

# MFDA NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

**WELCOME BACK TO THE MFDA! WE TRUST YOU HAD A RESTFUL LONG VACATION AND THAT OUR STUDENTS ARE EXCITED AND READY FOR ANOTHER SUPER YEAR OF DANCE. IT IS A PLEASURE TO WELCOME ALL OF YOU; ESPECIALLY OUR NEW STUDENTS AND PARENTS. I AM HAPPY TO SEE QUITE A FEW NEW FACES 😊**

**THIS NEWSLETTER IS VERY IMPORTANT AND I WOULD KINDLY ASK THAT YOU READ THROUGH TO THE END, INCLUDING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE ATTACHED. AS ALWAYS I WILL INSIST AT THE VERY BEGINNING THAT PUNCTUALITY, PROPER UNIFORMS AND GROOMING ARE MANDATORY. THIS IS ALL PART OF THE DISCIPLINE AT MFDA AND DEFINITELY THE CORE VALUES OF THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE. THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE LATE ( IT DOES HAPPEN) ARE ASKED TO CALL AHEAD TO THE FRONT RECEPTION TO LET US KNOW, BY DOING SO YOU WILL BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE CLASS. THE TEACHING TIME IS ALREADY SO SHORT SO IT IS IMPERATIVE TO BE ON TIME AS WELL AS OUT OF RESPECT FOR MISS LIBBY AND THE OTHER STUDENTS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION ON THIS. ANY OF YOU WHO ARE WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH "OLD" UNIFORMS AND BALLET SHOES, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO COLLECT THEM FROM YOU AND THEN I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A NICE IDEA TO DONATE TO OUR SCHOOL IN TAMALE. THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THEM, EVEN IF THEY ARE NOT DANCING!!**

**THIS YEAR WE ARE HOPING TO DO THE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE EXAMS AS WELL AS A CHRISTMAS DISPLAY; BOTH EVENTS WILL REQUIRE HARD WORK AND, COMMITMENT BUT PROMISE TO BE MOST ENJOYABLE FOR ALL, ESPECIALLY OUR STUDENTS 😊**

**I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BROACH A SUBJECT WHICH IS NEVER EASY TO TALK ABOUT BUT IMPORTANT.....FEES.**



A MESSAGE FROM  
PIPPA



IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR US TO ADJUST OUR FEES WITH THE RATE OF INFLATION AND THE DEVALUATION OF THE GHANA CEDI FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. PLEASE NOTE THAT I WOULD NEVER WANT TO SEE A STUDENT DROPPING OUT OF THE ACADEMY BECAUSE OF MONEY ISSUES. I AM SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT PARENTS HAVE MANY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO THEIR CHILDREN. IF YOU ARE FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO MAKE PAYMENT ON TIME OR MAKE PAYMENT, PLEASE CONTACT ME PRIVATELY AND TOGETHER WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION.

LASTLY, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR QUERIES, I ASK THAT YOU REACH OUT TO US ON FACEBOOK, EMAIL, WHATSAPP BUT REFRAIN FROM CALLING MISS LIBBY'S PERSONAL NUMBER. THIS ASSURES THAT WE ARE ALL ABLE TO COMMUNICATE PROFESSIONALLY AND PUNCTUALLY.

I VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO THE WONDERFUL TERM AHEAD.

BEST WISHES,

PIPPA AND TEAM

## **GROOMING AND PUNCTUALITY**

DANCERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE IN THE PRESCRIBED RAD UNIFORM. THIS CAN BE PURCHASED AT PIPPA'S RECEPTION BY FILLING AN ORDER FORM. KINDLY REFER TO THE PAYMENT AND UNIFORM ORDER SECTION.

IT IS MANDATORY FOR ALL STUDENTS TO HAVE THEIR HAIR TIED IN A VERY NEAT AND TIDY BALLET BUN, OFF THE FACE. IF THE HAIR IS NOT LONG ENOUGH FOR A BUN BUT IT IS NOT SHORT, THEN A PINK BALLET HAIR BAND IS REQUIRED TO KEEP THE HAIR NEATLY OFF THE FACE OF THE DANCER. JEWELRY ARE NOT TO BE WORN TO CLASS.

