

# Newsletter Autumn 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back and I hope you are all refreshed from the summer break. For some lucky students the end of July and early August saw the girls commuting to Covent Garden for their performances with the Mariinsky Opera and Ballet. In *Das Rheingold*; Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Lauren Hurst, Kirsten Konrad, Olivia Leitch, Sophie Lewis, Hope Roberts, Niamh Robinson and Katie Valentine. It was a privilege for the following dancers to appear on stage with the world famous ballerinas in *Sleeping Beauty*: Imogen Alvares, Kerri Brown, Camilla Foulger, Lauren Hurst, Reade Kiefer, Kirsten Konrad, Olivia Leitch, Sophie Lewis, Annabel Pearce, Hope Roberts, Katie Rogers and Georgina Woodward. Reade and Annabel were chosen by the Russian Ballet Mistress to lead the group in their dance because of their musicality.

In early September Imogen Alvares, Charlotte Evans, Lauren Hurst, Olivia Leitch, Sophie Lewis, Lara Lucano, Katie Rogers and Katie Valentine demonstrated for Miss Sue at the British Ballet Organization Seminar in London. The performance was widely appreciated and we all take a size bigger in hats!!

Heartiest congratulations to our festival group who represented us so magnificently at the All England Finals in London. It was very gratifying that we had medalists in every ballet section, 7 years through to 18 years. In all classical trio sections, junior, intermediate and senior A and B, we had gold medals throughout and ditto for the classical duets with the exception of senior A where we took the silver medal. Of the five classical groups two were awarded the gold medal and three the silver.

## STOP PRESS! SCHOOL SHOW DATES

28<sup>th</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> July with a Gala on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August at Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking. Nursery, Pre Primary and Primary Classes will have a separate performance on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August from approximately 11am-12.30  
All pupils will be invited to perform however the entire cast, with the exception of the Sunday morning separate performance cast, must be available a month prior to performance dates, no exceptions.

## RAD Ballet and ISTD Tap and Modern Examinations.

Again excellent results were achieved in all examination sessions.

**RAD Vocational Examinations:** - Intermediate Foundation, Isabella Anscombe, Skye Hester and Olivia Leitch all with Distinction, special congratulations to Olivia who obtained 90%; Intermediate, Jessica Cook, Distinction, Julia Guy, Merit; Advanced 1, Emily Francis, Merit (Emily is an old girl who returned to us to take the exam.); Advanced 2, Jennifer Leighton, Michelle Mc Loughlin Merit. We are proud that Jenny and Michelle have been awarded ARAD after their success at Advanced 2.

**RAD Grade Examinations:** - 44 candidates took the exams with 27 passing with Distinction and 17 with Merit. The 90 club are:- Amelia Silk Grade 1 91% , Rosalind and Abigail Helsby Grade 2 90%, Emily Dougans Grade 3 92%, Amy Charlton Grade 4 92%, Katie Valentine Grade 6 92%, Elisabeth Reid Grade 7 98%, Natalie Dodd and Emma Riggs Grade 8 91%. Particular congratulations to Imogen Alvares who topped the 90 club by achieving 100% for Grade 6. Well done all!

**ISTD Examinations:** - 33 candidates took exams 20 being awarded Grade A, 10 grade B and 3 grade C. The 90 club are Intermediate Foundation Modern - Lara Lucano 99%, Natalie Dodd 96%, Lauren Hurst and Katie Rogers 95%, Emma Riggs 93%, Sophie Lewis and Elisabeth Reid 92%; Grade 5 Modern Olivia Leitch 98%, Amy Charlton 93%; Grade 4 Tap Amy Charlton 98%, Olivia Leitch 94%; Primary Modern - Sophia Wallin 90%. Well done Miss Helen and all the girls.

**DATES** Half Term Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October inclusive.

Term ends Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December.

RAD Grade exams December 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

Provisional date for ISTD exams December 6<sup>th</sup>

It would be appreciated if your telephone calls to Miss Sue and General Enquiries were made Monday to Friday between 9am and 3pm. You are most welcome to email [sradmin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sradmin@tiscali.co.uk) at any time.

**Reminder.** Invoices should be settled before the start of term and either posted or delivered to me at Arden Cottage. Please add £5 per class to late payments. Many thanks to all those who do pay promptly.

Please advise changes of classes or contact details as soon as possible in order that our records are as accurate as possible.  
Miss Sue.