

## Newsletter Summer 2010

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to what promises to be an eventful and exciting term.

The following lucky pupils have been selected to perform with the world famous Bolshoi Ballet Company at The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden in July and August. Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Lilly Brown, Emma Hunter, Olivia Leitch, Rebecca Mabin, Hope Roberts and Katie Valentine.

Pupils have participated in two very successful Dance Festivals, Richmond upon Thames and Farnborough and Aldershot. Natalie Dodd, Hannah Punter, Emma Riggs, Katie Rogers and Georgina Woodward were among the 10 finalists in the Young Dancer of the Year Competition at Richmond, which Katie Rogers won. She received her cup and monetary prize from the Mayor of Richmond at the Festival Gala. Lara Lucano was awarded the most promising senior by the adjudicator and Lauren Hurst the most promising junior.

Some of our pupils gave up part of their holiday to dance at Farnborough and Aldershot with a great deal of success. The following obtained places to dance in the semi finals next year. Imogen Alvares (who won 6 of the sections she danced in), Kerri Brown, Amy Charlton, Oliver Downey, Camilla Foulger, Olivia Leitch, Emma Lewis, Sophie Lewis, Lara Lucano, Cameron Helsby, Rebecca Mabin, Annabel and Harrison Pickering, Emma Riggs, Niamh Robinson, Katie Rogers, Amelia Silk, Oliver Wilkinson-Smith, Lucy Wood, and Georgina Woodward. Miss Jodie's Modern Group also qualified and were awarded the cup for the best choreography. Special congratulations to Sophie Lewis who was awarded 90 marks for her ballet solo, Georgina Woodward and Katie Rogers who also got 90 for their ballet duet, as did Lara Lucano, Georgina Woodward and Katie Rogers for their ballet trio. Emma Lewis was awarded the most promising dancer over all age groups.

Well done to everyone.

We shall be saying farewell at the end of term to Natalie Dodd who has been offered a place at Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance and to Saori Okuno who has been awarded a scholarship to the Lisbon Ballet Academy. We wish them all the best for their future.

We said goodbye to Miss Kate at the end of last term and wish her all the best in her new career as a Pilates teacher. We are delighted to welcome home Miss Elaine who has very kindly managed her very busy schedule to take over the popular Jazz Classes which are now held on a Thursday.

As well as piloting the new children's work for The Royal Academy of Dance I have been appointed to learn and teach the new Vocational Intermediate Foundation and Intermediate work to be unveiled in January of next year.

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## Examination Results

### Royal Academy of Dance

Exceptional results were obtained in the Easter session.

32 pupils took Grade examinations, 31 passing with Distinction and 1 with Merit.

The 90 club were:

Amelia Silk, Grade 2 – 95%, Cameron Helsby Grade 5 – 93%, Hannah Mc Millan Grade 2 – 91% and Oliver Downey Grade 5 – 91%.

They were topped by Katie Rogers who was awarded 100% for her Grade 8 exam.

13 pupils took the new Primary in Dance exam, 6 obtaining gold medals and 7 silver.

8 young pupils were awarded the Class Award for Pre-Primary in Dance.

Vocational Examinations:

Intermediate Foundation; Hope Roberts and Katie Valentine, Distinction.

Intermediate; Beth Connellan and Elisabeth Reid, Merit.

Advanced 1: Camilla Foulger, Francesca Peplow, Emma Riggs, Merit.

### ISTD Tap and Modern Results

Congratulations to Miss Helen and her pupils for their excellent results.

Grade examinations 13 Grade A's, 11 Grade B's and one Grade C

Amy Charlton and Olivia Leitch were both awarded 90 marks for their Grade 5 Tap

Vocational examinations 10 Grade A's, 2 Grade B's and 1 Grade C

Imogen Alvares was awarded 93 for her Intermediate Foundation Modern and Lara

Lucano 92 for her Intermediate Modern

Notices re show protocol will be issued to parents of all involved in due course. 4 Dance in Walton on Thames have kindly offered a discount on our smart regulation track suits. These are specifically ordered for the school and are an ideal way to clothe the dancers during the show period as they are warm and practical. You are under no obligation to purchase these, however it is lovely to have the children instantly identifiable as our dancers. If you would like to order one please contact 4 Dance by mid June.

### Dates

Half Term Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May–Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July inclusive

End of term Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July except Friday Classes 9<sup>th</sup> July and Saturday Classes 10<sup>th</sup> July.

School Show Rhoda McGaw Theatre Woking 28<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July with a Gala on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August when Nursery, Pre-Primary and Primary pupils also have a separate performance in the morning.

RAD Grade examinations – Provisionally 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July, otherwise in the following week. Please watch for a notice on the web site, [www.susanrobinsonballet.org.uk](http://www.susanrobinsonballet.org.uk)

Invoices should be settled BEFORE the start of term and posted or delivered to me at Arden Cottage. Please DO NOT hand in at lessons. Please add £5 per class to all payments made after term starts. The cost of classes has been held for a number of years now despite our hall hire having increased. It is therefore appreciated when accounts are settled promptly. Very many thanks to all who do pay on time. There have been an increasing number of cheques returned from banks as having insufficient funds to meet them. Please do not write cheques for fees if you do not have the funds in your account to support them as it causes embarrassment and is costly.

Please advise changes of details to [sradmin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sradmin@tiscali.co.uk).

Miss Sue