

LONDON JUNIOR BALLET

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NEWS

Winter 2000

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

What a busy term it has been! I am pleased to have seen all students in class and I am delighted by their progress.

Assessments take place in the spring term. They are an integral part of the programme and it is vital they are not missed. This is an opportunity for students to be seen by highly experienced professionals and receive their objective opinions.

Have a really happy Christmas and New Year. See you in 2001.

Nicola Bowden

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year's Scholarship Audition was adjudicated by Jocelyn Mather and the audition teacher was Cara Drower. Miss Mather was very pleased with the high standard of the audition and awarded a full scholarship to Natasha Jones and two half scholarships to Sarah Kundi and Ami Thake.

MICHELLE PAPOUIS

We welcomed Michelle Papouis to the staff of London Junior Ballet at half term to take over Lindy Badenhorst's Body Conditioning classes.

After qualifying as an A.I.S.T.D Classical Ballet Teacher Michelle has worked extensively as a professional dancer and model. Her theatre credits include 'Heathcliff', '42nd Street', 'Singing in the Rain', 'Camelot' and Andrew Lloyd Webber's 50th Birthday Celebration at the Royal Albert Hall.

Michelle has performed in many trade and fashion shows worldwide for companies such as Disney, Toyota, Wella, Loreal, Cosmopolitan Magazine and many more.

Michelle has thoroughly enjoyed work as a dancer on films such as 'Shakespeare in Love' and most recently

struggling through Aerobics and eating chocolate cake for 'Soft and Gentle'!

During her busy lifestyle Michelle found the time to become a fully qualified Pilates Instructor and is delighted to be teaching young dancers of the future the joys of Pilates!

PENNY KAY

Starting in January, Character will replace Creative Dance as the option for 1HC. I am happy to say that Penny Kay will be returning to London Junior Ballet to teach both Character classes.

STUDENT AND STAFF NEWS

A must for anyone wanting to see a Christmas show this holiday is 'A Christmas Carol' at the Royal Festival Hall. Starring in the leading role, as Scrooge, is Kevin Richmond, our Boys Teacher. Also taking part is Albey Brookes, from 2PK.

Sophie Edwards is performing with Chicken Shed as Tinkerbell at the Southgate Theatre.

Araminta Wraith, William Simmons and Olivia Cowley, ex-LJB students studying at the Royal Ballet School, are performing in The Nutcracker with the Royal Ballet Company at the Royal Opera House this Christmas.

AUDITIONS

We will be holding auditions for new students on Sunday, 3rd June & Saturday, 1st September, for entry in September 2001.

CANTEEN

We have been told by the owners of the café in the basement that they will probably have to close on Saturdays if trade doesn't pick up after the first two weeks of next term. Please can we all use these facilities.

FIRE DRILL

We shall be holding a fire drill on 20th January. It will take place at 11.00am. This is for the benefit of students, parents and staff. Please would you make yourselves aware of the fire exits on the 13th January and see if we can have a quick and efficient drill. If the weather is cold we won't expect the students to leave the building, but registers will be taken at the outside doors.

Enjoy what is left of your holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Peter Railton

LJB ASSOCIATION

I cannot believe that Christmas is here again, but it is, and it has been quite a year. The newsletter says it all. I feel that fundraising for this year has been reasonably successful, and would like to thank the parents for their support. I am always open to ideas from parents if they think there is a money-spinner.

A BIG THANK YOU to the members of the committee who have worked so hard with myself fundraising this year, we just need to keep repeating it.

We do, in fact have quite a fundraiser for 2001. John Holdsworth, who is the father of Michelle Holdsworth (3NB) will be running the London Marathon on behalf of the London Junior Ballet. Not only has this brave chap offered to do this but he will be running in a 'made to measure TUTU'. The committee will be providing him with a Tiara and much support. Sponsorship forms will be sent out in the new year, and it is hoped that enough money will be raised to give me a little breathing space to plan for future fundraising. A big thank you to John - you may live to regret this.

The raffle raised £413.00. Linda Moran drew the raffle tickets, it was good to see Miss Moran back at the London Junior Ballet. For those who are new to the LJB Miss Moran was Ballet Principal prior to Miss Bowden. Another familiar face on the last day of term was Mary Bayford. Mary is still missed, especially in

times of committee crisis when I badly need her expertise.

It was hoped that the uniform would be sorted out in time for the beginning of the spring term. Unfortunately there have been some problems with the cut of the leotards. It is important that the cut of the leotards is correct and is flattering to the dancer, as soon as this is finalised we will know more and parents will be informed. We will be operating a second hand uniform policy as soon as possible and anyone with second hand uniforms should see one of the committee members. It is hoped that parents will be able to purchase uniform directly from the committee at the LJB to save parents having to make an extra trip into the centre of London.

In case not all parents are aware the Committee now carried a stock of TIGHTS, PINK AND WHITE SOX, BUN NETS, PINS, KIRBY GRIPS AND POINT SHOE RIBBON. These are all below RRP and all proceeds go to the Association.

On a more serious note, would all parents, guardians and children please make sure that they **sign in and out of the building** whenever they arrive or leave. This is very important because in the event of a fire it is imperative that all people are accounted for.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ASSESSMENTS

10th & 17th MARCH

TERM DATES

Spring Term

13th January - 31st March

No classes - 17th & 24th February

Summer Term

(These dates are confirmed)

21st April - 7th July

No classes - 26th May & 2nd June

Autumn 2001

15th September - 1st December

No classes - 20th & 27th October

Good luck to all those who are auditioning for vocational schools next term, and parents of those children remember, chocolate is an extremely successful remedy for stressful occasions.

I would like to thank Nicky Bowden and all the teachers for all their hard work and dedication to the children. The committee and myself wish everyone a successful and happy 2001.

Should anyone require any information regarding the committee please do not hesitate to telephone me on (01442) 864594 or e-mail: david.wraith@virgin.net

Kay Wraith