

Newsletter

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Dear Members,

I hope you are all well and that you are continuing to enjoy your classes at Aycliffe Dance Academy!

We have lots of exciting events planned for this year so please keep reading our newsletters and notice board for all of the latest news and gossip! We have the Wizard of Oz Pantomime, our 7th Birthday, our Family Fun Day, our Annual Show on the 8th and 9th of July and our Show Premiere Night to look forward to, so we're going to be very busy having lots of fun along the way!!!

Now on with the rest of the news!

Emma Cox – Dance Principal

Exam Success!!! 100% Passed!!!

Now that all exam results have been given out I can finally say a HUGE well done to all dancers who took their dance exams in February.

Everyone has blown me away with how well they've done. I couldn't be happier!! The results and feedback from Mrs Skinner was outstanding. Lots of things for us to work on and lots of things she was really impressed with. All of your hard work over the last few terms has certainly paid off. Well done guys!!

Now onto our next big event on the ADA calendar...its show time!!



Can You Help Us???

As you may already know, we are planning to hold our **Family Fun Day** next month to raise money for our Costume Fund and we wondered if you **can help us**? We are looking for:

- * **Wine/Prosecco/Bucks Fizz**
- * **Empty Wine Bottles (with lids)**
- * **Sweets/Chocolate/Easter Eggs?**
- * **Tombola Prizes?**
- * **2nd Hand Items/Toys For Our Stall?**
- * **Cakes & Pies To Sell On The Day?**

If you can help us with any of the above, please can you bring the items in with you to class? Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. **Thank you!** 😊

Goodbye To ADA Danz4Fitness!

After **nearly 7 years of running Zumba and Fitness dance classes** at ADA we have decided to **call it a day**. With the many gyms and fitness centres now on the town it has been increasingly difficult over the last few years to gain new members and compete on a bigger scale. We've decided that it would be best for the business to focus more on our dance classes where classes are currently booming. We have well **over 250 students** at ADA now and even more desperate for a place on our waiting list. We're hoping by making this change that we will be able to **expand the dance school even further** and provide you with the classes that everyone is screaming out for. Our final fitness class was on Monday 3rd April where our regulars had a blast and even enjoyed some cake (thanks Lisa). **Thank you** to everyone who has attended our Zumba and Dance Fitness classes over the years. We've made some really great friends and have enjoyed the fun and giggles with you! 😊

Family Fun Day – 29th April!!!

Aycliffe Dance Academy is having a **Family Fun Day** at the **Bethany Centre**, Woodham, after the Easter Holidays. There will be stalls and activities running throughout the day for the Academy's Students, Family Members and the Public to enjoy! There will be: Face Painting, a Bouncy Castle, Tombola, Cakes and Pies, Children's Tattoos, Nail Art, Hook a Duck, Wheel of Fortune, Beauty Treatments, Nearly New Stall, Hot Dogs, Games, Sweetie Stall and much, much more!!! Plus a special visits from Spiderman and Catwoman (courtesy of D-F-Y Party Planning). Refreshments will also be sold throughout the day from our Cafe!

This EXCITING and FUN day is on **Saturday 29th April** from **10am to 2pm**. You can come along and join in the fun **any time throughout the day**. Please can you tell all of your family and friends and invite as many people as you can to this family-friendly event? All proceeds raised from the fun day will go towards **buying show costumes** for the Academy's Dance Show in July.

Raffle Prizes Wanted Please!

Every year ADA holds a **Grand Raffle** to help raise funds for **show costumes, props and accessories**. We are after some **fantastic prizes** and wondered if you **can help us**? Might you own a company or have a wonderful employer that might be interested in **donating a prize**? If so, please can you let me know ASAP as I will be getting the raffle tickets printed soon? Thank you!!! 😊

Show Rehearsals Starting Soon!!!

The countdown to show rehearsals begins! I hope you guys are as excited as I am to start working on this year's finale! Not long now! Don't forget that rehearsals start on **Saturday 6th May**. Rehearsal days and times are being given out in class this week. Please keep **checking our notice board** for regular reminders and updates too!

Important Dates for the Future

Event	Date	Time
Easter Break	06/04/17	Two-week Break
Wizard Of Oz Panto	15/04/17 16/04/17	3.30pm & 7.30pm 1pm & 4.30pm
New Term Starts	28/04/17	Runs for 5 Weeks
Family Fun Day	29/04/17	10am-2pm at the Bethany Centre
Rehearsals Start	06/05/17	Check Your Rehearsal Times
Show Auditions	22/05/17	4pm-6.30pm @ Bethany Centre
Half Term Break	25/05/17	One-week Break
Tickets Go On Sale!	27/05/17	9am-11am @ Bethany Centre
2nd Part of Term Starts	06/06/17	Runs for 7 Weeks
Costume Distribution	23/06/17	4pm-9pm @ The Bethany Centre
ADA Show 2016	08/07/17 09/07/17	2pm & 6pm Show 2pm & 6pm Show
Return Show Costumes	17/07/17	Anytime Between 4pm and 7.30pm
Summer Break	20/07/17	7-week Break (one week extra)

Please put the above dates in your diary.

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Show Auditions!!

