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JULY 2019

2018-2019

Yet another very busy and productive year has come to an end at Dance Education Centre. In this newsletter, we reflect on some of our achievements and look forward to the year ahead.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND

We really need to start this newsletter to congratulate each and every person for their involvement in such a fantastic show. For us, the atmosphere back stage really did make it, it was so relaxed and all the children got on so well, we really didn't have any issues and all the chaperones and DBS checked helpers were at the heart of making it all run so smoothly. The performances by the children themselves were the best we have ever had and it is so lovely to be able to sit back and appreciate just how much progress they have all made in such a short space of time.

We will have our next show in April 2021 and we will use Rhoda McGaw theatre again. In the mean time we will ensure the children have as many performance opportunities as possible.

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

Whilst we are fairly new to the competition arena, we have seen a huge amount of progress made by our competitors in the last year. Our competition team is opened to EVERYONE at the school but they must attend the conditioning class and should also attend at least one ballet lesson a week. It is very tough at the Festival circuit and some of our team have had 40 children against them, which can be very daunting. We introduced a lot of new children to the festivals in January 2018 and you can see that by the end of their first year, they were all doing extremely well.

Hounslow Dance Festival October 2018

Gabby – 2nd with her tap solo
Leah – 2nd with her Singing Solo 87%

Kingston Dance Festival November 2018

Issy & Rebecca – 4th Place with their Song and Dance Duet

Woking Dance Festival January 2019

Tara – 3rd with her ballet solo
Issy & Rebecca – 4th Place with their Song and Dance Duet
Gabby - 2nd with her tap solo
Annabel – 1st for her tap solo
Leah – 4th for her Song and Dance Solo AND QUALIFIED FOR THE ALL ENGLAND SEMI FINAL

Star Struck February 2019

Tamsin & Hanna – 2nd with their Modern Duet
Livvy and Maddie – 3rd with their Modern Duet

Stars of Tomorrow February 2019

Nina – 3rd with her Ballet Solo

DATES 2019-2020

Autumn Term Begins

Mon 9th September 2019

Half Term

28th Oct – 3rd Nov 2019

Last Day of Term

Sat 7th Dec 2018

Spring Term Begins

Mon 6th Jan 2020

Half Term

15th-23rd Feb 2020

Last Day of Term

Sat 4th April 2020

Summer Term Begins

Mon 20th Apr 2020

Half Term

23rd -31st May 2020

Last Day of Term

Mon 6th Jul 2020

ISTD Tap, Modern & Ballet Exams

Sat 7th & Sun 8th December 2019

April 2020

June 2020

IDTA Exams

November 2019

Choreography Competition and Spelthorne Dance Competition

Sunday 24th November

Tara – 1st with her Ballet Solo
Leah – 1st with her Song and Dance Solo
Gabby - 1st with her Tap Solo
Annabel – 3rd with her Tap Solo
Maddie & Livvy – 1st with their Modern Duet
Annie & Gabby – 3rd with their Tap Duet
Tamsin & Hanna – 4th with their Tap Duet

Richmond Performing Arts Festival March 2019

Leah – 1st with her Singing Solo AND WON THE KIRKLAND CUP

It was great to see all of our of current competitive team win a medal at Stars of Tomorrow, it really does boost their confidence when they win, but sometimes the journey to get there is far more important and makes the winning mean so much more.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Some of our pupils performed at Norfolk House Care home in October 2018 and had a very appreciative audience. We also had a few perform at St James School Fair in July 2019. Thank you to those who were available for these performances, they were all so professional.

We would like to offer more opportunities for the children to perform during the academic year, if you know of any Old Peoples Homes or groups who would be interested in us performing, or know of any shows that are looking for dancers, please do let us know.

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

2019-2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

TIMETABLE CHANGES

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 also increased the class times for some due to the amount of work needed for the exam grade.

We have added some new classes which we are very excited about, an explanation for each is below:-

Mini Acrobatic Arts – For Age 3 to 6 years. This is a great class to teach your little ones the basics so they can go on to do Forward rolls, Hand stands, cartwheels, bridges and splits all safely and correctly.

Junior Conditioning – As promised, we have added the Junior conditioning class back into the timetable and this class is open to everyone from age 6-10 years and must be attended if your child would like to take part in competitions.

Grade 1 Modern and Ballet Combo – This class is suitable for children going into Year 1 to Year 3 and would like to try the Modern Grades. The combo classes mean that your child will learn the grade and also do some free work ballet to strengthen their technique. Whilst children often enjoy the Modern Grades, the technique does benefit from some basic ballet knowledge and we hope that by combining the two, children will be able to continue progressing in the Modern Grades and for those that don't enjoy the ballet grades then we feel this will be for you too.

Grade 2 Modern and Ballet Combo – The children who attended the Grade 2 modern class on Saturdays should continue with this class to learn the grade and strengthen their technique. If there is lack of pupils for the

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Grade 1 modern and ballet combo on Saturday then the timing of the grade 2 modern and Grade 1 tap exam classes will be brought forward to 11.30am.

If your child starts Reception in September then they will need to move to the Primary Ballet and Tap classes. There are a few classes to choose from and I would suggest that you sign up to the class you would prefer to attend ASAP to ensure you have a space as these are limited. Children who attended Primary last year will only move up if they are invited to take the exam or your teacher has requested they move up a grade.

ADULT TAP – We now have one advanced class on Monday for 1 hour and a beginners class on Thursdays for 3/4hr. If you were registered for the Intermediate Adult Tap on Mondays, please can you sign up for either the Thursday or Monday classes.

RE-REGISTRATION

We have updated Dance Studio Pro to reflect the new timetable and have re-registered children for any classes they were previously in, so please check they have classes assigned and if any are incorrect then email me if you can't make the changes. Children moving up to Primary and for any new classes you wish to attend, you will be required to add your child for the Autumn Term. If you are not returning, please drop a quick email to admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk and unsubscribe to our emails on Dance Studio-Pro.

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

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](https://dancestudio-pro.com) as soon as we can. For uniform requirements for next term, please pre-order by Monday 3rd September, we will then provide a few sizes to try on, on the first class back.

COMPETITIONS

We have put together an information sheet for anyone interested in taking part in festivals. Please sign up for Competitions via Dance-Studio Pro and we will be in contact with you over the summer to find out what your child would like to participate in.

We have our own **CHOREOGRAPHY COMPETITION** on Sunday 24th November and this will be combined with our first Novice Dance Competition which will be open to other dance schools (the Choreography Competition will be inhouse only) More Details in September.

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