

Summer 2015

Photos of absolutely everything you can think of are at the end of the newsletter.

Dads Ballet Class

It was a resounding and hilarious success with seven brave (and surprisingly flexible) dads taking part. See a great video and photos on Facebook, and photos at the end of this letter. Thank you for your hard work and generous donations towards the mobile mirror - the fund is growing well.

Tutu Design Competition

Our patron **James Forbat** selected the winners with enormous difficulty, he said. Congratulations to all.

Age 4 - 6

1st : Emily Hauer

2nd : Eliza Dunnel

Commendation: Veronica Vystavkina

Age 7 - 10

1st : Georgia Hawkins

2nd : Daisy Taylor & Eleanor Barnes

Commendation : Lily Batt

Age 11 - 13

1st : Ashleigh McAllister & Sophie Groombridge

2nd : Flora Palmer & Rebecca Alder

Commendation: Rachel Newberry

Congratulations

Abbie Pillans gained a Commendation in the Senior section of the *Cecchetti Southern Area Awards* despite being one of the youngest. Very well done to all the other brave children who represented our school and danced so well.

Ella Clarke G1, Bea Ayres G2, Isobel Hedges G3, Jasmine Hall G4, Emily Greathead G5, Mia Lyndon G5.

Also to Romilly Howes, Polly de Lotbiniere and Abbie who enjoyed themselves so much English Youth Ballet's performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Kings Theatre in March. I know many of you went to see them.

Also to Mia Seaton who is modelling for the next IDS catalogue.

EXTRA Tutus & Teddies for 3 year olds

An extra *Tutus & Teddies* class will be available for the summer term only. Please email me ASAP to secure a place. A minimum of six is required for the class to go ahead.

Over 60s Creative Ballet Is growing and growing! This is a joyous class for the active retired. Please encourage your dance-loving grandmas!

Exam Results

We received wonderful results in our last session: 4 children at MERIT (60 - 69%), 8 children at high MERIT (70 - 79%) and 12 children at DISTINCTION (80 - 100%), the highest mark being 91%. Fabulous marks for the most difficult of dance styles. Congratulations to you all.

Dates for your Diary

Half term 24th May - 31st May. Classes as usual on Saturday 23rd May

31st May East Hill House performance

ADULT CLASSES will run through half term

Saturday 9th May Exam rehearsals 2.00 - 6.00 pm at the Triangle

Sunday 10th May Exams 9.00 am - 6.00 pm at the Triangle

Sunday 30th June Exam rehearsals 2.00 - 6.00 pm at Greatham Village Hall

Sunday 5th July Exams 9.00 am - 6.00 pm at Greatham Village Hall

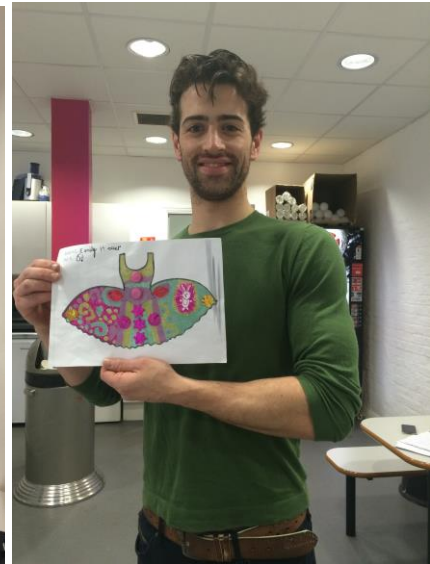
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Tutu Design winners
Chosen by James Forbat, English National Ballet

Age 11 - 13 Joint 1st Prize
Sophie Groombridge
Ashleigh McAllister

Age 7 - 10 1st Prize
Georgia Hawkins

Age 4 - 6 1st Prize
Emily Hauer



Extra ballerinas enlisted to help!

More photos of the other winning designs are on the Facebook page

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Tutus & Teddies



Learning to wait their turn - and succeeding - well done!

Some very relieved and happy post-exam children.



Grade 6



Grade 4

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Over 60s Creative Ballet



Just a few of the talented tip-toers

Dad's Ballet Class



Video and more photos are on our Facebook page