



Bev-Lyn School of Dance Newsletter October 2022



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MATILDA JR

Lots of you have been asking about our planned production of “Matilda Jr”. The musical is from the Roald Dahl book and tells how a clever girl and a band of revolting children stand up to an adult bully and make the world a better place for children everywhere. There are over 20 named parts for those interested in having lines, but the whole cast can be huge! There are lots of singing and dancing numbers giving loads of scope for our middle and senior school students. In particular, if you’ve seen the West End Show you will know that there are lots of opportunities for the senior school to play adults or the “revolting” older students.

Matilda Jr will be performed at Redruth School from the 26th to 29th July 2023. Tickets will go on sale once pantomime is finished (January 2023).

The BLAST! (Bev-Lyn Adventures in Stage & Theatre) musical theatre sessions will start on Thursday 19th January. In addition to our dancing, these sessions are a chance to develop singing, acting and confidence too. We will have some fun with the show in the first few weeks, learning songs and dances, exploring characters and building team work. We will then cast principals after February half term.

The weekly Thursday classes will then be rehearsals for the show. Bev-Lyn students will get priority but sessions will ultimately be open to anyone aged between 8 and 18 at time of the show, if we have space. The cost will be £2 per week for Bev-Lyn students who do other classes and £6.15 for new musical theatre BLASTers.

Before we can confirm exact timetable for next term we need to have a clearer idea of numbers. So if your child would like to be involved in this show please email melissa@bevlyndance.co.uk to show your interest.



IT'S PANTO TIME

Oh yes it is! We have cast our 2 junior, 2 intermediate and 1 senior troupes. They will be performing in Redruth’s annual pantomime, alongside Mr Glover who is returning as Dame Sarah the Cook! With an audience of over 3,000, it is a fantastic show to be part of and a great opportunity to showcase over 60 of our dancers.

For those involved, the rehearsal schedule has been emailed out and start on 3rd and 5th November.

If your child is not on stage, we would highly recommend bringing them to see it. Pantomime is the perfect introduction to live theatre and with singing, dancing and lots of slapstick comedy they will love it. It will also support our local theatre and musical group—who are trying really hard to bounce back from Covid. Tickets are on sale from The Regal Cinema and tend to sell out, so don’t delay.



BLAST FUN

We are looking forward to some Halloween-themed fun as we arrive at our BLAST sessions. Bev-Lyn Alumna Ruby Leeson, fresh from her dance degree at Performers College, will be leading jazz workshops on the 21st and 29th October. It will be great to see her back at the studios and the sessions will be suitably high-energy. On Saturday 29th October we have our Halloween dress-up for all classes. Come at normal time with fancy-dress optional.



WELL DONE! GREAT EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to everyone for the results of our most recent Tap and Modern exam session - they are really great. The top mark was 90%! You achieved 29 Distinctions and 19 Merits, with no-one achieving below those grades. We take pride in strong exam results at Bev-Lyn but this set were among the best. Well done to you all. A big thank you also to our amazing teaching team and all the parents - we really appreciate your efforts and support.



MELISSA WORKING WITH DARCEY BUSSELL

Melissa is collaborating on a DDMIX dance project and will be leading a performance at a high-profile event at The Eden Project in November. RAD President and DDMIX co-creator Darcey Bussell will introduce it! The audience includes high-profile politicians, decision-makers and "influencers". She is working with Bev-Lyn teacher Cathy Bonds, who is now Head Teacher at Pencoys School. Exciting!

DANCEWEAR FOR CHRISTMAS?

Mr Glover has stocked up on Bev-Lyn t-shirts, sweat-shirts and hoodies, ready for Christmas. There is also a small selection of dance-themed books, drinks bottles, hair accessories and stationery, plus the latest Pineapple dance bags.

Many students will move up a grade after Christmas, which often involves a change in uniform. You might want to consider dropping hints to family about what is on your Christmas list! We will email out the next set of uniform requirements but if in doubt, Mr Glover can work it out for you.

You may also have seen that Blue Dancewear now has Gift Cards. Like lots of shops, these cards can have an amount added which can then be used to buy anything held in stock. There is no "expiry date". They can be topped up at any time and you can check the balance online.

As well as dancewear, the cards can be used to pay Bev-Lyn class fees too. They might be an option if you really aren't sure what you want for Christmas?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 23rd October

Normal Lessons

24th—28th October

Half-term (No lessons)

Saturday 29th October

Halloween dress-up fun

Tuesday 15th November

Matthew Bourne Film for seniors

Sunday 20th November

Tapathon for adults

Sunday 27th November

Ballet Exams

10th & 11th December

Tap & Modern Exams

WINTER PARKING

Now that we are parking in the "top" car park, it is vital that you walk your child to and from the studios - including the seniors.

There is a safeguarding issue if we just let young people wander off into the darkness completely unaccompanied!

Please do not drive over the bridge to the studio entrance unless you have a disabled parking badge.

Also bear in mind that the weather will turn cold and wet, so a coat/something warm and waterproof to wear after class will become increasingly important.



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