

The BWA News

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Welcome to The Betty Wivell Academy Winter edition newsletter. The purpose of this letter is to keep you up to date with all the news at the school, so keep reading.....

The Big show

2015 Congratulations to all pupils who performed in our 50th birthday celebration show. It was such a fantastic week at The Secombe Theatre in Sutton. The energy and excitement backstage - and on stage - was electric! The pupils have learnt so much from performing a week 's run and I can see a difference already in their normal class work! I would also like to thank my amazing team of teachers who choreographed and musically arranged all the wide variety of numbers. The show wouldn't have been so impressive without your creative talents and BWA is lucky to have such a strong team. We have had so many positive comments since the show from BWA parents & friends, which has been heart warming! Thank you also must go to all the BWA parents for bringing the pupils to all the necessary rehearsals and buying all the delightful costumes, that looked amazing on stage!



Wizard Video productions

Filmed the BWA show on Saturday 14th November both the matinee and evening performances. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ORDER THE CORRECT VIDEO OF THE PERFORMANCE YOUR CHILD IS IN. WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SWOP THEM ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN ORDERED!

Order forms can be obtained from teachers at our various branches.

David White Photography

<http://www.dancephotography.co.uk/>

David took lots of beautiful pictures at the dress rehearsal of both teams A & B and these can be purchased from his website by

· Click on 'View & Order Pictures' and then 'Shows'

· **PASSWORD** is bwa44

· Use the dropdown box to locate your child's photos i.e. 'Frozen Team A Portraits' etc.

· Click on 'View Packages & Products' to order the print / cd packages listed in the attached pricelist



Carol Singing

We will be performing our now annual carol concert on Thursday 17th December at St Philips Church Hall

at 7.30pm.

There will be a rehearsal at the church at 6.30pm, students should wear their BWA t-shirts & hoodies.

www.bettywivell.com

Please come along and join us in singing all your favourite carols and a few more unusual ones too! This event is free to watch and then join us after for festive mulled wine, mince pies & raffle. All funds raised from this evening will go to The BWA Trust Fund. We will also be singing at The Whitgift Centre, Croydon on Tuesday 22nd December from 10am – 2pm and Euston Train Station on Wednesday 23rd December, from 10am -2pm.



BWA Agency News

The following BWA children are performing in:

Charlie & The Chocolate Factory - Armani Hall is playing Violet Beauregard

Matilda -Anna Louise Knight is playing Matilda

Elliot Aubrey can be seen in an advert for Cottages.com

Cinderella with Stephen Mulhern

Congratulations to the following pupils who successfully auditioned for this years Pantomime at The Ashcroft Theatre Croydon, Molly Jones-Doherty, Alysha Rueben-Franklin, Sophie Bruneel, Georgia Nelson-Roberts, Niamh Rush, Leah Devereux-McKenzie.

BWA Agency

If you would like your child to be on our agency please call the office to make an appointment to see David White, our photographer. He will be taking

photographs of the pupils for the Agency and for Spotlight. Also if you are already on the BWA Agency, please check that your photograph is up to date and all details are updated i.e. height, age, any shows you have been in etc. We cannot represent your child if the photograph is not taken by a professional or is not current.



This is a registered charity, which was established to support former pupils of the BWA who wish to continue their training at accredited professional colleges in Theatre Arts. The BWA trust currently supports 9 former BWA students. If you wish to know more about the charity or any other events coming up please check out our website which is updated weekly! Or become a.....

BWA Trust Friend...

You can also help the Trust in two ways by becoming a “**Friend**” of the Trust for a mere £20.00 a year and by doing all your **Christmas shopping on line via** www.easyfundraising.org/bettywivell

It costs you nothing and we get a percentage of your spend. Also if you have easy fundraising as your search engine we get money every time you click!! And it doesn't cost you a penny!

It is so simple, please use this route when you shop on line, *Thanks!*

Events past, present and future....

Choreographic Competition Saturday 12th March at 6pm

This is an annual dance competition, where the BWA pupils get to create their own dances and show them to an



independent judge. So start creating now, all you need to do is find a piece of music that inspires. The winner gets two lessons per week free for the summer term!!

Choreographic entry forms can be downloaded from the website

Exams

Exams will take place on the following days:

Ballet Exams – 8th & 9th March TBC
Tap, Modern, Jazz Exams – 21st 22nd 23rd March 2016 TBC

If you are unavailable any of these dates please mark it on the outside of your envelope when you pay exam fees. Once timetables are written they cannot be changed, please do not ask.

All exam fees must be paid by Saturday **5th December 2015** otherwise your child will not be entered for their exam, Thank you.

Drama Evening

Next year's drama evening will be held on Saturday 19th March, please put this date in your diary. Anyone who attends drama lessons will be included in this evening of plays and drama. We will also announce the winner of the Drama Award, for the pupil who has shown most talent and progress throughout the year in Drama.

Summer School 2015

This event is extremely popular so please book early to avoid disappointment. It will run from 25th – 29th July from 9am – 4pm and will cost £100.00 for the week course in musical theatre.

10% Discount DAY!

This will be held on Saturday 9th January 2016 at the studio between 11am – 4pm. Anyone who pays their bill on this date (or before by post or BACS) will be entitled to a 10% discount off their total amount of fees! No discount will be given after this date, please do not ask!

OPEN WEEK!

From Monday 30th November – 5th December parents and friends are

welcome to watch all classes during the week. This is a great opportunity to see how far your child has progressed this term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5th December BWA Closes

17th December BWA Carol Concert
7.30pm at St Philips

21st December BWA group trip to see "Cats" the musical

22nd December Carols at The Whitgift Centre, Croydon

23rd December Carols at Euston Train Station, London

9th January 10% discount day

11th January BWA Opens

8th & 9th March RAD Ballet exams

12th March Choreographic Competition

19th March Drama Evening

20th March BWA Close

21st March ISTD Exams

22nd March ISTD Exams

23rd March ISTD Exams

11th April BWA Opens

15th May Star Tap Awards

30th May- 5th June BWA half term

30th May – 5th June Croydon Dance Festival

6th June BWA Open

16th July BWA Close

21st July Cabaret Dress rehearsal

22nd & 23rd July Cabaret

25th July – 29th July Summer School

To keep up to date with news and current information please check our website or BWA Facebook page

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Elizabeth & everyone at The BWA

