



Croydon Acro – Summer Newsletter – July 2018



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Croydon Acro Spring Newsletter. The aim of these quarterly newsletters is to bring you up to speed on what we've been up to, what we have planned, how to stay up to date and how to get in contact.

Coaches Comments:

10th June saw our Squads and development squad compete in our final competition of the year. I can honestly say that the gymnasts performed the best routines I have ever seen. Each and every one of them deserved their medals!



I am please to share that the Squads Gymnast of the month for May was Emily Baldry.

I encourage you, if you haven't already done so, to join our Croydon Acro facebook page to keep up to date with these monthly updates and other informational and fun posts.



I applied a few months ago for funding for new equipment from a grant available through the London Gymnastics Federation. They had many entries and after a panel had examined all of the entries Croydon Acro were awarded £1000. This is great news for the club and will enable us to purchase some new equipment for September.

We had four of our junior coaches attend a level 1 UKCC pre school coaching course earlier in the year and I am very proud to say that Rachael, Hannah, Josie and Ellie all passed with flying colours and are now fully qualified pre school coaches. We are hoping to send some more coaches on courses over the next few months to up skill their qualifications. The club helps to fund these courses through money we raise at our various events. All of the funds we receive as a charity go directly back into the club, for new equipment, coach training and education.

With the money we raised at the awards evening this year we have purchased three new Air Rolls in various sizes to help all of the classes and squads with walkovers, handsprings, flics, conditioning, flexibility and any other fun activities we can think of.

Elite Squad will be performing at the London Festival of gymnastics for the 21st year! This is a fab weekend of gymnastics at Brentwood Leisure Centre, if you fancy coming to watch on 6th and 7th October I will post details on our FB page and website.

Squads will also be performing at Gymfusion on Sunday 25th November at Guildford Spectrum, again details for spectators to follow.





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Dates for the diary:

Saturday 14th July – Classes end before the summer

Friday 7th September -- Autumn term classes begin

Saturday 17th November – Club competition

	Monday 6pm-9pm	Tuesday 6pm-9pm	Wednesday 5pm-6pm	Wednesday	Friday 6pm-9pm	Saturday 10-am-1pm
	Squads	Flipper FX Acro Aces	Acrobats Acro Boys	Squads	Squads	Gymfants, Gymjuniors Leapfrogs, Kartwheel Kids
					7 th Sept	
Week 1	10 th Sept	11 th Sept	12 th Sept	12 th Sept	14 th Sept	15 th Sept **
Week 2	17 th Sept	18 th Sept	19 th Sept	19 th Sept	21 st Sept	22 nd Sept
Week 3	24 th Sept	25 th Sept	26 th Sept	26 th Sept	28 th Sept	29 th Sept
Week 4	1 st Oct	2 nd Oct	3 rd Oct	3 rd Oct	5 th Oct	6 th Oct ***
Week 5	8 th Oct	9 th Oct	10 th Oct	10 th Oct	12 th Oct	13 th Oct
	15 th Oct			17 th Oct	19 th Oct	20 th Oct
Half Term		16 th Oct	17 th Oct			
	22 nd Oct	23 rd Oct	24 th Oct	24 th Oct	26 th Oct	27 th Oct
		30 th Oct	31 st Oct			3 rd Nov
	29 th Oct			31 st Oct	2 nd Nov	
Week 6	5 th Nov	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	7 th Nov	9 th Nov	10 th Nov
Week 7	12 th Nov	13 th Nov	14 th Nov	14 th Nov	16 th Nov	17 th Nov
Week 8	19 th Nov	20 th Nov	21 st Nov	21 st Nov	23 rd Nov	24 th Nov
Week 9	26 th Nov	27 th Nov	28 th Nov	28 th Nov	30 th Nov	1 st Dec
Week 10	3 rd Dec	4 th Dec	5 th Dec	5 th Dec	7 th Dec	8 th Dec

** Payment Deadline – Late Payment Fee will be added after this date.

***6th Oct – No Classes

17th Nov – Club Competition

8th Dec – Father Christmas Visiting

Please be reminded that due to circumstances beyond our control, classes do change from time to time, so please ensure you join our closed facebook group and bookmark our website (www.croydonacro.com) as all changes and updates are posted with as much notice as possible.

Club Competition – 17th November:

The club competition is not only an opportunity for the gymnasts to test both their old and new skills in front of the judges, under competition conditions, but is also an opportunity for them to watch each other and see what they can aspire to as they progress through their gym career. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend and show your support. More details to come closer to the date.

On the day we will also have a few fun activities on offer; face painting, tattoos, raffles etc.

We already have some amazing raffle prizes which have very kindly been donated by parents:

- Links of London necklace
- Edblad necklace from Liberty London
- Silk scarf
- Jewellery box
- Magnum of wine
- Large silver picture frame
- and lots of bottles of wine to name a few!!