After the huge success of previous years we've decided to **hold auditions** for anyone who would like to perform an extra **special routine on this year's show**. If you are interested all you need to do is **complete a form** from Mammy Angela on reception (available after Easter) and prepare a show-stopping routine! It can be a **solo, duet, trio, quartet or group routine, to any style of song or dance which needs to be no more than 4 minutes long**. The audition will take place on **Monday 22nd May from 4pm to 6.30pm**. The auditionees will need to consider pattern and direction, dynamics, musicality, travelling, technique, audience awareness, performance and confidence when working on their audition piece. The lucky winner/s will then have some private lessons with me to polish and perfect the special piece for the big performance in July. This is an exciting opportunity for all ADA dancers which is not to be missed. The standard was so high last year we could've made a show using the people who auditioned alone. Everyone did fab! **Good luck** to all who enter! I can't wait to see what you come up with! Enjoy getting creative!

Show Tickets On Sale 27th May!!!

Tickets for ADA's Summer Show will go **on sale from 9am to 11am on Saturday 27th May** and will be priced at **£8.00 an Adult and £6.00 a Child (12 years and under)**. We are also taking **Group Bookings** for Schools, Groups, Clubs and Nursing Homes. Please get in touch if you would be interested in finding out further information (excellent discounts available, especially for the group organiser). Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis and you can buy as many tickets as you like. This year's show is taking place at the **Majestic Theatre on Saturday 8th July (2pm & 6pm) and Sunday 9th July (2pm & 6pm)**. Please can I remind everyone that **all of the seats at the Majestic Theatre are fantastic!** They are raked and the stage can be seen from anywhere you decide to sit. There **won't be any need to que early hours** (like some of you have done in the past) because every seat is so good. Please can I also remind you to be **considerate when parking at the Bethany Centre** on the ticket sale date (and at all other times too). The road leading up to Village Close and the street at the top of the close where the Bungalows are are out of bounds. If the carpark is full you are welcome to park over by the shops, down Stag Lane or on Woodham Way. Thank you for your co-operation. ☺

A Polite Reminder!

Please can we remind our dancers:

- * **No jewellery** to be worn in class especially earrings (health & safety)
- * **Mobiles must be switched off** & kept in dance bags for the duration of class.
- * **Correct uniform** to be worn and **hair tied back** at all times. Thank you. ☺

Costume Distribution Evening!!!

Just a quick reminder that on **Friday 23rd June** we will be holding our **costume distribution evening** where every child and adult involved in this year's show will be given a time slot to try on all of their costumes. This will be **from 4pm to 9pm**, beginning with our younger students. **Exact times will be given out closer to the date**. It is extremely important that everyone attends this evening as we will be fitting each performer in their costume and anyone missing may end up with a costume that doesn't fit them properly.

Academy Starbursts Shine!!!

'Academy Starbursts' from ADA entered their first **Cheerleading competition with Future Cheer** last month and had an absolute blast. They went for the experience, the team spirit, the fun, the memories and came away with all of that and a **trophy!** Literally couldn't be prouder of these girls!! Their strength, their determination, their sportsmanship was just incredible; it blew me away to the point of tears!! Well done guys!! It was such a lovely day...I have a sneaky little feeling that the girls have been inspired after their experience so watch this space!!

I'd like to do a big shout out to our **wonderful cheer coach Robyn** who without her blood, sweat and tears the experience the girls had wouldn't have been possible. She's coached these girls not only to be the cheerleaders they are today but the people they are. She's coached them to work as a team, to support each other, to be supportive of others and to be the best that they can be. The love these girls have for Robyn is unreal, she is more than just a coach to them and it was so lovely to see. **Thank you Robyn** for being amazing and for encouraging these young girls to do what they did. We all love you!!

Let's Go Starbursts! Let's Go!!! ☺



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Amazing Time In Pantoland!!!

ADA had the absolute privilege of working with **Tom Rolfe Productions** back in February in their half-term pantomime '**Sleeping Beauty**'. **Ten of our dancers** performed with an all-star cast including **Steve Arnold from Coronation Street** and **Andy McGuire from Hollyoaks** and had a taste of what it's like to work in the Performing Arts industry. The girls really enjoyed the whole experience!

ADA has now built up such a good name for itself that companies such as Tom Rolfe Productions are coming to us to **request our dancers for their shows**. I am delighted to be able to offer these amazing experiences to my ADA dancers and hope that the reputation of the Academy continues to grow so that I am able to offer more students more opportunities like these in the future!



Students In Professional Panto!!!

A huge good luck to ADA dancers; **Rebecca Carney, Megan Elvidge, Chloe Hutchinson, Sarah Murray, Katya Seaman and Kennedy Wilson** who are performing in '**Wizard of Oz**' **this Easter**. The girls worked with **Enchanted Entertainment** last year on the same pantomime and Kerry the Choreographer has asked if the girls would like to join them again on tour but this time at the Tyne Theatre in Newcastle. They will be performing alongside an all-star cast including **Ashley and Pudsey (from Britain's Got Talent)** and **Comedy Legend Bobby Davro**. If you would like to support the ADA girls they will be performing at **the Tyne Theatre in Newcastle on Saturday 15th April at 3pm & 7pm and Sunday 16th April at 1pm & 5pm**. Tickets are nearly sold out so I would recommend getting them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. We have been over the moon to be able to offer this wonderful experience to ADA students the last four years. Such an amazing opportunity for ADA! **We Are ADA, I Say! We Are ADA!!! ☺**

