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## SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

**Parents and children - Welcome back to the second half of Summer Term at TSSPA. There is a lot going on at the moment, so this is our latest newsletter to keep you all updated. This will also be posted on our website. Please take a few minutes to read through the newsletter so you are aware of all our news and events.**

### 1. "GLEE!" SUMMER SCHOOL

I have also attached to this newsletter a flyer for our *GLEE SUMMER SCHOOL* week, which will be from the 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> August at Belmont School. This will be mornings for younger children (4-7) and afternoons for older (8-11 & 12+) and will feature song & dance (including streetdance) all based around the hit TV show.

We will get a booking form out to you and up on the website over the next week or so, and we hope to be able to welcome lots of our regular term-time children onto Summer School. Last year's *Wicked* and *Mamma Mia* workshops were a lot of fun and a great way to spend some of that long holiday, and we plan to top it this year with some fab songs and dance routines.

### 2. STARPOWER COMPETITION

As you may know, several of our students performed at the Starpower competition in London in May. Starpower is a US based international competition that now also includes a UK version, and this was our first time entering. We took seventeen students to the competition and came away with a multitude of trophies and awards – please checkout the photos and info on our website. Congratulations to all of the girls (and one boy!) involved, it was a long day (we set off at 6.30am on a Sunday, now that's dedication for you from our students!) and many of us arrived home after 11pm. Thanks again to dance tutors Stephanie and Gemma, and to Annie and Penny for their invaluable help on the day.

As briefly as possible, here are the details of their successes:

- "Imma Be" Junior Hip Hop – 1<sup>st</sup> Place with Platinum Award & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Highest Score overall for age group. Abbie/Sophie/Rea/Eliz/Layla/May/Treasure. Choreography by Claire.
- "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy" Junior Tap – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Platinum Award and 5<sup>th</sup> Place high score overall for age group. Abbie/Sophie/Rea/Eliz/Layla/May. Choreography by Claire. Also 1<sup>st</sup> Place for Costumes.

- “Jai Ho” Junior Jazz – 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Elite Gold Award. Abbie/Sophie/Georgie/Chloe/Holly/Gresa/Layla/Rea. Choreography by Gemma.
- “Candy Man” Tap – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Elite Gold Award. 4<sup>th</sup> Place high score overall for age group. Stephanie/Rebecca.. Choreography by Claire.
- “Chingaling/Money Honey” Hip Hop Trio – 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Elite Gold Award. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place high score overall for age group. Emily/Rebecca/Ria. Choreography by Stephanie (O’Rourke).
- “The Matrix” Jazz Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Elite Gold Award. Jodie/Ria/Rebecca/Stephanie B. Choreography by Stephanie O.
- “Pirates of the Caribbean” Ballet – 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Elite Gold Award. Rebecca/Jodie/Stephanie B./Jasmin/Ria/Emily. Choreography by Claire.
- Hip Hop Solo – Ria Barrett – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place & Elite Gold Award & Runner Up Miss Teen Starpower. Choreography by Stephanie O
- Sophie’s Singing Solo – “Lightly Row” written by Sophie herself - 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Platinum Award.
- Sophie’s Lyrical Dance Solo – 1<sup>st</sup> Place & Elite Gold Award and 3<sup>rd</sup> place high score overall and 2<sup>nd</sup> place Little Miss Starpower. Choreography by Claire.
- Sophie & Abbie’s Song & Dance routine – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Platinum Award & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place high score for age group. Choreography by Claire.

Congrats to you all. We plan to return to Starpower - with an even bigger TS team - in 2011.

### 3. **TSSPA HOODIES**

Exciting news: the long awaited and much anticipated TSSPA hoodie is now available at £15 (£18 adult sizes) and can be ordered through the office, at reception or soon via our website. The hoodie is black with red logo and comes in all sizes. Obviously, the t-shirt is also available and is part of our uniform, but we hope to be trendsetters with our hoodie too, which is proving very popular among our students... and staff!

### 4. **BTDA EXAMINATIONS**

Once again, our students achieved phenomenal results in our last session of BTDA exams in ballet, tap, jazz, drama and singing. An overwhelming number of Distinction results (ie over 80%), several Platinum (ie over 90%) and many results that showed fantastic progress in technique, performance skills and confidence in our students – we were very proud of all of them. A special mention should go to Caroline Nakiyawa who was losing her voice but like a real trouper she performed her song – the show must go on! Thanks to all our staff and congratulations to Anne Marie whose drama students entered their first examinations and came out with flying colours.

