

## NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been absolutely wonderful to have the students back in the studio and for us all to be enjoying getting back to normal after the uncertainty of the past year or so. The Principals and faculty would like to thank all the parents for their support and for those parents who offered to chaperone during these times....your help as always was much appreciated.

As it's been a little while since our last Newsletter we wanted to give you all a round up of recent events.....

In December we were able to put on our Show "Kaleidoscope", this Show had been postponed since March 2020 and so we were thrilled for it at last to go ahead. It was fantastic to see the students on stage again and for parents to once more watch their children....due to the wonderful support of everyone involved we were able to donate over £6000 to The Brain Tumour Charity, this charity is close to our hearts as the Show and the money raised was in memory of Miss Cathy's husband Tim Lewis.

At the end of the Spring Term we really pleased that we were able to reintroduce Parents' watching classes. For those parents who are new to the school, the last class of each term is usually parents watching class, this gives students and teachers the opportunity to show the work and the progress that has been made during the term.

At the beginning of April we had 2 days of RAD Ballet Exams and were delighted with the outstanding results achieved by the students, 16 High Distinctions, 18 Distinctions and 10 High Merits. The members of the 90 club were:

Primary - Jessica Noble 93  
Grade 4 - Lola Cole 91,  
Grade 7 Daisy Robins 95, Sophie Kok 94 & Eva Henderson 92  
Grade 8 Helena Vinall 91  
Vocational exams Advanced 1 - Jiah Kwon 92.

Congratulations to all the students, hard work and dedication pays off, we are very proud of everyone who took an exam.

The start of the Summer Term brought an exciting invitation for some of our students to take part in the Royal Academy of Dance Centenary Celebrations which had originally been due to take place in 2020. A small contingent of students travelled up to London for the day and had the immense privilege to dance in the beautiful surroundings of the Victoria and Albert Museum. They were also very lucky to have a photo taken with Dame Monica Mason, former ballerina and artistic director of the Royal Ballet.

Please see some of the lovely photos from the day on our website.

Half term brought a busy week for some of our students with Regional Finals in Portsmouth for the All England Dance Competition. We had some outstanding results with all of our groups going through to Finals and also many of our solos, duets, trios/quartets. As always, our students were a credit to our school. We look forward now with great excitement to the National Finals in High Wycombe in July.

During the term Edwina Farrow (our wardrobe mistress) has been running Pop up shop at the Byfleet Methodist Hall on various Saturday's which has proved to be an easy and convenient way for parents to order and buy SR uniform. She will be continuing this going forward (please see dates for the Autumn term at the end of this newsletter).

Please may we remind parents of the importance of students wearing the correct SR uniform with their hair neat and tidy in a ballet bun. Please contact Edwina with any uniform queries on 07714-536323 or by email at [weecandoitto@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:weecandoitto@yahoo.co.uk)

We are currently tweaking the timetable for the Tap/Modern classes so that Miss Charlotte and Miss Amanda are able to cover the full range of grades needed. As soon as this has been finalised an email will go out to all parents.

Pelita needs to keep up to date contact details of all students and so would be very grateful if you could please keep her updated of any change in phone numbers or addresses so that we have the current information on file.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your continued support.

Best wishes  
Miss Cathy, Miss Jade and Miss Lara

### **Dates for the Diary**

RAD Ballet Exams	14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Northern Ballet Nutcracker auditions	16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
Byfleet Parish Day (students will be performing)	16 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
All England Dance Finals	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2022

### **Autumn Term Dates**

Term starts	Monday 12th September 2022
Half Term:	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October – 29 <sup>th</sup> October inclusive (2 week)
Term ends:	Saturday 3rd December 2022

### **Pop-up Shop Dates**

Edwina will be running the Pop up shop from 9am – 3pm on the following days during the Autumn Term - 17<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> November (Christmas orders to be placed by 5<sup>th</sup> November)