Mar 2019

Summer Term Begins

Tues 23rd Apr 2019

Half Term

24th May - 2nd June 2019

Last Day of Term

Mon 8th Jul 2019

ISTD Exams

November 2018

Show 2019 Rehearsals

Sunday 24th Mar to Thursday
28th Mar 2019

At Rhoda McGaw Theatre,
Woking

Show 2019 Performances

Friday 29th March 2019
7.00pm

Saturday 30th March 2018
1.30pm and 6.30pm

At Rhoda McGaw Theatre,
Woking

ideas of the pupils that took part. It was also another chance for some of our festival pupils to show their dances to their peers.

Photos of our Choreography Competition and presentation afternoon are available on <http://photographybyjude.zenfolio.com/p601358022>
Password is DEC123

SUCCESSFUL AUDITIONS

Tamsin successfully auditions for Annie Junior with The British Theatre Academy and performed in Bracknell. Leah has also had a brilliant year, after appearing on The Voice Kids last year, she has also successfully auditioned for a part in Goodnight Mister Tom with The British Theatre Academy and has gained a place at Cub School for a part in Disney's The Lion King in the West End. Leah has now moved on to the next stage and is in with a chance of playing young Nala.

We finished off the school year with ISTD and IDTA exams and we are awaiting the results for all of those. As soon as we have them we will contact you over the summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERY PUPIL, WE ARE VERY PROUD OF EVERYTHING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED THIS YEAR.

2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

TIMETABLE CHANGES

St James School is building a new studio and we have been in negotiation with them to use the space. We are hoping to be able to move most of our classes to St James School from January 2019, however we are still waiting to hear when they will be starting the refurbishment, so that we can have two studio's running at the same time. For the Autumn term we will be adding a couple of classes, but from January 2019 we hope to add even more including Musical Theatre and Commercial Classes.

We have tried to make as few changes as possible to the timetable and most of the classes are at the same or similar times to last term. We have added new graded classes and we are also adding in some non syllabus classes through **Total Dance Technique** - a pioneering technique to achieve the highest levels in many dance genres. A full explanation of this technique can be found with this newsletter along with our fees, the timetable, our terms and conditions and an explanation of some of the class options.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Sam gained her Teaching qualification, she has an Associate for IDTA with Distinction and as such will be added to our faculty on a permanent basis.

RE-REGISTRATION

We have the new software up and running and the timing of this couldn't be better. Everyone needs to re-register for classes for Autumn Term, so if you are not returning, please drop a quick email to admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk and we will know not to expect you back. All the details we have for everyone will be deleted at the end of August, so we will not be able to contact you after that time.

To re-register please go to <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/danceeducationcentre>

The link can also be found on our website under registration. As this is new, please email admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk if there are any issues and **do not** pay any fees it may ask you to pay on registration.

UNIFORM

Most children now have our uniform, we have introduced our new jackets, leggings, shorts, vest tops and crop tops. All uniform is still available on our uniform website, but we are hoping to move it over to our parent portal on dancestudio-pro as soon as we can.

SHOW 2019

Please take note of the new Show dates for March 2019, they are now a week earlier than originally booked, which should make it easier for everyone hoping to go away for the Easter Break. We have moved back to the Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking and we will have rehearsals starting Sunday 24th March, with tech and dress rehearsals from Monday 25th March at the Theatre.

We would like to create a Parents Committee to help with the show and for new parents to have a contact to ask questions to, as it often can be daunting. We also require more parents to sign up to become chaperones and the courses will need to be booked from September to get the licence in time. If you are interested in becoming part of the Parents Committee or to become a chaperone, please contact admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk.

FESTIVALS

We are putting together an information pack for anyone interested in taking part in festivals and this will be available before the end of the summer break. We have managed to enter pupils for Hounslow, Kingston and Woking, we will be in contact with you to confirm your entries. We will also be inviting people to take part in future festivals and ask if anyone is interested, they should contact Miss Melanie on events@danceeducationcentre.co.uk

AND FINALLY...

Thank you so much for all your support over the last year, all the pupils are an absolute pleasure to teach and you - the parents - have been absolutely brilliant, we have really enjoyed the last year with you all. Have a lovely Summer break, enjoy time with your families and we look forward to seeing you in September for another very busy year.

Warmest Regards

Miss Amanda