

SUMMER TERM 2020 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

We hope that your families have all been keeping safe and well during the past few months. Unfortunately due to the government COVID-19 advice and in line with other schools/after school activities, we had to break slightly early at the end of the Spring Term. Due to this we will be running an 11 week term instead of our usual 10 weeks during the Autumn Term. (Please see proposed term dates at the end of this newsletter).

Whilst we have been unable to teach in the studio, Miss Gretchen, Miss Jade and Miss Lara have been running online ballet classes via Zoom, with Miss Nicky (Tap/Modern/Jazz) and Miss Amanda (Musical Theatre.) The classes have been a great success and it has been wonderful for the teachers to see many of the children joining in these classes keeping their technique going until we are able to return to the studio. Please see end of the newsletter for special awards for these classes.

As many of you know our Bi-Annual Show Kaleidoscope was scheduled to take place from 16th – 18th April 2020 but unfortunately due to COVID-19 had to be postponed to April 2021. This of course was a bitter disappointment as so much hard work had gone into rehearsals/preparations from teachers, staff, students and parents but the Show has been rescheduled to 15th – 17th April 2021 and it will make next year's Show even more special than ever! The teachers would like to remind students that they just need to keep practising and keeping all the dances fresh in their minds!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that 2 students Emma Coates and Clara Ngo will be leaving SRSOB in the Summer, having both auditioned successfully to join leading vocational ballet schools. Emma will be joining English National Ballet School in London and Clara will be joining Central School of Ballet also in London. We are very proud of both girls who are hardworking, dedicated dancers and their success is so very well deserved. We will miss them at SRSOB but will definitely be keeping in touch to follow their progress!

Exam News!

In December we had 3 days of ballet exams ...30 Distinctions Gold Medal and 14 Merit Silver Medal... Well Done all!

The 90 club were....Lily Hardiman 93 Grade 6 and Ava Mantell 90 Grade 6

Vocational exam results were equally as pleasing...

Advanced 2 – Hannah People – Merit

Advanced 1 – Amy Campbell – Distinction

Intermediate – Millie Tones, Helena Vinall & Charlotte Mandeville – Distinction
Millie Eaton – Merit

Inter-Foundation - Ava Bungay, Lauren Gentry & Ava Mantell – Distinction
Katie Fegan, Anna Gleeson & Matilda Hardcastle - Merit

Miss Nicky also had Modern/Tap exams in December with students gaining excellent results and very high marks.. 37 Distinctions (11 pupils in the 90 club) and 2 Merits – congratulations to all!

Zoom Classes Awards

Miss Gretchen, Miss Jade and Miss Lara are delighted with how exceptionally well all of the students have coped with the challenges of online Ballet classes but wanted to award a special mention to the following students for their particular enthusiasm and effort in these classes. Each of the students below will receive a £10 gift voucher from 4dance.

Baby Class	Eden Tones
Junior	Niamh Cole
Inter	Lily Hardiman
Senior	Helena Jones

Miss Nicky also wanted to recognise some students in her classes also, they were:

Modern Winner	Celia Thompson
Modern Runner Up	Lexie Mann
Tap Winner	Anna Reeves
Tap Runners Up	Katie Fegan and Maisie Tones
Jazz Winner	Jersey Rose Gardner
Jazz Runner Up	Bella Clark

New Website!

Our brand new website will soon be in operation... thank you to Debbie Souter for her hard work in gathering the information together and our grateful thanks for the expertise of Amanda and Emily Dougans in designing and constructing the website. We hope that you will all find it a useful and informative guide to the School. We hope that the new website will be “live” in the next few weeks.

Up to date Contact Details

Just a reminder that we need to keep upto date contact details, this is to ensure that you are on the email distribution list and that we have upto date contact details for each student. Please let Pelita know asap of any changes of information to - sroballet.adm@gmail.com.

Autumn Term Dates

We will of course be following Government advice and will only be returning to the Studio as soon as it is safe to do so with any necessary safety procedures in place. We hope this will be possible in September and our planned term dates are:

Term Start : Saturday 12th September 2020

Half term: Saturday 24th October – Saturday 31st October 2020 inclusive

Term End : Saturday 5th December 2020

Provisional Date for RAD Exams : 10th, 11th and 12th December 2020

Thank you for your continued support of the school.

Miss Sue