



Bev-Lyn Dance

Bev-Lyn School of Dance Newsletter May 2018

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EXAMS COMING UP

Ballet exams are the 9th and 10th June. We highly recommend satin ballet shoes for the exam as they make the pointes look better. Dancerama are in this Saturday.

Due to next week being half-term we have only one more Monday. This makes the final 2 extra lessons on Saturdays all the more important.

Extra lessons may seem like an inconvenience sometimes, but they can make all the difference when it comes to the final performance and, therefore, final grade. I was explaining to the children it's like having two plants, one that you leave on it's own, and one that you water every day with miracle grow! I've asked them all to give themselves a good water by practicing lots at home over half-term.

We also now have dates for the Tap & Modern exams. These will be on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th July. A timetable will be posted on the noticeboard in due course.

DANCE SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

After 54 years, Bev-Lyn can look back on some pretty amazing times. However, the past twelve months have been hectic; even by our normal standards!

We opened our lovely studios, staged "Peter Pan", achieved some fantastic exam results, supported local schools in the Redruth Learning Group to inspire new dancers, started DDMIX with Darcey Bussell, Silver Swans with Angela Rippon and a toddler group "Dance To Your Own Tune". All of this on top of the usual Bev-Lyn busyness!

We have been encouraged to enter the annual Dance School of the Year competition. We have submitted our "bid" which included supporting evidence to the judges. We had some really lovely comments from pupils and parents and have put a copy of them in the foyer if you fancy a read. We'll keep you up to date on how we do.

BEN MEETS BALLET ROYALTY

Last month Ben Glover took a trip to The Royal Academy of Dance studios in Battersea to participate in the Project B Challenge. This is a project to encourage more boys to dance.

Ben had a brilliant day, taking class with Josh Tuifua who is a former soloist with the Royal Ballet. He then danced the solo he and Melissa choreographed, in front of an audience including judge Iain Mackay—Principal from the Royal Ballet.

Unknown to all the boys, Kevin O'Hare, Director of the Royal Ballet, was guest of honour, as one of the scholarship was donated in his name.

Although Ben did not win the RAD Summer School scholarship it was wonderful practice for auditions and competitions to come and really exciting and inspiring to be meeting such icons of the ballet world.



A FIRST AID REFRESHER

The studios hosted a Dance Republic first aid course recently. This was a training day for professional dancers and dance teachers. Melissa, Jo and Lorraine refreshed their qualifications and had much fun when Melissa was volunteered to be bandaged. It's great to see the studios being used by others.



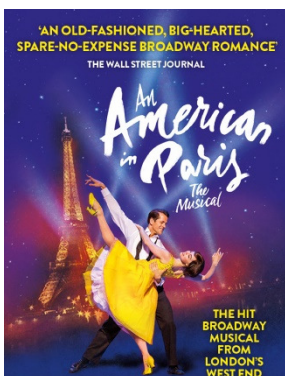
HALF-TERM VIEWING

The RAMPS dvds for both "Cinderella" AND "Aladdin" have arrived (like buses; nothing for ages then two at the same time!). We have both, so if you placed an order then do come and collect. Also, we have a few "Peter Pan" dvds left. Every time we mention this someone says "oh, I must have one of those". We hope to "archive" the remaining stock (i.e. put them in the loft), so if you do want one can you let us know.



UPDATE TO OUR INFORMATION SYSTEMS

You will have seen the news about "GDPR", which is new legislation covering privacy and how companies handle personal data. In truth, not much changes for Bev-Lyn but we have an exciting new Privacy Statement which is up in the foyer. We are also going to update our office system, which should make school admin easier to manage. To make sure everything is up-to-date before we start, we will be writing to you to make sure that we have all your correct information.



THEATRE TRIP FOR SENIORS

Last week we took 30 of our senior students to see the screening of "American in Paris" at the Regal Cinema. It was a truly wonderful evening. This West End musical, choreographed and directed by the Royal Ballet's Christopher Wheeldon, was a simply stunning piece of theatre. Melissa loves taking our pupils to see dance and this one was a special one—we feel a Gershwin ballet coming on.



ROYAL BALLET SOLOIST TO OUR STUDIOS

We are super-excited to let you know that Nicol Edmonds (Soloist with the Royal Ballet) is coming to teach our Advanced ballet students in August at our studios. Nicol will be performing in the Royal Ballet's Swan Lake, which we are going to see as a live screening in June. It will be wonderful for our pupils to see him dancing on stage before taking class and learning choreography from the Royal Ballet's repertoire. We are thrilled to have secured such a fantastic opportunity.



And finally: our Friday toddler "Dance to your own Tune" and new Saturday beginner classes had great fun on Saturday with a Royal Wedding themed lesson—complete with marching soldiers, crowned princes and princesses and galloping ponies.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 26th May & 2nd June

Normal lessons

Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June

Half term (no evening classes)

Sat 9th & Sun 10th June

Ballet exams

Sunday 8th July

Acro exams

Saturday 21st July

Term ends

Sun 22nd—Tues 24th July

Tap and Modern exams

Mon 6th to Fri 8th August

Summer School

"Magic Can Happen"



GCSE

Good-luck to everyone currently taking GCSEs, including those working towards their final GCSE Dance exam. We know you are working really hard and it's good to see you letting off some steam at dancing.



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