

WELCOME BACK! We are looking forward to a fabulous dancing 2019!

Sally's Spot

Happy New Year to you all!

What an eventful and exciting year 2018 was for PBS Dance.

This time, last year we were all preparing for 'The Sleeping Beauty' production in March; hard work and dedication from teachers, students and oodles of co-operation from lovely parents brought a stunning show together with memories to savour.

Summer School in August was the busiest yet. Though hard work for students and teachers alike; it was fun, challenging and very satisfying. Thanks to Helen in the café we were all able to keep our energy levels flying high!

The launch of the new PBS Dance Company in September under Lucy Thynne's direction has brought a new dimension to our dancing school and has given talented and committed students a performing platform to demonstrate their dance and choreographic skills.

The Choreographic Competition in December - as usual - brought tears to my eyes. Students from 7-14 years performed their own work with good technique, stunning costumes and beautiful presentation. Everyone was a winner, very well done! The company performed a very impressive debut piece at the competition. Lucy & Company members should be very proud of their achievement.

I'm sorry if you haven't seen me teaching the younger students lately. I miss teaching them all very much but with the school branching out in different directions I need to focus my energies on keeping the trunk strong and healthy. We have professional, conscientious and passionate teachers who will continue to guide your children through their classes, exams, performances and on towards professional training, with care and expertise.

With best wishes to you all

Sally



**A Warm Welcome to our New Teachers:
EMMA & SARAH**

Our team is growing to provide further expert tuition to our dancers. Emma & Sarah will be involved in the teaching of our more senior dancers. Their fascinating dancing backgrounds will be so valuable in enriching the training of PBS ballet dancers.



COMPETITION!

**We are Looking for a Name for our
Dance Company**

We have a prize on offer for a winning name. For more details, see our facebook page and make a suggestion before the end of January.

A SPECTACULAR CLOSE TO 2018

A few words from our students about our event on 15th Dec 2018:

Choreography Competition

Competing in the choreography competition was very exciting. Immy and I worked on our dance for some time. It was great to perform in front of an audience with the music and the lights!

Preparing for the competition was as much fun as performing. We spent some time coming up with different ideas. We decided that it would be interesting to choreograph a dance themed around yin and yang. This gave us lots of opportunities to think about contrast, in our style of dance, and costumes and makeup. Most importantly it inspired the story of our dance.

Receiving an award was a real surprise. I couldn't believe the dancer that Miss Gillian described was me. I love to dance and I feel even more inspired to do my best.

- Gina-Mae pictured below with fellow Award Winners



Coming Soon -

Parent Viewing Page for Phenomenal Photographs

Our wonderful regular photographer, Penney, will soon be launching a login on her website for parents to view and her photographs of their dancing children.

We will announce this via our facebook page

Performing at The Pound.

It was my first performance with the new dance company in front of an audience. The experience was new to me, in the choreography and preparation that led to our pieces "Breathe Suite". In the short period in which we prepared our dances, I had a real flavour of what it would be like in a professional dance company; we tried new ways to create movement with a story, which we would then choreograph and improve for the show. When I performed at the choreographic competition, I felt proud of the achievement we were showing to the audience and enjoyed doing what I and the company love, having a dance!



Christian - Company Dancer

Choreography Competition Winners 2018

Junior 1st 'Celebration' Honey, Jemima, Amelia, Freya

Junior 2nd 'Baby Bird' Charlotte, Olivia, Eva

Junior 3rd 'Mama Mia Moves' Amelia, Charlotte, Isabella

Senior 1st 'Bad in Me' Molly & Amy

Senior 2nd 'Blind Without You' Maria, Lorna, Georgia

Senior 3rd 'Incomplete Without You' Gina-Mae & Imogen

Dance Award Winners 2018

Ballet Grades 1&2 Ruth Copeman

Ballet Grades 3-5 Gina-Mae Ellis

Ballet Grades 6-8 Annabel Atkins

Tap Grades 1&2 Freya Collins

Tap Grades 3&4 Emily Dickie

Tap Grades 5&6 Phoebe Iacono

Modern Award Charlotte Bush

Junior Contemporary Molly Johnson

Senior Contemporary Emily Robinson

Antonia Thomas Award (all genres) Harriet Kirkwood



UNIFORM

- The *old* uniform shop is now closed.
- Soon we will no longer be selling items that can be purchased from
- **The Dance Spot in Chippenham.**

• If you have any enquiries about uniform requirements, our website will soon have a clear list of everything you need. You can also contact Lucy who supports the school admin on lucy@elmdance.com

The **NEW** uniform shop:

- For items that our unique to PBS, such as
- **T shirts**
- **Character Skirts**
- **Kit Bags - coming soon**
- You can order these through
- lucy@elmdance.com
- Lucy would also like to hear if you'd like us to stock **PBS Hoodies**. Drop her a quick email if you are interested.



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DIARY DATES 2019

Mon 7 th January	START OF SPRING TERM
Tues 8 th January	NUREYEV FILM - COMPANY MEMBERS TO ATTEND INSTEAD OF CLASS (GRADE 5B & GRADE 8- NO CLASSES ON THIS DAY - RESTART ON THE 15 TH JANUARY) INTER - FOUNDATION B - AUDITION 1
Mon 14 th January	INTERIM COMPANY AUDITIONS
Tues 15 th January	INTER - FOUNDATION B - AUDITION 2
Sat 26 th Jan	TAP EXAM PRACTICES COMMENCE
Wed 30 th Jan	PRIMARY PRACTICES AT CORSHAM SCHOOL COMMENCE
Sat 2 nd February	PRIMARY PRACTICES AT THE POUND COMMENCE
17 th - 24 th February	HALF TERM - CLASSES ON SAT 16 TH FEBRUARY AS NORMAL
Sat 23 rd February	GRADE 7 & 8 MOCK BALLET EXAMS AT THE POUND
Mon 18 th March	RAD BALLET EXAMS
Mon/Tues 25 th /26 th March	ISTD TAP EXAMS DATE TBC
Sat 6 th April	LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Tues 23 rd April	START OF SUMMER TERM
Mon 6 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
26 th May - 2 nd June	HALF TERM - CLASSES ON SAT 25 TH MAY AS NORMAL
3 rd June	COMPANY AUDITIONS
Mon 22 nd July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
Mon 5 th - Fri 9 th Aug	SUMMER SCHOOL



Classes held at The POUND Arts Centre, Corsham, SN13 9HX. Free taster class for children trying new styles. Contact us - sally@poundballerstudio.co.uk