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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM DATES –MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER –SAT 23rd OCTOBER 2010

As we come to the end of our 1st year of opening Excel Performing Arts, we can't help but reflect how far the school has come in such a short amount of time. Last year on the 14th September we nervously opened the doors to our 1st students and it has been a non-stop adventure ever since!

It has been such fun getting to know all the students and watching them grow with confidence and of course improving as dancers and actors.

Also thank you to parents who have offered us so much support over the last year. Your offers of help and encouragement are greatly appreciated. We now have over 140 students and with exciting new challenges ahead such as the school opening in Radlett, IDTA exams and of course our 1st show at the Sandpit Theatre, we can't wait for the year ahead!!

BALLET STUDENTS

Congratulations to the ballet students who took their Bronze Ballet medal on Saturday 19th June. They all rose to the challenge and danced beautifully in the exam. The examiner – Mrs Marilyn Spencer who is an experienced Ballet teacher and life member of the International Dance Teachers Association, commented on how high the standard was. I was very proud of them all and I feel that we are definitely ready to take our grade examinations with the IDTA next term. Also thank you to parents for the lovely supportive atmosphere on the day.

PERFORMANCE CLASS STUDENTS

Our Performance Class students made their debut on Sunday 20th June performing alongside Steven at 'Larks in the Park'. They gave a very professional performance and all the weeks of rehearsing paid off. The students went on to perform at St Bernadette's Summer Fete, Colney Heath's Fun Day and Bowmansgreen Summer Fair.

We hope that the students have enjoyed the process of learning intricate choreography and the experience of performing for lots of audiences.

The Performance class is open to any student over 8 years old and who is already doing a dance class with us. The places are limited to 15 in a class and are given out on a first come first served basis. The purpose of the Performance class is to have a group to represent Excel Performing Arts whenever we are asked to perform at an event.

Due to the amount of interest we have had from people wanting places, we will be setting up another Performance class in September on Saturdays. This is as well as the one that is already running so there will be 2 Performance classes learning 2 different repertoires. This will enable more children to be involved.

The Performance class is a very dedicated and committed class and because of the nature of it students need to make every effort to attend all lessons. Parents need to be aware that there may be added expenses towards costumes. Please check September's timetable of classes and if you would like to reserve a place, please let me know.

SHOW DATES

Thank you to everyone who completed the 'show week' slips. It is looking like we will be going ahead with Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th June 2011 for our show at the Sandpit Theatre. We will be setting up a show committee to help with the planning of it all so watch this space.....

FEES

Since we opened in September 2009, our fees have remained the same, however once a year we have to review this. We have had various increases in insurances, hall hire, bank charges, staff costs etc and we have no alternative other than to slightly increase our fees.

From September 2010 our fees will be:

30 minute class - £3.30

45 minute class - £4.40

60 minute class - £5.50

We will still offer a 5% discount if your child is doing 2 or more classes and we will also now extend that 5% discount if you have more than 1 child doing a class with us. We hope that you agree our fees are still very competitive with other performing arts schools.

NEW CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

We have some new classes on Saturday mornings starting in September such as Prep Ballet (4-6 years), Street /Jazz (5-7 years) and Drama & Singing (5-7 years). We also have a new Drama & Singing class starting on a Tuesday straight after the Jazz & Musical Theatre Dance class. Please see the timetable on the back of the new brochure or check times on the website. If you would like to book a place for any of these new classes please don't hesitate to contact me.

WEBSITE

Please keep checking our website www.excelperformingarts.co.uk as we are constantly updating it. Currently there are photos from the Ballet exam and of the Performance students' various performances.

FINALLY.....

We hope you enjoyed watching the last week of classes and that you all have a lovely restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing you again in the week beginning Monday 6th September for another exciting term!

Kind regards,
Sam Payton