WE KINDLY ASK THAT YOU ARE ON TIME! THIS IS ALL PART OF THE DISCIPLINE AND HELPS TO MAINTAIN THE STANDARD OF DANCE THAT WE OFFER AT MFDA. IT IS EXTREMELY DISRUPTIVE FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND TEACHERS WHEN A CHILD IS CONSISTENTLY LATE. DANCERS WHO ARE MORE THAN 10 MINUTES LATE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED INTO THE CLASS. IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE LATE, PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE AND IF YOU ARE GOING TO MISS CLASS PLEASE CALL. PLEASE NOTE, A STUDENT WHO MISSES THREE CLASSES IN ANY ONE TERM WITHOUT INFORMING THE MFDA COORDINATOR WILL BE ASKED TO RECONSIDER THEIR COMMITMENT TO DANCE.

## **PAYMENTS & UNIFORM ORDERS**

DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF TERM I FEES AND UNIFORM ORDER IS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 2022.

AFTER THIS DATE, A 15% PENALTY WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL LATE PAYMENTS AND NO UNIFORM ORDERS WILL BE ORDERED AFTER THIS DATE. FEES ONCE PAID ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

PARENTS SHOULD ENSURE THEIR WARDS ARE ALWAYS IN THE STANDARD MFDA/RAD REGULATORY UNIFORM. UNIFORM ORDER FORMS SHOULD BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE WEBSITE AND RETURNED TO THE FRONT OFFICE WITH FULL PAYMENT. ORDERS WILL BE SUPPLIED WITHIN 3 WORKING DAYS WHEN IN STOCK.



**DEAR DANCERS & FAMILIES**

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW DANCE YEAR AT MFDA! HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL DANCERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR JUNE RECITAL - IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AND I AM EXTREMELY PROUD OF ALL THE DANCERS WHO ACHIEVED SO MUCH SINCE JANUARY! FOR THOSE OF YOU JUST JOINING US, WELCOME! I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL SUMMER HOLIDAY - I AM VERY GLAD TO BE BACK WITH ALL MY NEW IDEAS AND WE HAVE AN EXCITING YEAR AHEAD HERE FOR EVERYONE! OUR 'OPEN HOUSE' WILL BE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25TH, WHERE YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO COME AND OBSERVE OUR CLASSES. (SCHEDULE AS NORMAL) WE ARE BUSY THIS TERM WITH OUR RAD BALLET EXAMINATION PREPARATIONS, WHICH WILL BE IN 2023 AND OUR CHRISTMAS DISPLAY (DETAILS COMING LATER) IN DECEMBER.**

**PLEASE DO ENCOURAGE YOUR DANCER TO PRACTICE AT HOME DAILY TO ENSURE THEY ALL ACHIEVE THEIR PERSONAL BEST SO THEY MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR EXAMINATIONS. THERE ARE ALSO MANY WORLD-RENOWNED FULL LENGTH BALLETS AVAILABLE TO WATCH ONLINE SUCH AS SWAN LAKE, WHICH IS MY PERSONAL FAVOURITE! THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR ANOTHER SPECTACULAR YEAR OF DANCE! HERE IS TO A WONDERFUL TERM AND YEAR AHEAD!**

**VERY BEST WISHES,**

**MISS LIBBY**

## **PIPPA'S**

### **NANNIES AND DRIVERS**

**NANNIES AND DRIVERS ARE REMINDED NOT TO SIT IN THE LOUNGE AREA OF THE CLUB. THIS IS A PRIVATE FACILITY AND ACCESSIBLE TO MEMBERS AND PARENTS ONLY, ESPECIALLY NOW WITH THE HEALTH PROTOCOLS.**

**NANNIES AND DRIVERS ARE ASKED TO WAIT IN THEIR CARS, AT FRONT RECEPTION, OR AT THE HEALTH BAR NEXT TO THE GYM. PLEASE NOTE THE STAIRCASE AND HALLWAY IS A NO WAITING ZONE FOR ALL.**

### **TUMBLE TOTS**

**DO YOU HAVE A TODDLER OR KNOW OF A TODDLER BETWEEN THE AGES OF 1 & 3 YEARS? PIPPA'S HEALTH CENTRE OFFERS A SOFT PLAY ACTIVITY EVERY MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MORNING FROM 10AM TO 12PM. A BONDING TIME FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS WHERE MANY BUDDING BALLERINAS AND MARTIAL ARTISTS BEGAN THEIR PATH FROM TUMBLE TOTS!**

**PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION.**



## **RAD EXAMS!**

MANDY FOURACRE DANCE ACADEMY (MFDA) THE ONLY ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE SCHOOL IN GHANA PRESENTS RAD EXAMS THIS ACADEMIC YEAR. DATE FOR THE EXAMS WILL BE COMMUNICATED IN DUE TIME. DANCERS ARE ADVISED TO BE CONSISTENT AND PUNCTUAL TO CLASS IN PREPARATION FOR THE EXAMS.

## **NOISE LEVEL INSIDE THE GYM**

PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT PIPPA'S GYM IS A PRIVATE MEMBERS FACILITY AND THEREFORE STUDENTS ARE REQUESTED TO KEEP NOISE LEVELS TO THE MINIMUM. STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO PLAY ON THE GYM EQUIPMENT OR IN AREAS THAT ARE OUT OF BOUNDS. THEREFORE, A PUBLIC SENSE OF DECORUM FROM OUR STUDENTS IS WARRANTED.

## **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

THE ACADEMY WILL BE GOING ON A BREAK FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FROM SATURDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 2022 TO SUNDAY, 7TH JANUARY, 2023. CLASSES WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2023.

## **HEALTH BAR FOR RENT**

HEALTH BAR/CAFÉ SPACE NEXT TO PIPPA'S GYM AVAILABLE FOR RENT. WATER AND ELECTRICITY ALL-INCLUSIVE IN RENT FOR \$250.00 PER MONTH. FOR FURTHER ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT US ON 0302224488.

## **VIRTUTORONLINE**

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR PROFESSIONAL ONLINE TUTORING SERVICES FOR YOUR CHILD, OR ARE YOU LOOKING TO LEARN OR IMPROVE ON A LANGUAGE? THEN PLEASE CHECK OUT VIRTUTORONLINE A NEW ONLINE TUTORING AGENCY ON [WWW.VIRTUTORONLINE.COM](http://WWW.VIRTUTORONLINE.COM) OR EMAIL: [SUPPORT@VIRTUTORONLINE.COM](mailto:SUPPORT@VIRTUTORONLINE.COM)

## **COVID PROTOCOL**

EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A DECLINE IN COVID INFECTIONS, THERE IS STILL THE NEED TO OBSERVE THE SAFETY MEASURES PUT IN PLACE TO AVOID ANY OUTBREAK. PLEASE NOTE THAT PIPPA'S HEALTH CENTRE HAS ALWAYS HAD EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH STANDARDS OF HYGIENE WITH VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT CLEANING MATERIALS AND AGENTS, ALONG WITH HOURLY CLEANING AND CHECK-UPS, IT IS FAR MORE SANITARY THAN GOING TO ANY OTHER PUBLIC LOCATIONS. ONE HOUR OF YOUR CHILD'S LIFE



**SMALL GROUP, IN A VERY CONTROLLED ENVIRONMENT WILL NOT BE HARMFUL TO THEM BUT RATHER BOOST THEIR IMMUNE SYSTEM WITH EXERCISE. WE ARE ALSO VERY VIGILANT WITH CHILDREN/ADULTS SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF ILLNESS AND KINDLY ASK THEM TO REFRAIN FROM ATTENDING.**

- **HAND CLEANSING BEFORE AND AFTER ENTERING THE GYM.**
- **MAINTAINING THE GOVERNMENT SET SOCIAL DISTANCE AND HAVING NO MORE THAN 15 STUDENTS IN THE STUDIO AT ONE TIME.**
- **THE STUDIO TO BE WELL VENTILATED WITH OPEN WINDOWS.**
- **HAVING THE STUDIO FOGGED BEFORE AND AFTER EVERY CLASS.**
- **THE STAIRCASE AND HALLWAY IS A NO WAITING ZONE FOR ALL.**
- **NANNIES AND DRIVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE LOUNGE AREA OF THE CLUB. THEY CAN WAIT IN THEIR CARS OR AT FRONT RECEPTION WEARING FACE MASK AND MAINTAINING SOCIAL DISTANCE.**

