

The Lynden School of Dance

Newsletter February 2012

Exams 16th December



Congratulations to all of our young dancers who took their exams on 16th December. Another great set of marks and a centre score of 99%.

This is a photo of 3 year old Siena. She was so nervous before her exam that we all started to wonder if we'd even manage to persuade her to enter the examination studio!

But...she did it! And not only just got through it; she came away with a Distinction! You can see from the look on her face just how proud she was of herself. How fantastic it is to see a child's confidence grow in a matter of minutes!

Dynamix 18th December



Our three squads joined forces on 18th December and, if you came to watch it, will agree, produced a truly spectacular show! Their

professionalism and quality of performance was absolutely stunning. They have all worked incredibly hard and in the short time that they have been training have made astounding progress. We wish them all lots of luck in their future competitions and performances.

We have included a short video from Dynamix, which includes clips filmed from the wings, on our website and on our Facebook page.

Special thanks to: Our Crew: Simon Phillips, Tom Buckley and Darren Yule. To John Lenton for his help with the music and the brilliant photos, to Lee Sharp for some excellent music editing, Our Chaperones:

Dawna Yule & Tracey Denovan and to Colin Cooper our compere. Thank you too to all of the ladies who helped with refreshments and raffle.

Funky Feet Dance Workshop – 5th & 12th February

Basingstoke Sports Centre – 3 – 4pm

BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!

Come and have fun with us and learn some funky dance routines to the latest upbeat music.

Impress your friends at the next school disco with your new moves!

Open to boys and girls aged 5 – 16 years – Everyone is welcome from complete beginners to more advanced students – Our routines will be choreographed to cater for all standards.

The cost of the two sessions is just £10!!!

Parents are invited to come and watch the routines at the end of the final session.

Please let us know if you will be attending via email: lyndendance@aol.com or by messaging us on Facebook.

Kids Got Talent Sunday 18th March at Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke

Calling all talented youngsters aged 5-18 to participate in our Kids Got Talent Show!

Auditions will take place at Basingstoke Sports Centre on Thursday 16th February from 5.45pm and Saturday 18th February – from 10am. The Final will be held at Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke on Sunday 18th March.



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The children often tell us about other talents that they have; singing, playing musical instruments, acting as well as their dancing skills. Mums often mention how their children love to perform for them at home.

Well, we'd really like you to share their talents with us, and 'Kids Got Talent' is the perfect event to show us what they can really do!

Although Charlotte and I will be present at the auditions we do not feel that it would be fair for either of us judge or have any influence over which acts will go through to the final. The auditions and the winners of the final will be the decision of independent judges.

Further information and to register at www.lyndendance.co.uk

KaMotion!

A new recreational programme for boys and girls aged 2½ – 12 years the week commencing after Easter at The Sports Centre, Basingstoke.

We are so excited about this new recreational dance programme! We are hoping that it will appeal to our existing students by complimenting their graded classes as well as new student who are looking to dance, keep fit and generally have lots of fun with their friends.

Most of our pre-school and younger students only take one 45-90 minute dance class a week. The government recommend that toddlers and young children participate in at least 5 hours of physical activity a week!

We recently brought together a group of children, most of whom are not currently members of Lynden, to feature in a promotional video. This was our perfect



opportunity to introduce our KaMotion mascot, Kool Kat Klive. Klive was a huge hit, with many of the children falling instantly in love with him!

The children were great; full of energy and enthusiasm and seemed to genuinely enjoy the routines and

having fun with Klive. We are hoping to publish the video very soon, so look out for it on our website, Facebook and YouTube.



We will also be offering KaMotion parties, which will include instructors coming to the event and teaching the kids dance routines and a special visit from Kool

Kat Klive, who will bring a gift for the birthday child and join in with the fun!

Further information will be available on the website very soon, but if you are interested in booking a party in the near future, please speak to Debbie or Charlotte.

Graded Exams

Between now and the end of June most of our students are likely to be entered for graded exams.

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We assess the children very carefully to ensure that they can competently demonstrate all of the required elements to enable them to pass the exam. It is not our policy to enter any child for an exam simply because their friends are taking it or because they have

been working towards an exam for what may seem to them or their parents to be a very long time.

Please do not assume that your child is underachieving if they are not entered for their exam. Children simply develop and learn new skills in different areas at different times. It is not necessarily the case that a child who takes an exam after only a few months working on it will automatically progress through all of their exams at such an accelerated rate. In fact it is our experience that most of our students finally reach the higher grades in a very similar time scale.

If your child is ready to take an exam you will receive an invoice for the entrance fee via email approximately 3 -4 weeks in advance of the closing date for entry. Please check that the details are correct and that they have been entered for the correct grade. Please also ensure that your child's name is spelt correctly. Examination fees cannot be refunded or held over for another exam session under any circumstances. Please make a note of closing date and ensure that your payment reaches us in time. Your child will **not** be entered if fees are not received by the closing date - There will be no exceptions.

Children taking Classical Ballet exams from grade Primary and above are required to learn ballet terminology. A copy of this can be found under the EXAMS & MEDALS tab on our website. It would be much appreciated if parents would encourage the children to learn it.

All examination candidates are required to follow the correct dress code for examinations. They will lose marks if they are not wearing the correct uniform or hair style or if they have an untidy appearance.

Details of the correct exam attire can be found on our website.



The graded exams take place on Fridays during school hours. Because they are classed as educational you should not have a problem taking your child out of school for the exam but please inform your head teacher well in advance of their absence.

Please note that unlike the pre-school mime, Rose Awards or performance medal tests, results are not given out on the day, they are usually received approximately 4 weeks later.

A Chance to Dance

Following the cancellation of our performance at Sadler's Wells, we have been looking for an alternative opportunity for the children to perform and we are pleased to announce that we have been offered a place to perform at



The Lighthouse, Poole in an event called 'A CHANCE TO DANCE'.

This is a two day event, 23rd & 24th

June. Day one consists of several fantastic dance workshops with top class choreographers and day two consists of rehearsals and the performance.

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The cost for the weekend is only £45 per student which includes: All of the workshops, a 'Chance to Dance' T-shirt, a DVD of the show and 1 group and 2 individual photographs.

We only have 30 places available so if you are interested please book your place as soon as possible.

Further information see our website or <http://www.lacombe.co.uk/modules/content/index.php?id=23>.

Flexibility, Turns & Leaps Classes



We are still seeing a vast improvement in the children who regularly take our flexibility, turns, and leaps classes.

The speed that some of the children are progressing at has been truly astounding! We are seeing children who when they first start the classes can barely touch their toes actually achieving full splits in less than six months!



These classes are not only highly recommended for students who want to improve their flexibility for dance but will also help to enhance the performance for many other physical activities and sports including gymnastics, synchronised swimming, trampolining and even football!

Facebook

Have you joined us on Facebook yet? We update our page almost every day with photos and video clips of the classes and events and also keep you up to date with the latest information and news. Here are a few examples of the photos.



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