

Newsletter Summer 2022



2022 started with a bang! First of all, our students were treated to their first lyrical modern workshop with Miss Francesca, and this was followed by a brilliant day in London, watching the Royal Ballet's Nutcracker. We were incredibly lucky to have Q&A sessions with Ava-May Llewellyn, Artist of the Company and the conductor, Jonathan Lo!

February half term saw some of our festival team perform at Bognor Regis and Chichester Festivals. Congratulations to Elisa who was awarded two gold and two bronze medals (qualifying her self-choreographed lyrical solo for Regional Finals), Emma and Eva who achieved a bronze medal for their duet and Tilly who took away a gold and two silvers. Lois also danced her ballet solo beautifully.



In March, Emma achieved her splits, and Hattie Distinction in her Primary exam! All the children performed their Mothers' Day "surprise" and it was a joy to see Watching Week so well-supported.

Elisa had the huge honour of being chosen to demonstrate for her Royal Ballet School Junior



Associate teacher, Miss Cooper, at the Sussex Opera and Ballet Society's AGM. We also received the incredible news that, after an arduous audition process, she was one of 13 girls to be offered a funded place at Elmhurst Ballet School where she will start as a full-time student next week. She was also offered places at Moorland, Tring, YDA and the Royal Ballet School's Mid Associate programme. Also in April, our festival team performed at Sussex Festival. Elisa came 1st in her ballet solo, Tilly came 2nd in hers and Sophia danced her character solo for the first time. Our Character Group (Elisa, Emily, Emma, Eva, Jemima, Lois, Lucy, Sophia and Tilly) had the wonderful opportunity of dancing at The Hawth, and placed 3rd. Lilija also finally got her first pointe shoes!



May saw Elisa and Tilly dance at All England Regional Finals amongst the biggest and best schools in the South. Both of Tilly's solos as well as Elisa's character and modern solos received Distinction with Special Commendation, and Elisa placed 2nd in her ballet, qualifying it for National Finals!



Arundel Festival began in June and we were pleased to participate. Elisa and Lucy danced their solos at the Variety Performance and the entire festival team had the opportunity of dancing in the grounds of Arundel Castle. It was a hectic evening but a very memorable occasion. We also had eight students taking their ballet exams; congratulations to Betty, Elisa, Emma, Jemima, Lilija, Lina, Sophia and Tilly who all achieved either Distinction or Merit!



Our July Watching Days, Défilé and Reports Presentations were joyous occasions with fantastic attendance. Our festival team then squeezed in one more competition before the holidays commenced! At Stars of Tomorrow, we achieved unbelievable results, winning six trophies and 11 medals! Highlights included Lucy winning her character solo for the first time; Elisa, Emily and Lucy being brave enough to enter the improvisation sections and Elisa, Eva, Lucy and Tilly performing their own choreography. All festival results can be found on the website.



Finally, in August Elisa and Emma were interviewed on V2 Radio Sussex and spoke beautifully!

Here's to another exciting year!

With warm wishes,

Miss Emily