

Janet Marshall Dance Studios Newsletter

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Term News...

Wow, what a great first term we've had! With exciting new classes, shows and festivals, there has certainly been plenty to talk about.

We kickstarted our year with our Junior Extravaganza! On the 3rd of October, the Bacon Theatre saw our junior students bring us a performance full of energy and excitement. With dances from all classes, we got to see each and every student showcasing their work and what a great job you did! The auditorium was filled with smiles of family and friends, and it is safe to say everyone had a great time. As well as the junior's work, we also got to see a few numbers from our inter and senior Performance Workshop dancers. It was a great opportunity for not only the younger students to see what the older students do but also gave the seniors a chance to interact and see what the junior students have got to offer!

We then went on to see our Performance Workshop students compete at Gloucester Dance Festival over the October half term. We saw a change in venue this year as it took place at Kings School Gloucester instead of our usual location at Ribston Hall High School. We had many successes with lots of placings for students of all ages but most importantly everyone had a fantastic time! We got to see some amazing solos, duets and trios but unfortunately had to miss out on dancing any group sections this year due to covid. Nonetheless, students of all ages shone on stage, and we were proud to see a selection of junior and senior students representing JMDS in the modern, tap and ballet championships at the end of the week. Some special junior championship mentions go to Rebecca who was runner up in both the modern and ballet championships, to Emily who won the tap championship and to Lola who got runner up in the tap championship. Some mentions for the senior championships go to Caitlin who was runner up in both the ballet and modern championships, to Grace who won the ballet championship and to Daisy who was runner up in the tap championship. Well done to everyone for a very successful Gloucester Dance Festival, we can't wait for next year!

The studio has been busy all term, but we finished off the year with a fantastic Christmas dress up week. We absolutely loved seeing everyone in their sparkly Christmas attire and it certainly ended the term on a fantastic high note raising an amazing £340 for the Starlight Ward as part of the Grand Appeal!



Alumni News and Success...

Time to hear from a couple of our students who left JMDS last year to see how they are getting on at their new destinations...

Eloise:

First, we have heard from the lovely Eloise Kightley who was part of our head girl team last year and who started at London Studio Centre in September:

“My first term at London Studio Centre has been absolutely amazing! My teachers are all so inspiring, passionate, and motivating and being surrounded by so many other talented dancers everyday makes the whole experience even better. I’ve already had some incredible opportunities to work with choreographers and I am also a student representative. I’m so thankful to everyone at JMDS for setting me up with the professional skills and determination that have and will continue to help me in my vocational training – I have loved every second of it!” – Eloise Kightley



Ivy:



Next, we have got some words from the wonderful Ivy Griffiths who started at Elmhurst ballet school in September and has given us an insight to what a day in her life is like:

“My first term at Elmhurst Ballet School has been exciting, challenging, rewarding, and exhausting all intertwined. After an early breakfast, my day starts at about 8:40 and finishes between 6-7pm with alternating dance and academic classes throughout the day. I do around 5-6 hours of dance each day including ballet, repertoire, pas de deux, contemporary and flamenco. Fitness and conditioning are also an integral part of my

training and I enjoy going to the gym 3-4 times a week at the end of the day. After dinner at school, I get back to our boarding house at around 7.30pm where I complete my A-Level homework followed by time relaxing with friends.

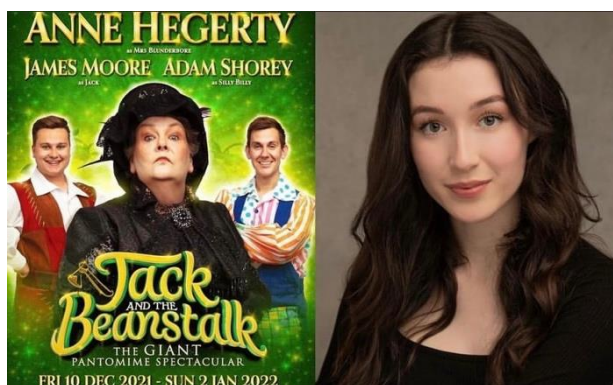
One of the best perks of being at Elmhurst is being able to watch Birmingham Royal Ballet productions as well as other local theatre performances such as a recent contemporary production of Romeo and Juliet.” – Ivy Griffiths

Thank you so much girls for telling us how you are getting on, we miss you here at JMDS but hope you are having the most amazing time dancing and we couldn't be more proud!

Now time to see what some more previous students are achieving in the dance world!

Alice:

Another piece of alumni success this term has been Alice Rimmer, former head girl, who started her second year of training at Laine Theatre Arts in September. Alice has spent her festive season in the ensemble of Jack and the Beanstalk at the Beck theatre whilst also understudying Jill and Mrs Blunderbore. This was an incredible achievement for Alice, and we hope she enjoyed her time on stage in panto land!



Laura:



Laura Kightley, another former head girl, is currently in her third year at the Northern Ballet School and has just been cast as the lead and is currently in rehearsals for their upcoming ballet 'Sylph to Stratospheric'. What an achievement!

So, we are onto a new term! With lots of fun to look forward to, we are very excited to already be working towards upcoming exams in both majors and grades. With lots of students set to make great progress in all areas.