

Susan Robinson School of Ballet

Newsletter September 2008

Dear Parents and Friends,

An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed their time, talent and dedication before, during and after our show, Ballet Variations. All the children were a credit and produced their best work. I was very touched by all the kind letters and I am delighted that we were able to donate £2075, of which £500 went to "our home", the Methodist Church, and the remainder divided equally between the Sam Beare Hospice and the Melanoma Society. Judith, Louise, Olivia and family have asked me to express their gratitude for the schools support of these causes and to thank everyone who so generously donated their time and money.

Royal Academy of Dance Vocational results were excellent with 100% success and are: - Intermediate Foundation – Distinction, Jessica Cook; Pass, Charlotte Jarman.
Intermediate – Distinction, Natalie Dodd, Camilla Foulger, Emma Riggs.
Merit, Amber-Louise Brooker, Sophie Morgan, Francesca Peplow.
Advanced 1 – Merit, Emily Carter, Emily Jarrett, Hannah Spooner.
Kimberley Thomson passed Grade7 with Distinction

Miss Lucie's ISTD Tap and Modern results were also excellent with again 100% success. 9 pupils passed with Grade A, 4 with grade B.

Congratulations to all pupils who took exams and special congratulations to Natalie Dodd and Emma Riggs who passed Grade 6 Tap with 93%.

I would like to applaud the following Advanced 2 ballet students for their academic achievements, proving dancers are not just a pair of pretty feet! Bravo girls.

Rosie Cain 5 Grade A's at AS level

Emily Bignell 6 A*'s, 3 A's and a B at GCSE

Becky Mc Veigh 4 A*'s, 6 A's at GCSE

Hannah Punter 11 A*'s, 2 A's at GCSE

Catherine Stanbrook 7 A's, 3 B's at GCSE

We participated in another two charity events, one in good weather and one in very wet weather. Pupils danced at Woodbank Summer Fair and helped to raise the money that provided special coaches for their summer outing. The other event, Open Day at Swan Lifeline on the Thames, was unfortunately washed out but our four cygnets, Camilla, Georgina, Lara and Reade had a photocall in tutu's and boots (!) with two beautiful rescue swans.

Congratulations to Camilla Foulger who was awarded the class prize in her age group at the Wells Summer School.

Another exciting opportunity for our pupils. The following students will dance with Northern Ballet Theatre in their production of the Nutcracker at the New Victoria Theatre, Woking from the 11th to 15th November.

In the party scene:-Imogen Alvares, Jessica Cook, Charlotte Evans, Skye Hester, Lauren Hurst, Olivia Leitch, Lara Lucano, Katie Valentine, Oliver Downey, Cameron Helsby and Oliver Wilkinson-Smith..

As mice:- Kerri Brown, Lilly Brown, Madeleine Bruff, Emily Dougans, Biana Grunert, Lucianne Jarrett, Emma Lewis, Hope Roberts, Bethany Wood, Lucy Wood.

I have been asked to be involved with the forth coming new Pre-Primary and Primary syllabus of the Royal Academy of Dance. Pupils were filmed in the holidays and we await the call to perform in London!

Many thanks to Dr Phillipa Woodward for running the coffee shop, the profits went towards the show rehearsal and performance refreshments for which the pupils were very grateful, the grapes being especially popular.

DATES Half Term 20th October-1st November inclusive. (2 weeks return 3rd November)

Last lesson 5th December (Tap and Modern terms as for Ballet)

RAD examinations 12th, 13th, 15th December. Mandatory coaching before and especially 11th December.

Tap and Modern examinations 7th December.

DeDe Roberts and Mark Leitch Awards Sunday 14th December , 2-6pm

Reminder –all fees should have been paid by the start of term. Many thanks to all those who did.

Please could you send current e-mail addresses to sradmin@tiscali.co.uk to enable update of records.

Miss Sue