



AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Here we are again nearing the end of another term. We had a lot of children starting gymnastics for the first time this term and they all seem to be happy and settled. There will be no intake in October as most of the children accepting a place in the summer have stayed with us.

GymMark

Just after the summer holidays we had the fantastic news that Balwearie Gymnastics club had become the first club in Scotland to achieve GymMark status. A celebration was held in the club on Friday 4th September 2009. All parents and gymnasts were invited to attend along with some VIP's. There was the presentation of the GymMark plaque followed by various group and individual performances, some photographs were taken by the local paper. Watch out for a couple of the photos appearing on the notice board.

Fife Gymnastics Network

The committee have made the decision to withdraw from the Network after many years. As a club we felt the Network was no longer meeting the needs of our members and future development of the club. Making a decision like this is never easy and there are always people who are affected by it. All the children who attend the Network had to make a choice whether to stay with the Network or Balwearie. The majority have decided to stay with the Network and we would all like to wish them success in the future.

AGM

The club AGM was held last month. The constitution was amended as well as the present committee being re-elected. We would urge anybody who feels they would like to assist in the day to day running of the club to contact a member of the committee.

(can be found on the web site) There are plenty of jobs to be done and the committee are keen for more people to be involved.

Equipment

The new mats for the Assembly Hall and the Gymnasium have arrived and are being well used. Last week we received the new double mini tramp, the children will be able to use that very soon. Equipment for the pre-school class has been ordered using the Tesco vouchers (a big thank you to everyone who handed in the vouchers). Matting is also being repaired with mat covers arriving shortly.

Resignations

Norrie and Doris Ferguson have resigned as coaches in the club. We wish them all the best in the future. Doris's resignation means that the Sunday classes are without a permanent coach at the moment. We are looking for a pre-school coach. The classes will run as normal but the children may have different coaches-please be assured that the coaches taking the classes all have the appropriate coaching qualifications. We hope to have appointed a new coach after the October holidays.

Qualifications

We have some volunteers sitting the UKCC General Gymnastics Level 1 coaching course exam in November. If they are successful we will have more assistant coaches in our classes.

Jennifer and Lynette have completed and passed the Womens artistic club judge course.

Awards

Jennifer Mann and Suzan Mayhew were presented with the Service To Schools Award by Lynn Milne-President of Scottish Gymnastics at their annual awards ceremony in Falkirk a few weeks ago. This was given in recognition for the work they do for schools gymnastics throughout the year. Well done to both of them.

Club Merchandise

Karen and Jill, who deal with sales of tracksuits, leotards, handguards etc are going to be in the club on week 4 of each term on a Saturday morning. If you wish to purchase any merchandise this will be the ideal time to do this.

Club Rules

Can we once again ask if parents could make sure that whilst they are waiting for their child's class to start that their children are not running about in the corridor. This applies to classes running in the Assembly Hall.

Hair must be tied or clipped back whilst in class to avoid accidents any gymnasts using the bars in the gymnasium must wear handguards or they will not be allowed to participate in bar work.

Christmas Party

The Christmas parties will be on the 14th December at Kirkcaldy Rugby Club. More details to follow shortly.

DVD,s

A DVD of our annual display is available for a donation of £5- this is to cover costs. If you wish to have one then please contact Suzan Mayhew on 01592 890439.

All classes finish for the October holidays on Sunday 11th October 2009 and recommence week beginning Monday 26th October 2009.

All it leaves to be said is have a great and safe break and will see you all at the start of the new term.