

# RND ACADEMY OF DANCE

## Parents Newsletter

Jan / Feb 2012

BELATED HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Again, and as always we would like to take this opportunity to thank parents, grandparents and pupils for their continued commitment to the school. We continue to enjoy working with you all and are so proud of the achievements of those pupils who entered our examinations – OUTSTANDING results again, well done.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY RND**

On the 28<sup>th</sup> February RND will be celebrating it's 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, marking the official opening following the trial/taster weeks back in 2009.

We will celebrate with the pupils on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February. A BIG BIG thank you to those of you who have been with us since the start and have shared with us our many successes.

Oh how they have changed (sorry girls!!!).....



### **THIS HALF TERM**

Again, has continued to be a great success, with results from the recent examinations coming out and a great fundraising presentation evening.

### **CHLOE WALMSLEY-WORRALL**

We would like to take the opportunity to say well done to Chloe who was selected for the second time to be part of the palace theatre's pantomime cast. Chloe endured a gruelling

schedule of performances, but we're happy to see her back with us.

### **NEXT HALF TERM**

We open on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February and finish on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

RND Academy of Dance kindly asks that payment is made half termly. Please place your child's payment in an envelope with their name on the front and hand in on the first week back (Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Feb). Any problems or queries regarding this please don't hesitate to speak with one of us.

#### **THIS HALF TERM = 6 WEEKS PAYMENTS DUE SAT 25<sup>th</sup> FEB**

- 1 Lesson per week = £12
- 2 Lessons per week = £24
- 3 Lessons per week = £36
- 4 Lessons per week = £48

### **EXAM SUCCESS**

The school entered their third examination session in Dec 2011 and we are pleased to report that we again had 100% pass rate. Results were very good overall, with many outstanding results, where pupils achieved over 85 marks out of 100 (Honours). All freestyle results were over 90 meaning all pupils achieved Honours within this category – really well done, we are so proud of you all.

#### **HIGHEST EXAMINATION SCORES:**

**Ballet** – Sandhya Kalyan 87 marks

**Tap** – Lara Clement 88 marks

**Freestyle** – Rebecca Burgess, Ellie Fisher and Mae Brazier all with 94 marks

Well done to all. Look out for the article in the local press.

### **PRESENTATION EVENING**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012.**

Another great evening where pupils displayed some of their examination work for parents and were then presented with their medals and certificates.

All monies raised at the presentation evening from the sale of tickets (£108) have been donated to Sands - The stillbirth and neonatal death charity (a charity close to our hearts).  
[www.justgiving.com/thomasgardiner2011](http://www.justgiving.com/thomasgardiner2011)

### ***MOST IMPROVED PUPILS:***

As always Rachael, Nichola and Donna awarded the annual trophies for the most improved dancer in each age category.

This year these went to:

MOST IMPROVED JUNIOR = Nicole Clarke

MOST IMPROVED INTER = Mae Brazier

MOST IMPROVED SENIOR = Kirstie Wright

Well done girls, each award was very much deserved.

### **NEXT EXAMINATION SESSION:**

The next session has been provisionally booked for **28<sup>th</sup> April 2012**, and more information will be provided during next half term.

### **RED CROSS COMPETITION**

We have decided to enter the Seniors and Inters into a national dance competition organised by the British Red Cross; where we are hoping to get a taste of stardom. The competition is for young people of all abilities aged 4-18 and finalists get to perform at the Indigo2 at the O2 in London.

Our first round will be on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June at Stratford upon Avon's Civic Hall**. If we are selected we will then go to the regional final at **Redditch Place Theatre on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June/Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July**. If we are lucky enough to win the regional final the girls will then go on to perform in London.

Routines will be taught in lessons, but pupils may need to attend extra rehearsals closer to the time.

Each pupil involved will be given their very own information pack after half term.

### **FUND RAISING FOR THE RED CROSS:**

In response to the Red Cross Competition RND has paid all entry fees for pupils and has committed to donating £100 to the Red Cross Fundraising team.

But we thought it would be good if as a school we all pulled together and engaged in some charity/community work. Our aim = £1000 by July.

We are therefore asking all pupils to raise £10 each to donate to the Red Cross.

Over the coming months we will be running various events that as a whole RND community we can do – so please watch this space.

Please note this is not compulsory and pupils will be asked to volunteer to get involved.

### **SUMMER SCHOOL**

Unfortunately, again due to continued commitments in our personal lives RND will not be offering a summer school this year.

### **SHOW**

#### **Christmas extravaganza provisionally 2<sup>nd</sup> week in Dec**

This year we have decided to leave the show until the end of the year, and are provisionally planning to hold a Christmas based extravaganza during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in December.

Following the next examination sessions (and competitions) lessons will then be used to prepare pupils for our annual show.

Whilst this will not be compulsory, it will enable pupils to further progress, especially in confidence and performance skills.

### **100% ATTENDANCE**

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved 100% attendance between Sept-Dec: Evie Amos, Isabelle Bacciochi, Nicole Clarke, Lara Clements, Ellie Fisher, Holly Neal, Holly Henrick, Chloe Mai Insall, Sophie Sheppy, Eve Taylor, Hayley Vann, Melissa Yates and Caitlin Elmes

### **WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

The RND website is now up and running (with more to be added in the near future)  
[www.razzlendazzle.co.uk](http://www.razzlendazzle.co.uk)

We are also committed to keeping parents and pupils up to date with upcoming events but would also like to do this in the most environmentally friendly way possible.

We kindly ask therefore, that all parents/pupils provide us with a contact email address.

Also please follow us through social media sites  
FACEBOOK: RND Dance  
TWITTER: @RNDdance

Rachael, Nichola and Donna