As soon as we can, we will update the website section that carries all of our BTDA examination results in full detail. The next session of BTDA exams is Sunday July 18th. We may do another session later in 2010 if needed.

## **5. UPCOMING PERFORMANCES**

Although there is no show this year, having done two big shows in 2009 (the dance show *A Night at the Movies 2* and the Stage School show *Thank You For the Music*) and we are planning a big show for our Tenth Anniversary Year in 2011, this term we do have several performance opportunities coming up at local fetes and festivals.

They are as follows:

DANSON FESTIVAL: July 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>

LESSNESS HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL: July 10<sup>th</sup>

GALLIONS REACH NURSING HOME: July 24<sup>th</sup>

BELMONT SCHOOL: June 20<sup>th</sup>

All students involved are contacted directly – we try to involve as many as we can, but I'm sure you'll appreciate it's not always possible to involve everyone, especially with some classes that have just had or are working towards exams. We are always looking to find new performance opportunities for our girls and boys.

## **6. FUNDRAISING EVENTS**

You may or may not know that TSSPA is run as a private not-for-profit organization and we are often looking for fundraising ideas that can help support our events, (including the competitions and festivals etc) and other opportunities for our students. This half term there is a raffle planned and also potentially a boot-fair, so we are asking parents to donate any items that we could sell at a boot-fair to raise funds – ie toys, books, DVDs, CDs etc. If you have items to spare, please consider handing them in, and look out for our raffle tickets to win a TSSPA teddy bear.

On the subject of fundraising, we have two requests. One is that if you have any fundraising ideas or suggestions and especially if you would like to get involved in this aspect of TSSPA we'd love to hear from you. Secondly, if you work for a firm that makes a healthy profit (even in these tough times) particularly local firms - and especially if you own or run one - we'd love the opportunity to get some good old fashioned sponsorship so maybe you can consider this or pave the way for an introduction for us or perhaps suggest it to the boss. Please get in touch if this sparks any ideas with you. We are always grateful for any ideas and support in this area, thanks.

## **7. RECENT SUCCESSES FOR TS STUDENTS**

We must just say a final word of congratulations to Abbie Simpkin, Sophie Wythe and Tyshann Sewell who this week complete their runs in *Oliver!* in the West End – Abbie and Sophie have been in the show for a year, Tyshann for several months. They have all had a unique experience in this wonderful show and we have enjoyed seeing their performances and we look forward to seeing whatever they do next.

Congratulations also to our five children (Nyla Umah, Stanley Cooper, Aaliyah Holbrook, Claire Hannick and Amy Hannick) who won appearances in the new CBeebies series *Big City Farm* when we organized

the production team to visit TSSPA and audition our students. We were hoping that one or two would get chosen and they picked this five, who did their filming last month. We look forward to seeing the show in due course on the CBeebies channel.

For new students, if you are interested in your child being a part of the agency – TS Management – and having the opportunity to audition for theatre/TV/film when these opportunities arise, please just get in touch with the School to discuss it.

#### **8. “THE LINK” UPDATE**

Plans are on course with the development of The Link, the youth activity centre that will be housed under the arches in Thamesmead. Trust Thamesmead are leading the project and have it seems secured the funding required for development to proceed – so TSSPA is on course to move to The Link in September 2011, just in time to coincide with our ten year anniversary.

At the venue, we will be operating out of a purpose built studio and performance space, which is very exciting for us. We shall keep you all posted over the next fifteen months as the date that the new venue opens approaches. We sincerely hope that all our students and their parents will be enthusiastic and excited about the move and will make the transition with us - which is bound to be not without it's hiccups on the way - but we are sure will prove very worthwhile for everyone, and most importantly greatly to the benefit of our students.

#### **9. FEES & TERM DATES**

Fees for this half term are now due – again, please consider using BACS internet transfer if you have this facility. Our account details are 02787180, sort code 72-00-00, reference [your child's surname]. Any fees that are still overdue from past terms must be settled now please – if we have already had conversations with you about this you will be aware of arrangements – but otherwise please: if you have fees outstanding we need to collect these asap, thank you.

All fees are due by the second week of each half term. 2010-11 term dates are now posted on our website: [www.theatrestreet.com/dates.htm](http://www.theatrestreet.com/dates.htm)

We look forward to welcoming all your children back for the rest of the Summer term.

*Claire*

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and the TSSPA team