

Susan Robinson School of Ballet Newsletter Spring 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the New Year and apologies for the delay in this terms newsletter but the ISTD examination results have only recently been received.

Royal Academy of Dance

Vocational results were excellent with 100% success and are :-

Advanced 1- Charlotte Evans, Distinction; Intermediate Foundation- Kerri Brown, Beth Connellan and Kirstin Konrad –Distinction and Elisabeth Reid –Merit. A special congratulation to Beth on her mark of 91%

Grade examination results were also excellent, again with 100% success, 70 pupils passing with Distinction and 30 with Merit. Particular congratulations to the following:-

Natalie Dodd, Sophie Lewis 100% Grade 7; Lara Lucano 99% Grade8; Beth Connellan 96% Grade6; Katie Valentine 95% Grade5; Annabel Pickering 94% Grade1; Alexander Lewis, Amelia Silk 94% Primary; Charlotte Evans 93% Grade8; Jessica Cook 93% Grade 6; Summer Gregory-Taylor 93% Primary; Olivia Mackie 92% Grade 6; Kirstin Konrad and Elisabeth Reid 91% Grade6; Rosalind Helsby 91% Grade1; Hope Roberts 90% Grade5; Niamh Robinson 90% Grade3 and Abigail Helsby 90% Grade 1.

Miss Helen's ISTD Tap and Modern

Over the two sessions excellent results were obtained with again 100% success, 23 girls passing with grade A and 7 with grade B. Special congratulations to Amy Charlton 93% Grade 3 Tap; Lara Lucano 91% Grade 6 Modern; Jessica Cook 91% Grade 5 Modern and Julia Guy 90% Grade 5 Modern. Bravo to all exam candidates.

Outstanding results were also obtained in the various festivals with Lara Lucano winning the Richmond Upon Thames Festival Young Dancer of the Year. She will receive her cup and cash prize and perform before the Mayor in Richmond in May. Annabel Pearce received a special commendation. Congratulations to both girls and also to Charlotte Evans, Saori Okuno and Hannah Punter who were also amongst the eleven finalists in a final which the adjudicator said was of a very high standard indeed. The school also won the Teachers Cup for the highest aggregate marks at both Kingston and Richmond Festivals.

A lovely afternoon was enjoyed at the end of term when the Dee Dee Roberts Memorial Award was presented to Jennifer Leighton and the Mark Leitch Classical Award to Emma Riggs. I would like to thank Dr Phillipa Woodward and Mrs Pelita Lucano for the lovely feast and state categorically it was not fixed when Niamh Robinson pulled out my ticket for the first prize in the raffle!!

Some of our pupils have been involved with various community events, dancing in the Epworth Choir Christmas Concert and helping to raise £777.50 for charity, taking part in the Byfleet Pantomime, in which Helen Imison, Sophie Lewis and Hannah Rogers took leading roles and several other pupils danced, and recently dancing for the residents of Woodbank Home for the Elderly. One gentleman resident said to me "Thank you for bringing such joy into our lives".

Sophie Lewis performed her winning solo at the Mermaid Theatre as part of the RAD Members Conference and Annabel Pickering and Oliver Wilkinson-Smith demonstrated some of the new syllabus work

DATES End of Spring Term Saturday 28th March. Start of Summer Term Monday 20th April
Half Term Monday 25th May – Saturday 30th May inclusive
End of Summer Term Monday 6th July. Provisional RAD exams 17th/18th July

Reminder – fees should have been paid by the start of term. Many thanks to all those who did. Please could you send any changes of home address, phone numbers, e mail address or classes attended to sradmin@tiscali.co.uk to enable update of records. Thank You
Miss Sue