

FOX KING DANCE ACADEMY

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Summer Newsletter 2010

Show 2010 - Many thanks to all of the parents that helped with the show and to those who have contacted me to say how much they enjoyed the performance. We certainly had a lot of fun! Proceeds from ticket sales and the raffle have raised £850.00 for our chosen charity, NSPCC. A Meeting to hand the money to the charity is being arranged for September. Well done Everyone! Photos and DVD - All photos and ordering methods are on the Timeless Images website - www.timelessimagesphotos.co.uk. If you would like to order a DVD but haven't yet done so, please contact Miss Williamson.

Venue Changes

<u>Bridgwater</u> - I have purchased a hall in Kings Square to make a permanent base for the school in Bridgwater. Facilities will include a large mirrored dance studio, changing and waiting facilities, Kitchen, office and wardrobe space for our ever growing costumes! All timetabled classes in Bridgwater will be held at the studio from 6th September onwards. Students in other branches of the school will not be affected by this move.

<u>Exeter</u> - Wednesday classes in Exeter will move to Exwick Heights primary school as of the start of the Autumn term. Saturday classes will remain at Exwick Community centre.

Exams and Shows 2010/2011 - Our next exam session will be held at the beginning of March 2011. There will be no other sessions beforehand as pupils have taken a 6 month 'break' from syllabus work to rehearse for the shows.

We plan to hold Showcases in July 2011. This is where each class shows a small amount of syllabi work which they have practiced during the year. This is a great opportunity for parents to see how children have progressed.

We also hope to hold our first ever Choreography Competition within the school. This would give pupils of all ages a wonderful opportunity to show their creative side either working solo, with a partner or in small groups. Dates will be in May 2011.



New Classes on the Timetable

Advanced Jazz - This is for students who have passed the ISTD Gold Jazz exam. Free work will be taught in preparation for the launch of the ISTD Gold Star Jazz award later this year. Students in Gold Jazz are also welcome to attend.

Melody Movement -New Pre School Classes

Little Bear Feet - This is a parent and toddler movement/dance class suitable for children aged 18 months - $2\frac{1}{2}$ years.

Join Melody Bear each week in her journey to Nursery Rhyme land. How will she get there? On a flying carpet, train, golden carriage or a hot air balloon? Who will she meet there? Humpty Dumpty, Mary Mary or the Cat and the fiddle?

Pre School Dance - This is the name for our existing ballet classes for $2\frac{1}{2}$ year olds until they go to school.

Tip, Tap, Toe - This class is a fun introduction to tap dancing with themes and stories to introduce tempo, rhythm, beats, patterns and steps.

Children will love exploring these principals of music and dance in a 'journey into tap' featuring rhythms inspired by musical genres as diverse Big Band, Rock n' Roll, Disco, Show Tune, Hawaiian Hula-Hula, Cheerleader and others. This class is also open to pupils $2\frac{1}{2}$ to school age.

New classes are starting in all branches of the school in September so sign up quickly! Look for appropriate classes on the timetable.

Reward cards, stickers and activities are being introduced into the above classes so children can work towards medals and rosettes each term.

<u>Adult Classes</u> - we currently run various classes in Bridgwater, Cullompton and Bradninch.

These classes are always open to new students so feel free to come along!

If you are interested please contact Miss

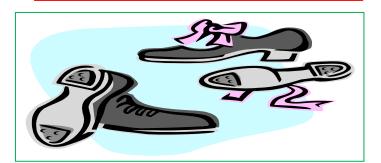
Miss Williamson, Miss Lincoln and Miss Saunders would like to wish you all a lovely Summer holiday and see you back on the week beginning the 6th September!

Festivals

We have had much success this year competing in competitions across Devon and Somerset. There are two many achievements to mention here but well done to EVERYONE that has taken part! Festivals give our pupils extra chances to perform on stage as we only run shows/showcases once a year.

We are expanding our festival groups to include classical sections and we hope to start a festival group within the Devon branches of the school.

If your child is interested in taking part Either in a solo, small or large group please contact Miss Williamson ASAP.



Fee Scale

There have had to be some changes to the way the Fee Scale works this year due to increasing venue hire and school running costs. For a number of reasons the previous fee scale set up (which was inherited from the previous owner) didn't work and was confusing for both