

January 2015

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Thank You for all your Christmas cards, flowers and presents - some were very personal and I am always very touched to receive these.

Amazing News We have the honour to welcome a very special person to the school. James Forbat, First Soloist with English National Ballet, has agreed to become Patron of Liss Forest Ballet School, to support us in any way he can. He has already selected performance winners for 2014s *Grandad's Dream Garden*, and now you will find his signature on the certificates for the school's Annual Awards. There will soon be something for the very youngest children to be included in too, soon - details to follow.

Dad's Ballet Class The fundraising date is in February but I won't reveal it yet in case you all suddenly decide to go 'on holiday'. Costume positively encouraged. Details very soon.

East Hill House & Liss Village Hall

28th September at East Hill House. We had a wonderful time again and had the privilege of meeting 94 year-old Betty who used to be a ballet teacher herself. A picture is at the end.

3rd December We were invited by Ruth Hiller to the Liss Village Club's Christmas do. It was intended to be only a short slot but the children ended up dancing for almost an hour. The audience was lovely and afterwards fed the children with yummy Christmas food. I was immensely proud of them being able to dance in such an impromptu manner with such professionalism.

Congratulations to Romilly Howes, Polly de Lotbiniere and Abbie Pillans who successfully auditioned for English Youth Ballet's performances of *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Kings Theatre, Southsea in March 2015.

Well done to our Royal Ballet School, Central School of Ballet and Cecchetti Associate pupils who have enjoyed their special classes this term:

Lily Batt, Polly de Lotbiniere, Helena Jarvis, Sabrina Evans, Charlotte Earle, Eleanor Barnes and Mia Seaton

Hair A big **thank you** to all parents who have transformed their children into ballerinas to be proud of. It has made my teaching so much easier and the children now look beautiful (with the odd teenage exception!). Their awarded ribbons enhance this and I hope too many don't get lost (50p for replacements).

Dates to Note

Half term 16th - 22nd February. Classes as usual on Saturday 14th February

Sunday 22nd March Southern Area Awards for non-Associate children.

Saturday 9th May Exam rehearsals tbc

Sunday 10th May Exams tbc

Sunday 28th June Exam rehearsals tbc

Sunday 5th July Exams tbc

Extreme Weather In the rare event of classes cancelled due to circumstances beyond my control, children can make up lost classes by joining in at another level or on another day of the week. Regrettably, refunds cannot be offered.

Annual Awards There are many prizes to give out this month, including to those children who had 100% attendance of their Grade class. There were also numerous children who only missed one class out of the whole year who were so close to getting a prize!

Annual Awards 2014

Congratulations to those who will receive awards for exam results received, and achievements, during 2014

1st Award for those who achieved the highest mark

Mia Seaton	Grade 1	82%
Eleanor Barnes	Grade 2	81%
Polly de Lotbiniere	Grade 3	85%
Rebecca Alder	Grade 4	70%
Abigail Pillans	Grade 5	80%
Katharine Welch	Grade 6	72%
Eleanor Barnes	Bronze Performance Award	93%
Mia Lyndon	Silver Performance Award	92%
Isabel Rogers	Gold Performance Award	87%

2nd Award for those who achieved the 2nd highest mark

Lily Batt	Grade 1	80%
Abigail Svarovska	Grade 2	64%
Helena Jarvis	Grade 3	84%
Mia Lyndon	Grade 4	69%
Ella Berriman	Grade 5	78%
Jessica Grange	Grade 6	62%
Charlotte Earle	Bronze Performance Award	90%
Polly de Lotbiniere	Silver Performance Award	88%
Olivia Buer & Phoebe Dove	Gold Performance Award	70%

Gift for Joy Of Dance

G1	Bethan Williama & Rose Keane
G2	Jemima Trotman & Bethany Burdett
G3	Amy Browne & Jessica Luck
G4	Jasmine Hall & Hazel Barnes
G5	Isabel Roberts
G6	Abigail Pillans
SC1	Lili Bidwell

Gift for 100% attendance at their main Grade class throughout 2014

Sophie Knight-Davis	G1/G2
Sabrina Evans	G3
Victoria Xiao	G5
Emilie Greathead	G5

Spirited Steps Cup - recognition of hard work

Eleanor Barnes awarded in Spring. Jessica Grange awarded in Autumn.

Statue To hold for one year for achieving the highest GRADE mark in the school

Polly de Lotbiniere	85%
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Well done, everyone!

Below are the types of pictures you will see regularly updated on our Facebook page



East Hill House with 94-year-old Betty

Keep



Post Grade 6 exam relief



The Red Ribbon Walk

More pictures



Over 60s Creative Ballet



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Tuesday



James Forbat in

rehearsal