If you work for a company who would like to donate additional prizes, or you have any items you would like to donate as raffle prizes, we would be most appreciative to receive them in advance. All funds raised go back into the club to pay for new equipment, coaches training etc. Every little bit helps.



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Awards Night:

Friday 6th July saw us recognise all the gymnasts for all their hard work, determination and persistence in their learning throughout the year. Special mention and awards were given to the best gymnast in each class as well as those gymnasts who consistently push themselves and strive to improve each time they enter the gym. Photographs of the evening are on facebook, and for those of you who were unable to attend, awards were received by the following gymnasts:

Gymnast:	Awarded for:
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Acro Aces

Eleanor Robson	Best gymnast
Sophia Morrell	Constant high spirits
Mia Kelly	Hard worker
Mia Malone	Motivation and determination

Flipper FX

Ebony Styles	Best gymnast
Sophia Llewellyn	Hard worker
Emily Burke	Determination
Jessica Murphy	Motivation

Acrobats

Elise Fenlon	Best gymnast
Saafa Uddin	Motivation
Evie Ryell	Determination
Leni Gregory	Hard worker

Acro Boys

Robert Fernee	Most improved
Adam Warwick	Best gymnast

Leapfrogs

Lara Shavdia	Best gymnast
Chloe Mills	Hard worker
Sofia Gemma	Determination
Matilda Thornton	Motivation

Promotions

Rebecca Gay	Junior Coach
Olivia Kentfield	Junior Coach
Elise Fenlon	Promotion to dev. squad
Ethan Moncriefe	Promotion to Acro boys

Gymnast:	Awarded for:
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Kartwheel Kids

Arabella Milne	Best gymnast
Hannah Baldry	Motivation
Summer Cormack	Hard worker
Oliver Buchanan	Determination

Development Squads

Amelia Carslake	Best gymnast
Saniya Mistry	Hard worker
Lily-Ann Budden	Determination
Deenan Bashir	Most improved

Squads

Annie Loader	Motivation
Charlotte Lockyear	Determination
Charlie Mallozzi	Hard worker
Darcy Harris Norman	Most improved
Rachael Edwards	Gymnast of the month
Aeva Piris-Watts	Best gymnast (Junior Squad)
Ciara Darling	Best gymnast (Senior Squad)
Hannah Edwards	Gymnasts gymnast
Aimee Haines	Excellence
Nathan Little	Leaving

Promotions

Victoria Makiza Massamba	Promotion to squads
Cerys Bowen	Promotion to squads
Amelia Carslake	Promotion to squads
Daneen Bashir	Promotion to squads





Club Updates:

Fundraising:

As per JO's Coaches Comments, we are very pleased to share that we have secured a grant from British Gymnastics to help fund some new equipment! We will let you know what exciting equipment the coaches get once they've been shopping!

We do still however continue to rely on fundraising to help with the day to day running of the club. Every penny counts! Many firms run a '**Matching Gift**' scheme so if you are able to tap into your work scheme to help boost our funds it would be very much appreciated!

Alternatively '**Easyfundraising**' is the simplest way to raise money for Croydon Acro. Shop with any of over 3,300 well-known retailers via the easyfundraising website and a percentage of what you spend is passed to Croydon Acro at no additional cost to you! Retailers include Amazon, M&S, Vodafone, eBay, Tesco, Viking and many more. Please register to support us today: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/croydonacro/>

As mentioned at Awards Night, we encourage you to join our **50/50 club**. If you would like to participate, all it takes is a £10 monthly donation and you'll be eligible to win half of the takings at the month end draw. If you are interested in making a little pocket money please email croydonacro@gmail.com and we'll get the necessary details to you.

GDPR Updates:

If you have not already done so, in order to comply with the recent data protection changes, please ensure you log on to Paysubs and authorise the use of pictures and videos etc on social media/website/newspapers. It is as simple as logging in and clicking the appropriate tick boxes. Any issues or concerns, please do let us know.

Club Fee's:

Sadly despite the ease of having an online payments facility, we have a few families who are continually late in paying their gym fee's. Please note that if payment is not received before the second session of the term, this will result in a £5.00 late payment charge which will be added to your Paysubs account. Your child's place will remain secure for a further seven days after which failure to pay will result in this place being allocated to someone on our waiting list.

News and Updates

A reminder that in order for you to receive the most up to date information, whilst we will send out emails as well, we encourage you to bookmark and periodically check the club website: www.croydonacro.com for term dates and any other frequently asked questions before emailing us. The site is kept up to date and is likely to answer all questions – even those you didn't know you had!

We also have a 'closed' club **Facebook** page that is only open to members of the club and is also updated regularly to keep members informed of class changes, last minute cancellations, results, awards etc. Ask to join if you have Facebook!

Last but not least, if you are about at the start or end of sessions, we really do appreciate any help we can get with putting out and packing away of mats and equipment; many hands make light work and means we can all get home a lot quicker. Please do help if you can.

Here's wishing you all a great summer break – safe travels if you are heading abroad or out on the road and we look forward to seeing you all back in September.

